



Newsletter #6 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 28th April 2023

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, Welcome to Term 2. I hope you enjoyed spending time with your children over the holiday break.

This term we welcome Stacey Hewson to the teaching team in our New Entrant/Year 1 space, Aotahi. Stacey has been a regular reliever at Rāwhiti this year, and will also be well known to many of you as a Rāwhiti parent.

Our staff PD day on Monday gave us the opportunity to get our heads into the refreshed curriculum documents, and also to continue working on our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) contract.

This term our learning will be focused on the impact that our actions have on the environment and developing the understanding that we are the caretakers of this planet, not the owners. World Environment Day, Arbor Day and World Ocean Day all fall within this term, so there are plenty of opportunities for children to reflect on the relationship between themselves, people and the environment.

Yesterday, our junior learners in Rongo-mā-tāne, Aotahi and Papatūānuku dedicated their whole day to being scientists, moving around different learning stations across the three classrooms. They learned how to recycle and reuse household items by making bird feeders, about oil spills in the ocean, water filtration, and about the ice caps melting. I know the teachers were super proud of all the children and how engaged and focused they were, especially our newest learners in Aotahi as, it was only their second day of school.

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Mark Your Calendar

MAY 2023

- 1st Y8 Girls Self Defence
- 8th Y8 Girls Self Defence
- 15th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 19th Pink Shirt Day (Mufti)
- 26th Whole School Assembly

JUNE 2023

- 5th SCHOOL CLOSED—King's Birthday
- 9th Winter Sports Starts
- 14th Y6 Open Evening, 6-7pm
- 19th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 21st Canterbury Cross Country
- 22nd Dancing Like The Stars, 6pm, Isaac Theatre
- 29th Y7/8 Zones Basketball
- 30th Last Day of Term 2

JULY 2023

- 1-16 School Holidays
- 17th First Day of Term 3



From The Principal continued ...

You will be hearing more about the learning that is happening in your child's studio as we get closer to those big environmental awareness days in June.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir
Principal

Scholastic Book Orders

Apologies for the late delivery of some Issue 2 books but this was caused by supply chain issues to Scholastic. These have now arrived and been distributed to studios.

Unfortunately however there are still some books on back order. These will be delivered to the studios as soon as they arrive.

Friday Sport Helpers Needed

Winter sport is starting soon and we would love to have some parent helpers. It starts mid-term 2 and lasts for approximately 8 weeks.

If you can help please contact Marcella at:
marcellaw@rawhiti.school.nz

**Icy Slicey Fundraiser**

The Junior School are doing an "Icy Slicey" fundraiser to help with bread for their "Carb break". Forms will come home or print off the form on the next page.

- \$1.50 per slice
- Money to the office by Wed 3rd May
- Icy Slicey will be delivered to each studio on Friday 5th May

**Kiwi Competition**

The University of Canterbury is delighted to offer the annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Secondary schools to our Year 5-8 students.

The skills based Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. The online competitions will be run in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. The competitions take place at school under exam conditions. Parents/caregivers will be provided with an individual student report outlining student performance. All participating students will be awarded a certificate and a prize will be awarded to the top student in each competition.

The cost for a student to participate is \$9.90 per competition entered. Entries must be returned to school by Wednesday 10th May.

https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/kiwi-competitions/administration-and-printable-resources/2023_Letter-to-parents.pdf

Hell's Pizza Reading Challenge

Rāwhiti School will be participating in the HELL Reading Challenge. The HELL Reading Challenge will run in conjunction with the 2023 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults.

How the Reading Challenge works:

Children are being given "pizza wheels." Every time they finish a book, a slice of the wheel gets signed off by a teacher or librarian. When they have finished seven books, they can get the 'official' Rāwhiti School stamp. They can take their completed pizza wheel to any HELL Pizza outlet and redeem it for a free 333 kids' pizza.

Here are the rules:

- Each pizza wheel is good for one 333 kids' pizza from any HELL Pizza outlet nationwide
- The wheel must be signed by a teacher/librarian, and stamped with the official school stamp
- One pizza per visit per child
- Wheels are non-transferable for money
- Children must redeem their free pizza in person and before Tuesday 31 January 2024.



Order your Icy Slicey...

Icy Slicey Day: Friday 5 May

Order a YUMMY ice cream slice.

