



Newsletter #3 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 3rd 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, I am not sure how it has happened, but today marks the half way point for the term! The last five weeks have simply flown by and on Monday we have our second cohort of new entrant children starting.

It is a real highlight seeing all the smiles in the morning, to see our ākonga/learners heading through the school gates eager to begin the day, to see our values in action and all the ways the teachers are supporting our tamariki to connect with our learning concept for the year, Kaitiakitanga.

Thank you for your support

We would like to thank you all very much for your support yesterday in collecting your children at lunch time so that the teachers could attend their union meeting at the Town Hall. These meetings are currently happening around the country as teachers engage with the Ministry of Education about their pay and working conditions.

As I have written in this newsletter before, while I absolutely agree that everybody could do with a little more in their pay packet I think that what teachers really need is a reduction in the amount of administration that the system currently requires them to do. We want our teachers to be spending their working time creating extraordinary learning experiences for your children. Experiences that involve opening doorways so that children can enter a world of passion and excitement that engages them, and ensures they take responsibility for their own learning beyond the end of the school day. These things together are necessary to ensure that children are prepared to meet the demands of life in the 21st Century.



Mark Your Calendar

MARCH 2023

- 6-10 Wheel or Walk to School
- 8th Senior Swimming Sports
- 9th Junior Tryathlon, 1-3pm
- 15th Zones Swimming
- 16th Y7/8—No Technology
- 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
- 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 ...

IMPORTANT Parking Messages



There are TWO allocated mobility car parks (**YELLOW LINES**) directly outside the main pedestrian access to our school. These are designated for members of our community who hold **MOBILITY PARKING PERMITS ONLY**.

We need our whole **COMMUNITY** to park with integrity to ensure that these parks are left free **at all times** for our whānau who have registered Mobility Parking Permits.

This is essential to get their children safely dropped off and picked up. Help us make this school a place that is inclusive and safe for all.



3 Minute Parking

The angle car parks directly outside the school gates are designated as **3 minute parks**. These parks are supposed to be for drop-off only, to improve the flow of traffic in Leaver Terrace. If you are going to be more than 3 minutes then you need to park somewhere else. Some parents are using these parks for upwards of 30 minutes at the beginning and end of each day.

Broken Yellow Lines

The area opposite Grantly Street marked with **YELLOW** lines is supposed to be **NO STOPPING**. However, we regularly see parents using this area for both parallel and angle parking. This action creates a hazard for those cars turning in and out of Grantly Street.

We will not hesitate to send a photo with the licence plate to both our Community Police Officer and the Council where infringements notices may be issued if cars are parked ILLEGALLY.

Our ultimate goal is that Rāwhiti is a kura that shows manaakitanga to one another and follows all road rules/guidelines to keep our **PRECIOUS** ākonga safe.

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From The Principal continued ...**COVID**

While it is not making the national news everyday, Covid is still active in our community. We currently have Covid cases **in each of our Learning Studios and amongst our staff**. 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.

In Zone and Out of Zone (OOZ) Enrolments

Now that we have the Aotahi learning space up and running, the Board of Trustees is once again accepting applications for enrolment from children living outside of our school zone who have a sibling currently enrolled at Rāwhiti School. Applications to enrol an OOZ sibling must go into the ballot along with all other OOZ applications, but siblings do have a higher priority than everyone else, except applications for the bilingual programme. You can see the ballot dates on our website under the enrolment information, or you can contact Kim in the office and she will assist you with the dates and appropriate forms.

If you live **in** our school zone and have a five year old due to start school this year please take a moment to complete an enrolment form and hand it in to Kim in the office so that we can plan effectively for your child's transition to school. It is never too early to enrol!

Walk or Wheel to School Week

Next week, our school is participating in Walk or Wheel to School Week, brought to you by Christchurch City Council. This is a fun and action packed week that promotes walking and wheeling to school. There are daily themes, prizes and lots of giveaways over on the event Facebook page. Be sure to click on the [event link](#) and click 'going' to keep in the loop with all the awesome prizes on offer. You can find out all about the event on the [Christchurch City Council webpage](#). We can't wait to get started next week!

