



Newsletter #5 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 31st 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,

It is hard to believe that the end of the first term is just around the corner, with just 4 school days remaining before Rāwhiti children break for the school holidays on Thursday, April 6th.

After 8 weeks of daily swimming we closed the pool last Friday - a good move considering the plummeting temperatures we have experienced this week. The pool may well be heated - but the changing rooms are not!

I was able to block out some time in the diary last week to get out to Waipara and join the Year 5 camp. It was a real treat to get away from the desk and try my hand at a few of the things that were challenging these children on their first school camp experience. I am sure it was the wind that was the problem with my archery aim! I would like to acknowledge the dedicated teachers and wonderfully encouraging parents who were supporting children with the kayaking, archery, target shooting, flying fox and giant rope swing.

School camps require a huge amount of planning and preparation - not to mention being on-duty 24-7. They are a big ask, and we can only offer these experiences when we have teachers who are prepared to go the extra mile, and parents who donate their time to support, care for and encourage all children on camp, not just their own.

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Mark Your Calendar

APRIL 2023

6th Last Day of Term

**7-25 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS/
SCHOOL CLOSED**

24th School closed—Teacher
Only Day

25th School closed—ANZAC Day

26th Term 2 starts



From The Principal continued ...

So many amazing things have happened this term - camps, trips, performances, sports, swimming, gymnastics, kapa haka, choir, pasifika, mindfulness - and I am sure that is not the full list. Children have been learning to read and write. Maths thinking has been challenged. Social skills have been developed. Children have tackled physical challenges and learning challenges. Through all this great learning our children are developing resilience, integrity, success and empathy. A huge thank you to the hard working and compassionate teachers who help orchestrate all of this great learning.

Term 2 begins on Wednesday 26 April. The 24th of April is Teachers Only Day across the cluster and Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC Day. Term 2 ends on Friday, 30th June.

I hope you all have a relaxing Easter break.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir
Principal

**From the Rāwhiti School Board**

I feel extremely privileged to have been re-elected as the Presiding Member (formerly known as the Chairperson) for the Rāwhiti School Board. I have been on the Board since 2018. I sit alongside the other elected parent representatives – Tim Scott, Jess Poff, Jody Hohaia O’Sullivan, and Briar Thompson. Helen Hogarth is the current staff representative.

The Board has co-opted Thomas Parata to support us through the process of the new build for our bilingual programme. Thomas had previously been an elected parent rep on the board for five years, sits on the boards of two other schools, and leads the bilingual teaching programme at Te Oraka Shirley Intermediate.

Our board has three strategic goals that guide our planning and decision making for the school:

- The RISE values and dispositions are the focus of our curriculum
- Enhanced hauora for our staff
- Strong partnerships with our community.

We will know we have been successful when:

- Our learners are engaged and supported in learning that is relevant, challenging, and accessible to all.
- Our staff are well equipped to respond positively to workplace challenges and opportunities in ways that maintain and promote wellbeing.
- Our community contributes to, understands, and supports the learning and culture of Rāwhiti School.

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From the Rāwhiti School Board continued ...

One of our responsibilities as a board is to monitor the levels of achievement. At the end of each year, we analyse student achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths across the school to look for trends. After three consecutive years of disruption due to Covid, we were interested to see if that had had any impact on levels of achievement across the schools, as had been predicted by many. We are very pleased to report that our 2022 data shows increased levels of achievement in Maths, and stable levels of achievement in Reading and Writing.

- **Reading:** 85% of children achieving At or Above the expected curriculum levels (84 % at the end of 2021)
- **Writing:** 75.4% of children achieving At or Above the expected curriculum levels (same as 2021)
- **Maths:** 86% of children achieving At or Above the expected curriculum levels (79% at the end of 2021).

It is an exciting time for the Board with a national curriculum refresh just around the corner and the bilingual build on the horizon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Liz, Paul, Helen P and the entire Rāwhiti staff for their dedication and commitment to our school, without these amazing people we would not have achieved the results we have to date. We are also extremely fortunate to have knowledgeable and dedicated people who sit at our board table and freely give a great deal of their time to ensure Rāwhiti School continues to achieve and thrive.

Cheryl Lineham
Presiding Member—Rāwhiti School Board



It's Blog Fest Friday

Check out this link to find out what the Rāwhiti students have been blogging about.

