



Newsletter #7 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 12th May 2023

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou,

Last Friday we marked a moment in history by planting a tree to recognise the coronation of King Charles III. The King, for most of his life, has advocated on behalf of Papatūānuku (the land) and has a strong commitment to conservation, sustainability and education. The Christchurch City Council donated trees for schools to plant around the city.

On the actual Coronation Day, Mayor Phil Mauer joined other Mayors around the country, along with the Deputy Prime Minister and other politicians, in planting a tree to commemorate the coronation. Earlier this week, the Governor-General planted the final coronation tree at Government House in Wellington. The Visits and Ceremonial Office of the Department of Internal Affairs is keen to get all the GPS details from all tree plantings nationwide in order to create a webpage so that members of the public can find the Kings trees for years to come.



*Our tree planters:
Charli, Charlie, Charli
and Charlie*

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MAY 2023

- 15th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 19th Pink Shirt Day (Mufti)
- 19th Cross Country/Healthy Active Living
- 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 Whole School Assembly
- 30th Last Day of Term 2

JULY 2023

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



From The Principal continued ...

It is our collective responsibility now to care for the tree to ensure its survival - which fits very well with our 2023 learning concept of Kaitiakitanga. This term most teams are heading out into the local community to explore the local environment, notice the natural features and resources and assess the affects of natural events and human actions on the environment.



You will see Hero notices asking for parents to assist with these outings - so please consider whether this is something that is of interest to you and something that you might be able to help out with.

We are also on the look out for parents to help with the upcoming winter sports tournament for Eastern Zone schools on Friday afternoons. We have a huge number of children wanting to take part this year, which is awesome, but we can only field this number of teams if we have plenty of adult helpers.

We are currently seeking parents, caregivers or older siblings/family members to help coach our teams. The role of the coach is to help manage a team of approximately 12 students each Friday, help referee their game, walk with them to and from Rāwhiti Domain and supervise them between games. There will be teachers at the domain to support you in your role, but unfortunately, we do not have enough teachers for the number of teams we would like to enter.

You do not need to be an expert in the sport you are coaching/managing and we are happy to have a training session to teach you the basic rules etc.

Please get in touch ASAP if you think you might be able to help with a team. This role can also be shared among two adults so you do not need to commit to every week. Email Marcella Wood on marcellaw@rawhiti.school.nz if you think you can help or would like to know more.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir
Principal

Planning for 2024

I know that it will sound a little odd to many of you, but Term 2 is when we start planning for 2024. On 1st July the Ministry of Education does a roll count which, along with some predictive enrolment numbers, generates our school staffing for the following year. To help us with our planning, if you have a child who is **turning 5 in 2024** please contact Kim in the office to start the enrolment process now. If you know anyone in the community who is expecting to have their 5 year old attend Rāwhiti School in 2024 please encourage them to do the same.

If you live Out of Zone (OOZ) and wish your child to attend Rāwhiti School, they **DO NOT** have an automatic right to attend even if they have a sibling who currently attends. You must complete an Out of Zone ballot form. The map of the zone is on our website under the Enrolment Info tab, along with the process for Out of Zone applications and the ballot dates. Please note that the next ballot date, for a Term 3 OOZ application, closes on Wednesday, May 24th.

Spare Chess Set?



Do you have a chess set at home that you don't use, or don't know how to use?

The game of chess is proving to be very popular with our Year 7&8 students at the moment. They have formed a Chess Club in their studio, and set themselves some goals: To

- Create and use a Chess Ladder for competing
- Learn and apply competition rules
- Challenge and compete against students at another school.

The only hitch is, they don't have enough chess sets! If you have a space chess set that you can either donate or lend please let the team in Tangaroa know.

COVID - and other winter illness

Covid is still active in our community, along with all of the other ailments that we usually see at this time of the year - sore throats, head colds, 'flu' etc. If your child has any of these symptoms and ends up in the sick bay then we will be phoning home to have them collected.



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 have boxes of RATs here at school if you do not have any at home - please see Kim in the office.

CCC Travel to School Survey

The Christchurch City Council annual School Travel Survey is now live! This 5-10 minute survey will improve understanding of school travel patterns across Christchurch. This will help with improving safety, especially for those using active transport. The survey is open to all school communities (students, parents/caregivers and one staff member per school), until 5pm Wednesday 31 May 2023. There are ten \$50 supermarket vouchers up for grabs. The survey can be found [here](#).