- Move it Monday
- Travel together Tuesday
- Wacky Wednesday
- Thoughtful Thursday
- Funky Feet Friday

Day	Theme	What does it involve?
Rāhina	Move It Monday	Encourage tamariki to get moving. Start your Walk or Wheel week with an active commute to school.
Rātu	Travel Together Tuesday	Celebrate by walking and wheeling to school with your friends and whānau.
Rāapa	Wacky Wednesday	Show something bright; look bright, be bright, stay bright.
Rāpare	Thoughtful Thursday	Help the planet. Walking and Wheeling helps create a healthier planet! How else can you help our environment?
Rāmere	Funky Feet Friday	Dress your feet. Wear your funkiest footwear - think wheelies, gumboots, football boots or jazz up your trainers with glitter, tinsel, feathers - go wild!

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir
Principal

**Tāne Mahuta on What Now**

Keep an eye out for students from Tāne Mahuta who will be in the live audience for What Now's first show of the year this Sunday March 5th.

DanceFit on Monday Nights - March Giveaway for Hanmer Pools!

Looking for a fun way to get fit and boost your mood? Join the PTA's 'DanceFit with Fi' class at Rāwhiti School hall, each Monday at 7pm. These classes are a highlight of my week - even when I don't feel like going, I always leave with a smile.

Fiona leads us through fun dance routines with upbeat music. Don't worry if you don't think you're very coordinated - the group is really supportive and we have lots of laughs! You can make it as energetic (or not!) as you like.

Your first session is free and classes are just \$7 afterwards. Plus, this March, every time you come to class, you'll go into a draw for a family pass to Hanmer Hot Pools and also bonus coffee vouchers. What have you got to lose? Join us Mondays at 7pm in the school hall and let's dance our way to fitness with Fiona!



PTA Meet & Greet - Wed 29th March, 7pm

Kia ora! Have you ever thought about getting involved at the school and making a positive impact in your children's school experience? Well, now is the perfect time to join our PTA!

By working together on the PTA, we can organize events and activities that not only raise funds but also foster a sense of community within our school whanau. We've also been working with the school to help organise volunteers for special events.

We'd like to invite you to join us on Wednesday 29th March at 7pm for a casual meet and greet. We'll have some nibbles and drinks, and you can learn more about what we do and how you can get involved.

Whether you have a little or a lot of time to give, your support will make a difference. So come along and find out how you can make our school the best it can be for our tamariki! Thanks for considering joining the PTA, and we look forward to meeting you.

Are you and your whānau protected from measles?

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa. Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital.

The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading. You will be protected against measles if you:

- have had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- have had measles before
- were born before 1 Jan 1969.

If you're unsure if you or your tamariki have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies.

As measles still occurs in many countries, if you're travelling overseas these holidays it's especially important to be immunised to prevent the risk of being unknowingly infected and causing an outbreak in Aotearoa on your return.

More information about the measles vaccination can be found here:

[Measles vaccination – Ministry of Health](#)

School Hats Increase

Our suppliers have advised that our hat price is increasing to \$18.50 per hat effective immediately.

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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Want To Try A New Craft—Come and learn the French art of Cartonnage

Our tutor, Tracey, first learnt about Cartonnage when she was living in France. Come and learn the basic techniques used in constructing a box and cover it with that fabric you've had in your stash just waiting for the perfect project to use it on!

No special skills needed - all of our kits are laser cut for precision using 100% recycled grey board, and everything you need to complete your project is provided—except for your fabric.



When: Sunday 30th April 2023, 9.30am—3.30pm

Where: Rāwhiti School Hall, 150 Leaver Tce, New Brighton

Cost: \$55—this includes all the equipment, glue and the kit—you just bring along your fabric of choice, and your lunch.

[CLICK HERE to book your place](#) or go to www.thehandcraftedbox.co.nz and go to WORKSHOPS

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Cleaning Home Help

Hour by Hour
 Ali McClure
 Sole trader

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TEAMS

Juniors	U9 - U12
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Sandy Hitchens
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