



Newsletter #4 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 17th March 2023

*E ara ake ana i te ūruhi*  
*Rising Above The Ordinary*

## *From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki*

**Kia ora koutou,** Thank for your ongoing support of our teachers and their efforts to ensure better working conditions. Taking industrial action is the last thing any of us really wanted to do - it does not sit well. And the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

Many people would say that teacher pay and working conditions are '**not bad**'.

For our children in New Zealand '**not bad**' is not good enough. We need to attract the best possible people into our schools. We need amazing schools, amazing teachers and amazing principals. We are not going to have those if the pay and conditions aren't a bit closer to being amazing too.

### **Lateness Impacts Learning**

One of the things that we are required to do is monitor attendance and I have noticed an increasing number of students who are regularly late to school in the mornings.

Success at school is influenced by many things, and one of the most significant is regular attendance and being on time for school. Like fitness routines or healthy eating, it is the cumulative effect of days, weeks and months of being on time and coming to school that adds up to a significant impact. If a child is 15 minutes late to school each day, over a week this equates to 1 hour 15 minutes of lost learning time. Over their time in primary school this adds up to almost half a year of missed learning opportunities in comparison to their peers.



### **MARCH 2023**

- 20th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 20-22 Y5 Camp, Waipara
- 22-24 Y6 Camp, Waipara
- 27,28 Tāne Mahuta & Ata Hapara Y6 Cycle Safety
- 27th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 27/28 Ata Hapara Learning Conversations
- 28-31 Learning Conversations All Other Studios
- 29th PTA Meeting, 7pm
- 31st Whole School Assembly

### **APRIL 2023**

- 6th Canterbury Swimming
- 6th Last Day of Term
- 7-23 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- 24th School closed—Teacher Only Day
- 25th School closed—ANZAC Day
- 26th Term 2 starts



### *From The Principal continued ...*

Being late also impacts on a child's emotional wellbeing as not being present at the start of the day, when the class is set up, can put them on the back foot. We notice children can become very anxious when late and take a while to settle into their learning.



Absenteeism and lateness are about the routines that form **life habits** of commitment and punctuality. If a child is absent from school for one day a week, over their time at primary school this adds up to one and a quarter year's worth of schooling that they miss out on! One day every two weeks equates to almost one year of missed schooling by the time they leave primary school. It is not surprising these children then find their peers have more success than them, which they often put down to how 'brainy' their friends are, when in fact it is how many opportunities for learning they have missed out on.

Missing school also means missing out on fun! Over the past two weeks we have had Walk or Wheel to School, softball coaching, surfing, mindfulness training, our own school swimming sports and the zone swimming sports, the junior school try-athlon, Year 3 & 4 self-defence for girls and football coaching.

There are three more weeks left in this term. Can I also remind everyone that Term 2 starts on Wednesday, April 26th. Monday the 24th is a Teacher Only Day for most schools, and Tuesday 25th is the Anzac Day Public Holiday.

#### **Learning Conversations March 28th - 30th**

Learning conversations are due to be held at the end of March. They were probably called Parent-Teacher Interviews when you were at school.

These are opportunities for parents, learners and teachers to have a conversation about learning and achievement, and how the first term has gone.

Learning Conversation bookings are made online and you can find the booking code information further on in this newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**

## What Now

You may have seen some of our Tāne Mahuta students in the live audience of What Now a few weeks ago. The children had a great time experiencing the behind-the-scenes action of a live TV show recording.

You can watch the episode at <https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/what-now/episodes/s2023-e1>



## Walk or Wheel To School

Thank you for your participation in this initiative. It was great to see so many students who would normally get dropped off by car making the effort to walk, bike or scoot to school. Apart from the scooter and bike stands being very full this week, we also noticed less chaotic drop-off and pick up times.

Congratulations to students who received spot prizes throughout the week and to our WoWtS card draw winners. All prizes were provided by the Christchurch City Council and their WoWtS sponsors.



- Prize 1: scooter: Jacqueline (TWM)
- Prize 2-5: helmet & drink bottle: Lyshia (TNG), Cayden, Nikaire (TM) & Ted (PTN)

Christchurch City Council are currently running a survey to gather feedback on the event. The link to the survey can be found below:  
[https://christchurchcc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cZQSAqwYCsHAfuC](https://christchurchcc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cZQSAqwYCsHAfuC)

Parents, caregivers and whānau who respond to the survey will go in the draw win a FitBit Versa or a G-Shock watch.

