



Newsletter #1 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 3 February 2023

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

E mihi ana au ki a koutou, e hoa mā, o te tau hou

Welcome back after what we hope has been a wonderful summer for your whānau. Hopefully, you managed to catch some lovely summer weather and managed to avoid the rain other areas have experienced. Our thoughts are with those affected in other parts of the country at this time - especially our friends and whānau in Auckland and the far north. I was in Auckland on Friday (for a cancelled concert) and experienced first hand the impact of the extreme weather.

I've enjoyed catching up with many of you this week. If you couldn't make a time to meet with your child's teachers on Monday of this week please email or ring them for an appointment at a time suitable to you both.

At our mihi whakatau on Tuesday we welcomed 29 students who are new to our school, giving us a starting roll of 527 for the new school year.

New Staff

A very warm welcome to the new teaching staff joining us at Rāwhiti this year: Maggie Nicholson (Rongo-mā-tane), Sophie Bruinsma (Rongo-mā-tane), and Amy Hurst (Papatūānuku). We also welcome back Brogan O'Neil and Lousie Wynn, who are both teaching part time in Aotahi this year, and Nicole Johnson and Jude Seeto who are joining our release team.

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Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY 2023

- 9th Y7/8 Technology Starts
- 10th Non-uniform Day
- 17,20 Tāwhirimātea Y6 Cycle Safety
- 23rd Tāne Mahuta Y6 Cycle Safety
- 24th Whole School Assembly
- 24th Scholastic Book Club Closes

MARCH 2023

- 1st Senior Swimming Sports
- 9th Junior Triathlon, 1-3pm
- 15th Zones Swimming Comp
- 20-22 Y5 Camp, Waipara
- 22-24 Y6 Camp, Waipara
- 27,28 Tāne Mahuta & Ata Hapara Y6 Cycle Safety
- 31st Whole School Assembly



From The Principal continued ...

Here is a breakdown of our 2023 team:

- Tangaroa (Years 7-8): Nogo Sipeli (Team Leader), Andrew Redmond, Sharon Thompson, Talei Cordes
- Tāwhirimātea (Years 4-6): Urmi Shah (Team Leader), Nigel Stewart, Rachel Beaument..
- Tāne Mahuta (Years 4-6) Eugene Beconsall (Team Leader), Kathy Lumley (Mon-Thurs), Sharon Robertson, Fi Glasgow, Marcella Wood (Friday).
- Haumiatiketike (Bilingual): Jasmine Stirling (Team Leader), Koha Mason, Racheal Cooper, Travis Cooper.
- Papatūānuku (Years 1-3): Emma Burgess, Courtney Ruske, Amy Hurst.
- Rongo-mā-tane (Year 1-3) Lisa Handley, Sophie Bruinsma, Maggie Nicholson.
- Aotahi (NE-Yr 1): Helen Hogarth (Junior Team Leader), Louise Wynn (Mon - Wed), Brogan O'Neil (Wed - Fri)
- Release Team: Elizabeth Kazmierczak (Team Leader), Marcella Wood, Caroline Briggs, Louise Wynn. Nicole Johnson, Jude Seeto.
- Learning Support Team: Lauren McDonnell (Team Leader), Jane Cathro, Sue Hennessy, Rose Jamieson, Rose Hargreaves, Bex Banfield, Lisa Marsden, Marynita Phillips, Susan Banks, Sharnee Clark, Leanne McKerrow, Emma Lynn, Becky Prior.
- Admin Team: Kim Allen (Office Manager and PA to the principal), Cheryl Nuthall (Executive Officer), Jude Bell (Admin Support).
- Caretaker: Kenny Giles.

Our hard working teachers are parents, partners, daughters and sons and are entitled to a life beyond school. They work very hard for our tamariki and deserve a rest in the evening. If you communicate with a teacher after 5pm or before 8am please don't expect a response between those hours. There are times this might vary but in general please respect their family time.