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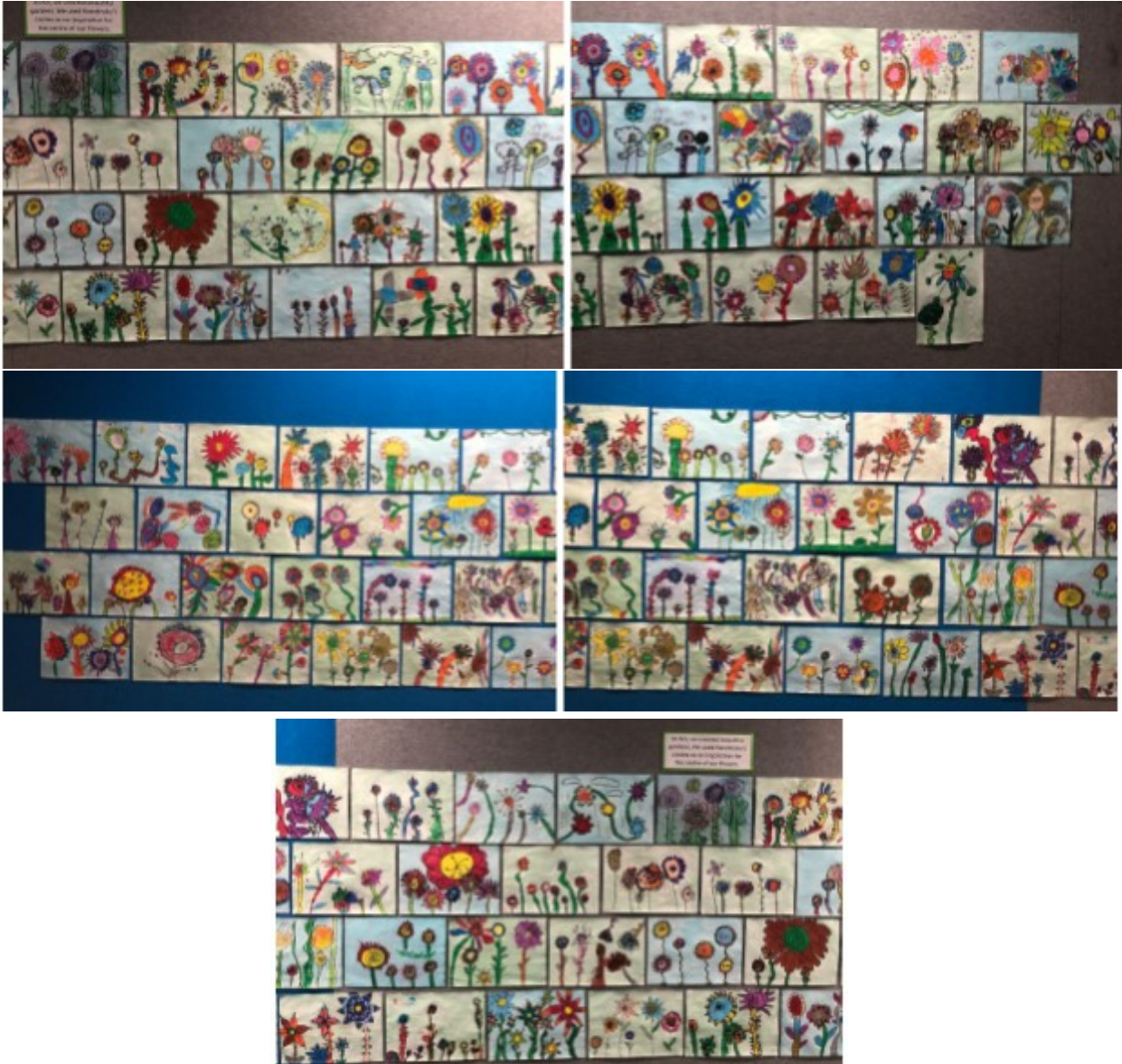
Congratulations to Tyson for his Softball Achievements during the 2022/23 season. Tyson received the following awards, and the last two awards are usually awarded to players in the U18 -15 grades so to be awarded these as a 12 year old is a huge achievement:

- RKS Club U13 Boys Batter of the Year
- RKS Club U13 Boys Player of the Year
- *RKS Club Junior Sportsman of the Year*
- *RKS Club Overall Junior Sportsperson of the Year*



Flowers In Tāwhirimātea

As part of our learning theme of Kaitiakitanga, we have been looking after the school gardens. We decided to create our own gardens using felt pens, oil pastel and dye. We looked at Kandinsky's Concentric Circles painting as inspiration for the centre of our flowers. They are displayed in the small breakout room in Tāwhirimātea.



2nd Hand Senior Jackets

We have two 2nd hand senior jackets available to purchase. One is a girls size 12 and the other is a boys size 14. Please contact Kim in the office if you're interested in buying them.

Cross Country

Cross Country and Healthy Active Living activities are on Friday 19th May. Details are on the Hero app. Parents welcome.