## Swimming Sports

Our Year 4-8 swimming sports were held on Wednesday 7th March. It was great to see lots of students having a go and challenging themselves to complete 1 or 2 length races, and lots of encouragement and chanting of support from those waiting for their event. Congratulations to the staff team of Whaea Koha, Talei, Nigel and Mr Redmond who took out the relay!



Congratulations to the swimmers that represented Rāwhiti at the Eastern Zones held this week.

Well done to Emily (back and breaststroke), Dylan D (breaststroke and freestyle), Shavelle (backstroke), Jakob (breaststroke and freestyle), Niko (breaststroke), Caleb S (backstroke) and Josaiah (freestyle) who placed in their races and will now represent the Eastern Zone at the Canterbury Swimming Sports to be held at the end of the term.

## Booking Learning Conversations

As mentioned earlier, learning conversations will be happening the week beginning Monday 27th March.

To book learning conversations with your child's teacher, you can use one of these methods:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to go directly to the bookings
2. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and the booking code is **d8h58**
3. Scan this QR code



If you don't have access to a computer, please contact Kim in the office who can make a booking for you.



Have fun next week at  
Waipara Camp our Year 5  
& Year 6s



**Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori**

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Dear School Community,

We have a special offer from our friends at the Canterbury Rams & Mainland Pouākai for a 10% discount on all tickets for the upcoming basketball season. Simply click on the Ticketek link below and you will be directed to an exclusive ticket link to receive 10% off on all tickets. The Rams & Pouākai teams are very active throughout the community offering free coaching to schools via the Rams In-Schools & Pouākai Girls Got Game, it would be great to get out and support this local sporting body.

Please also see the links below with information regarding the upcoming Rams & Pouākai Junior April Holiday Camps. This camps are a great way to be coached by professional basketball players if your child is experienced with basketball or trying for its very first time.

Rams & Pouākai Season Membership & Individual Tickets (10% Discount) - <https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=RAMS2023&ep=DISCOUNT10>

Rams Junior Camps (Boys) – [Camps - Canterbury Rams](#)  
 Pouākai Junior Camps (Girls) - [Camps - Mainland Pouākai \(pouakai.basketball\)](#)

**Mighty Minds**  
group for young teens

for young teens experiencing difficulty with low mood, sadness and worries

teens aged 12 - 14

currently feeling stuck in the way they feel

they don't seem to enjoy the things they used to

openness to learning new skills

where? Presbyterian Support, 44 Bealey Avenue

when? 2nd May - 6th June 4.30 - 6pm (Tuesdays)

how long? 6 weekly sessions (free / no cost)

contact: gabbyb@psusi.org.nz spaces are limited

Presbyterian Support  
Open South Island

Family Works *enliven* Making a difference together

JUNIOR RUGBY  
**SHIRLEY RUGBY CLUB**

WE NEED YOU!

SHIRLEY VIKINGS

U6 - U7 RIPPA - BOYS & GIRLS  
 U8 - U13 TACKLE - BOYS & GIRLS

**WEIGH IN NIGHT**  
 30 March 5.30-7.30pm  
 at the Clubrooms  
 75 New Brighton Road  
 - for new and existing players -

All registered players receive free socks, drink bottle and mouth guard

Register now at  
<https://www.shirleyrugby.co.nz/>

email: info@shirleyrugby.co.nz <https://www.facebook.com/shirleyrugby/>

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### Burwood Brownies – Spaces Available

Know any girls ready to tackle the world, gain the spirit of adventure and make some new friends along the way?

We are welcoming Girls (7-9yrs) to join our Unit

*Thursdays, 6.00-7.30pm, Rawhiti School, 150 Leaver Terrace, New Brighton*

Families are free to ask leaders questions and fun activities will be organised for the girls to partake in. The girls learn new skills, learn about their place in the world, and gain a real sense of achievement in earning badges for their efforts. Most importantly – it is a great space for them to be young and just have some fun!

Please contact Aroha 0275436902 [arohalaw@gmail.com](mailto:arohalaw@gmail.com)

or email [girlenquiries@ggnz.org.nz](mailto:girlenquiries@ggnz.org.nz)/<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/> if you are interested

We can't wait to welcome her to her next adventure!