Non-Uniform Fundraiser Day Next Friday (February 10th)

You may have seen this headline on Stuff over the holiday break 'Bedside Vigil for 10-year-old girl who suffered life-threatening haemorrhage'. Sadly, this is one of our Rāwhiti students. Kora's mum tells us that Kora has had 7 surgeries before the end of January, has a long road ahead of her, but is handling it all very well.

Lots of our students have been asking what they can do to help and so we are having a non-uniform fundraiser next Friday, February 10th. Children can wear their own choice of clothes to school on Friday if they wish, and make a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards supporting Kora and her two siblings, who also attend Rāwhiti.

From The Principal continued ...

2023 Learning Concept

Our learning concept for 2023 is **Kaitiakitanga**. Kaitiakitanga can be described as guardianship, protection, preservation or sheltering.

Kaitiakitanga is based on traditional Māori world views and includes the conservation, replenishment, utilisation and sustainability of the environment for the present and future generations. It is about safeguarding the future, and ensuring that resources are managed sustainably. The gods of the natural world were considered to be the original kaitiaki – for instance, Tāne, god of the forest, was the kaitiaki of the forest.

To start the year we are focusing on our responsibility for care for our spaces here at school, and understanding that this beautiful place does not belong to us, it is here for generations to use after us and our job is to protect it while we are here. We look forward to sharing our learning with you.

Hero App

Almost all of our communication is through the Hero App - newsletters, weekly updates from the learning studios, reminders, and learning & achievement posts, and emergency information. It is also how we send out school invoices for any payments that are due. You can also notify us via Hero if your child is going to be absent.

If you know people who are missing out on information from Hero then please encourage them to pop into the office any day before or after school and Kim can help get the app up and running on their smart phone. Further on in this newsletter you will find some helpful information on how to get started with Hero, and how to make sure you are signed up for the correct notifications.

Teacher Only Day in April

The Minister for Education has agreed to the provision of two Teacher Only Days (TODs) in 2023. These are for primary and secondary schools to focus on implementation of The New Zealand Curriculum refresh. The first day in 2023 is to occur between 24 April and 5 May.

Rāwhiti School will be taking this day on **Monday April 24th and school will be closed for the day**. This means that children return for Term 2 on Wednesday, April 26th after the ANZAC Day public holiday.

Our second Teacher Only Day will be held in Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Liz Weir

Hero App

The Hero app is our primary way of communicating with families information, school events and student achievement. The app is linked to the email address provided at enrolment. If you have changed your email address please update this at the office. Also if you need assistance with logging in, Kim in the office can help you with this. ***Instructions to log in are later***



Success@Rāwhiti

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 touch team last term who finished the season unbeaten and won the final 5-3.



Child Absence Notification

Just a reminder that if your child is not going to be coming to school please contact the office before 9am with your child's name and reason for absence by one of the following methods:

- Message via Hero app
- Call the office on 388-9519 and leave an absence message
- Text on 021 0827 1380
- Front page of our website.



Currently if you do not contact the school, you will receive a text from us, which you can reply to. If you don't reply to the text we will call you to follow up on the absence.

You can also contact the office if your child will be away for a long period of time and then you won't have to contact us every day of their absence.

Update Your Contact Info

If you didn't update your contact information at the Goal Setting Meeting, please ensure you update the office with any details that may have changed.



Your child may bring home the form showing what details we currently have for you. Please complete it and return it to the office.

COVID


Covid is still active in the community. Please inform us if your child has COVID. **If your child has COVID they must stay home from school for 7 days.** If a member of the family has COVID the household contacts do not need to isolate but should test daily for 5 days.

We will continue to encourage good hygiene routines, and use ventilation as a tool here at school. If you wish your child to wear a mask then send them along with one, and we do still have some available at school. A reminder that if your child is unwell for any reason please do not send them to school.