[BLOG FEST FRIDAY](#)



Surfing with The Rock

Thanks to the fantastic support of James and Kathy from Frame'n'Copy a group of our Year 7 and 8 students have been able to have six weeks of surfing lessons with Tim and the team from The Rock.

It has been really exciting to see the children progress from trepidation, through persistence and resilience to success. It is great to see students challenge themselves and not give up when things get hard.



Success@Rawhiti

**Manaiakalani
Summer Learning Journey**



Congratulations to the following students who received awards this morning at assembly for completing the Manaiakalani summer learning journey over the Christmas holidays.

1st prize - Kobe

2nd prizes - Jessica A, Jake, Jasper

Outstanding Blog Post - Kobe

Achievement Awards - Lexie, Carys, Niko, Amrin, Elouise, Anika M



Congratulations to Dylan D & Benji who competed in the Duke festival of surfing in Brighton over the week-end.

Both boys competed in the surfing and skating, Dylan making it through his first heat (under 14) for surfing and Benji winning the under 16 biggest gap jump for skating .

Before School Care

SKIDS before school programme at Parkview school have advised parents that they are finishing at the end of the term. MASH are taking over the programme but can only offer it to Parkview students—they don't have the facility to transport children elsewhere.

Unfortunately this leaves no before school programmes available for our children at this time. If another provider starts a before school programme that might be suitable for our children, we will let our community know.

LET'S PLAY AT AVON HUB

Week 1 TUE 11 - FRI 14 APRIL 1030AM - 12PM

Week 2 MON 17 - FRI 21 APRIL 2 - 330PM

OUTDOORS ON THE TURF
STICK & BALL GAMES
NO SIGNS UP, JUST TURN UP AND PLAY

Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Incorporated AVON HUB, 77 NORTH PARADE, SHIRLEY

CANOPY PLAY HUB

TUE 11 - FRI 14 APRIL 2PM - 330PM

MON 17 - FRI 21 APRIL 1030AM - 12PM

COME HAVE SOME FUN
DIFFERENT SPORTS GEAR
EVERY DAY!!!
NO SIGN UP, JUST TURN UP AND PLAY

Eastern Community Sport and Recreation Incorporated EASTERN CANOPY, RAWHITI DOMAIN

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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Avon Hockey Junior Club
Pre-season Information

The Avon Hockey Junior Club is based on the east side of Christchurch and we welcome players from all over the city. We offer hockey to all Primary school ages (Year 1-8). Please feel free to come along to our pre-season practices and games.

Dates and times as follows:
 Pre-season practices and trials take place at the Shirley Community Trust Turf (the old Shirley Boys High School), 77 North Parade (just down from The Palms Shopping Centre).
 Year 7-8 Boys and Girls Players (Kwik Sticks):
 Thursdays 23 & 30 March, 27 April 5-6pm
 Year 3-6 Boys and Girls Players (Kiwi & Mini Sticks):
 Tuesdays 30 March, 27 April, 4 May 4-5pm
 Year 1-2 Players (Fun Sticks): We offer a 12 week programme for these players, starting Thursday 4 May at 4-5pm.

If you would like any further information about our hockey courses or teams, please do not hesitate to contact:
Michael Graveson, Junior Coordinator
 Email: juniors@avonhockey.co.nz

Register for the 2023 season here:
<https://tinyurl.com/2j468h52>

Scan here

Check out our Facebook page and Website:
Avon Hockey Juniors
www.avonhockey.co.nz



DIRT, SOUL + LOLS
 HOLIDAY FUN FOR KŌHINE, GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN
 17-21 April 2023

WORD YOUTH MTB ADVENTURES
 Ride, learn, connect and snack!
 Fees free options available

AGES 7-17

7-9 year olds
 Ride, Games & Rock Climb
 Thu 20 & Fri 21 April, 9am - 12pm

10-12 year olds
 Ride, Games & Long Board
 Mon 17 & Tue 18 April, 9am - 12pm

13-17 year olds
 Ice Skate, Picnic & Bike Planning
 Wed 19 April, 10am - 2pm

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TIMA
Adapted Sport and Recreation Program
for Participants with a Disability
Rangatahi – 12–21 years






REGISTER NOW:
11th–14th April 2023
1pm–3pm
\$80 total for four days
Avon Hub Gym
77 North Parade, Richmond

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