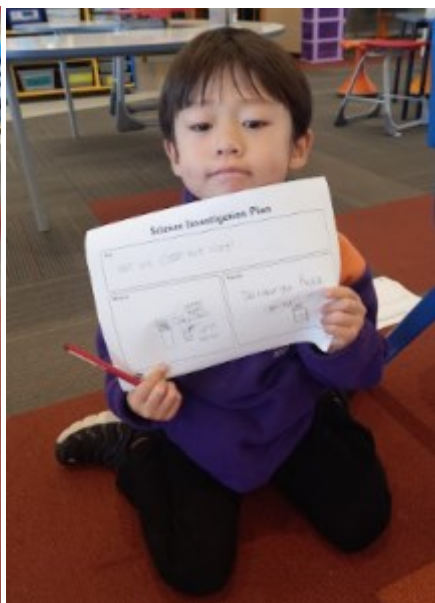
Get your money and order to the office by Wednesday 3 May.

Name: _____

Studio: _____

How many Icy Slices: _____ **\$1.50 each**

Junior Learners Science Day



Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

(Notices placed here are contingent on space and do not reflect the views or opinions of the school.)

Tinker Club

Free

Come along to explore, create, rebuild, dismantle, and invent in these weekly drop-in sessions. Every Tuesday during term time, 3.30–4.30pm. 9–14 years.

New Brighton Library
christchurchcitylibrar-





PLAYERS WANTED

NEW BRIGHTON NETBALL CLUB ARE LOOKING FOR 2X YEAR 4 PLAYERS TO FILL THEIR YEAR 3/4 TEAM. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR KNOW OF OTHERS LOOKING FOR CLUBS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH.

NEWBRIGHTONNETBALL@GMAIL.COM

DRAMA CLASSES – The Canvas Bag Drama School South Brighton is now taking enrolments for term 2, 2023. Ask about a free trial class. Spaces available in: the 5 to 7 year old group, and very limited spaces in 8 to 9 year old 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



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



We're looking for leaders who know their community to help deliver the 2023 General Election.



We are also very interested in having people from the community working in your Voting places and anyone over the age of 16 is eligible.

Please register your interest to work for us at [Work at the 2023 General Election - Electoral Commission \(elections.nz\)](https://www.elections.govt.nz/work-at-the-2023-general-election)

Election Date: Saturday 14th October 2023

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SUNDAY SESSIONS

7-17 year olds

Waitākiri Bottle Lake Forest
Sundays in May, 10am-12pm

The days are getting shorter (and a bit wetter) but it'd be rude not to make the most of the season and ride our bikes on a Sunday! Each week we'll focus on a different skill and there'll be heaps of time for snacks and making new buddies.

7 May Being a good MTB ambassador
14 May Fundamentals (body position, brakes, gears)
21 May Corners
28 May Tricks!

\$135 for 4 (2-hour) sessions. Cost includes trained WORD instructor (1:8 ratios), WORD t-shirt & WORD sticker! Fees free options available and we can help connect you with a pre-loved bike, join the FUN!

Contact christchurch@word.org.nz for more info.

BOOK NOW: [word.org.nz/chchterm2](https://www.word.org.nz/chchterm2)

WORD
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This one is for all the young people that love riding bikes... we have a new bike programme this May at Bottle Lake Forest.

We'd really appreciate your support by adding this to any **newsletters or notices** you have going out to your school community.

It's local and we have some free spots available too. We cater for 7 - 17 year olds.

Sunday Sessions!

This May, WORD are running a 4 week co-ed Sunday Session programme! Each week we'll focus on a different skill and there'll be heaps of time for snacks and making new buddies.

The days are getting shorter (and a bit wetter!) but it'd be rude not to make the most of the season and ride our bikes on a Sunday.

Sundays: 10am-12pm

Location: Waitākiri/Bottle Lake Forest Park

7 May - Being a good MTB ambassador & games!

14 May - Fundamentals (body position, brakes, gears)

21 May - Cornering

28 May - Tricks!

Fees free options are available. Thanks to Rātā Foundation funding we are able to offer some free spots on this programme. Please select this ticket option in your registration if your young person would otherwise not be able to join us due to the cost barrier.

Need a bike? We work with some really awesome organisations that help recycle bikes and teach young people how to fix bikes for themselves or others. [Get in touch](#) if you want to know more.

Book here - <https://www.word.org.nz/chchterm2>