Concerns, Complaints, and Communication

In our experience, when parents have a concern that relates to their child at school - whether it's pastoral, curriculum or staffing in nature –it can be most quickly resolved by talking first to the most appropriate person. Your starting point will usually be the classroom teacher. In this newsletter you will find a flowchart attached outlining who the most appropriate person will be. Problems are usually remedied easily; rumours are often ill founded; policies and practice are sometimes misunderstood; errors, shortcomings and wrongs should be corrected immediately. Please do not let a little concern become a major worry – we are always happy to listen and work with you to resolve an issue.

Please remember that our teachers are also husbands, wives, parents and members of their community and they need time to undertake these roles as well. Our teachers are highly committed and they work very hard, but they also need to finish work at a reasonable time each day. If you email a staff member in the evening please do not expect an immediate response. We ask our teachers to check their emails at the end of the school day and when they arrive in the morning. They will not be checking or responding to emails after 6pm. [CLICK HERE](#) for a Flowchart for Communication Procedures or you can obtain a copy from the office.



Tuning in to Kids + Tuning Into Teens
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting – Term 1 2023 dates


A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 5-12 years
Tuning into TEENS is an option for parents/caregivers of tamariki in school years 6-8 (10-13yrs)

Tuning in to Kids + Teens are evidence-based programmes designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- Awareness and regulation of their own emotions;
- Awareness of their children's emotions;
- To use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- To guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.

Sessions include:

- Watching video material
- Group discussions and exercises
- Role plays
- Home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions
- Participants sharing their own experiences within the group



See below for courses running in Term 1 2023. It is free to attend, you must attend all 6 sessions. To sign up for a group please email the course facilitator. Please note all are Tuning Into KIDS programmes other than the one TEENS option highlighted below, this is specifically tailored towards parents of children aged 10+

Start date	Day/Time	Location	Facilitator contact
February 20 th	Mondays 7pm- 9pm	Darfield High School	Colleen Rountree colleen@hpct.org.nz
February 22 nd	Wednesdays 10am - 12noon	ONLINE	Daniela Jolly DanielaJ@psusi.org.nz
February 21 st	Tuesdays 7pm- 9pm	ONLINE	Sandra Keenan sandra.keenan@ccn.health.nz
February 24 th	Fridays 9:30am-11:30am	MacFarlane Park Centre, Shirley - 19 Acheson Avenue	Becky Voisey Beckyvw@mmsi.org.nz
February 22 nd	Wednesdays 9:30am - 11:30am	Waipuna, SJO6, 395 Woodham Rd, Linwood	Liz Riley Liz.riley@sjog.org.nz
February 23 rd Tuning Into TEENS	Thursdays 9:30am - 11:30am	Hornby Primary School	Becky Voisey Beckyvw@mmsi.org.nz

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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SINGING LESSONS

RAWHITI SCHOOL

WITH TUI AWARD WINNING SINGER - SONGWRITER JENNY PAYNE

\$10 GROUP LESSONS
\$20 INDIVIDUAL

TO SIGN UP EMAIL [SINGINGWITHJENNYP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:singingwithjennyp@gmail.com)
OR TXT 022 034 5967



Everyday people can save lives, every day.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

 New Brighton
Grace Vineyard Church
111 Seaview Road

 **Thursday 9 February**
1:00pm – 6:00pm

Eat & drink plenty before you donate & please bring ID with you

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SHIRLEY TENNIS CLUB
2022/23 JUNIOR TENNIS

9 COURTS (4 hard court and 5 synthetic)
FLOODLIGHTS on 6 COURTS!

SHIRLEY TENNIS CLUB
TENNIS CANTERBURY CLUB OF THE YEAR 2019/20

8 AND UNDER BOYS/GIRLS: 9.00AM - 10.00AM
9 YEARS AND OVER BOYS/GIRLS: 10.00AM - 11.15AM

\$50 subscription for the remainder of the season through to the end of March 2023

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT -
WAYNE TURNER - JUNIOR ADMINISTRATOR (021 748144) or email wayne.turner1@xtra.co.nz
www.shirleytennis.co.nz

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Kids & Youth Circus



Looking for something to do after school? A way to get fit and have fun, while building strength, flexibility, confidence & body awareness. Then try out our classes!

Our circus classes give you the opportunity to have a go at all the different circus disciplines; juggling, balancing arts, acrobatics, aerials and more.

<https://chchcircus.co.nz/>

<https://chchcircus.co.nz/timetable/>

Welcome to the Christchurch Circus Trust



Set your child up for a lifetime of great communication and healthy relationships! Evidence-based & accessible speech-language therapy and social skills groups for children and their families.

Christchurch | Rolleston
Rangiora | Online

027 300 9368
info@talktogether.co.nz
www.talktogether.co.nz



Talk Together Groups

Finding kids their tribe

We know how important and protective friendships are to all children. Our social skills groups support kids to develop communication skills, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, and strategies for managing uncertainty. We focus on how to form friendships and maintain them all while having fun!

"He is on school camp this week so won't be at group, I credit the fact he is actually on camp (and willingly!) to all the work he has done at Talk Together groups. We are so grateful."
Parent

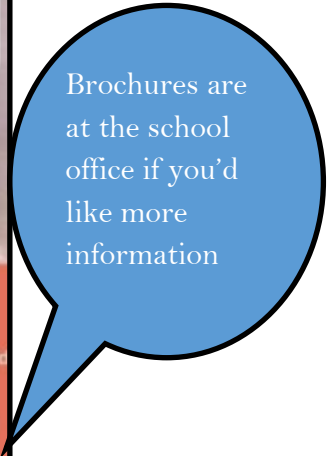
"She is absolutely loving this course. Thank you so much, it is so nice to see her happy and engaged like this, it has helped her self-confidence immensely."
Parent

- Term time and school holiday programmes.
- Groups for 5-9 year olds, 10-13 year old & 14+ year olds.
- Four locations: Christchurch, Rolleston, Rangiora & Online
- Social Skills Groups, LEGO Therapy & Outdoor Adventure Therapy programmes.

Come & join us!

Enroll Now!

Email info@talktogether.co.nz for an information pack
Visit www.talktogether.co.nz to see our



Brochures are at the school office if you'd like more information

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2023 REGISTRATION

February 2023

Monday 13th	4.30 - 6.30pm
Wednesday 15th	4.30 - 6.30pm
Tuesday 21st	4.30 - 6.30pm
Thursday 23rd	4.30 - 6.30pm
Sunday 26th	10.00am - 12pm

NEW BRIGHTON JUNIOR RUGBY 2023

U6 - U7 RIPPA RUGBY
U8 - U13 TACKLE

Upstairs at the Eastern Community Sports Hub, Rawhiti Ave, New Brighton.

New players ID is required (Birth Certificate or Passport)

SUBS- \$80 per child, Includes team photo

\$120 per family up to three children, then \$25 each child after.

Email: juniorsnbrfc@outlook.com

www.newbrightonrugby.co.nz/jnr-club/

www.facebook.com/New-Brighton-Junior-Rugby

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www.moveitmama.co.nz

DRAMA CLASSES – The Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton is now taking enrolments for term 1, 2023. Ask about a free trial class. Spaces available in: the 5 to 7 year old group, limited spaces in 8 to 9 year old and 10 to 11 year old group. Plus, spaces available in our teen group.

Drama gives children a chance to develop imagination and confidence in a playful social environment.

Experience leadership, comedy, improvisation, costumes, laughter, friends, and wrap it all up with a fabulous performance in term four.

All of our tutors are qualified teachers.

Classes run on Thursdays:

- 5 to 7 year olds 3.30
- 8 to 9 year olds 4.30
- 10 to 11 year olds 4.30
- 12 to 16 year olds 5.30

For more information: please email info@canvasbag.nz or Contact Gina Fowler 022 351 2519 or visit our website www.canvasbag.nz

MONDAY 6 FEB - 11AM - 3PM

THOMSON PARK - MARINE PARADE

SPORTS - GAMES - MARKET - MUSIC

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