



Newsletter #10 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 23rd June 2023

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

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



### Kia ora koutou

Yesterday we celebrated a significant anniversary for one of our teacher aides, Leanne McKerrow. Leanne has clocked up 25 years of continuous service as a TA - starting at Central New Brighton School and moving to Rāwhiti when the local schools merged in 2015. Leanne has endless patience and a wonderful way with our

children, and we are grateful for her years of service to the school. We hope there will be many more to come.

Last night a large group of our children took to the stage at the Town Hall in the annual Dancing Like The Stars event. This year our group had the added challenge of using hula hoops throughout their whole routine - and I am pleased to report that everyone was able to keep their hoop under control throughout the performance.

Congratulations also to Helen Parata (Level 5), Talei Cordes (Level 2), and Lauren McDonnell (Level 2) who have this week successfully completed their Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori course work. This has involved 3 hours of study each week since the start of the year, and shows the commitment that our staff have to improving their own levels of te reo Māori.

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### JUNE 2023

- 27th Kapa haka at The Palms, 12pm
- 28th Children's University Students Campus Visit
- 29th Y7/8 Zones Basketball
- 29th Y0-3 Disco 4pm—5.30pm
- Y4-6 Disco 6pm—7.30pm
- 30th Whole School Assembly 9.15am
- 30th Last Day of Term 2

### JULY 2023

- 1-16 *SCHOOL HOLIDAYS*
- 17th First Day of Term 3
- 19th 6pm, Relationship and Sexuality Education Parent Evening
- 20th Y5/6 Basketball Zones
- 26th Last day for ICAS Registrations

*(There are many studio/kaiawhina trips coming up—please check your weekly Hero newsletter for details)*



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

This week we also celebrated another 'token box' reward for positive behaviour during the break times, with hot chocolate at morning tea time winning over dress up like a pirate, and a movie afternoon.

**Rākau o te tau - Rāwiti 'Tree of the Year'**

The New Zealand Arboricultural Association recently ran it's very first 'Tree of the Year' competition, a celebration of the special trees that are part of our lives and communities. The winner was the Chatham Island Rākau Momori.

Using this event as inspiration, some of our Year 7 & 8 students are currently running our very own Rāwhiti Tree of the Year competition. You can check out their amazing web site [here](#) to find out all about the trees that grow at our place, and vote for your favourite tree. Voting will be open most of next week, with the winner to be announced in assembly next Friday. This work links beautifully to our learning concept of Kaitiakitanga.

There is plenty happening in the last week of the term with the Kiwi Competitions still running, a Childrens' University day out, and a few more forest and sand dune trips to get out of the way, Our kapa haka group are performing at The Palms on Tuesday afternoon, and we have the highly anticipated Matariki Discos on Thursday. We finish the term with a whole school assembly in the hall at 9.15am on Friday.

For those of you looking for holiday activities, our children can take part in the Manaiakalani [Matariki Winter Learning Journey](#). Ākonga can complete as many of the activities as they like, and in any order.

I will be away on leave next week. I leave you in the capable hands of our two Deputy Principals, [Paul Wilkinson](#) and [Helen Parata](#).

We love it when people use our grounds respectfully during the holidays. Please encourage your children to look after school property if they come to play outside of school hours. If you notice any damage please email [admin@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:admin@rawhiti.school.nz) or please contact the police if you see people onsite behaving inappropriately. We hope you have a very relaxing and safe holiday break. The new term starts on Monday 17 July.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa  
**Liz Weir, Principal**

**Matariki Winter Learning Journey**

Our cluster Te Ara Tūhura has a strategic goal of increasing literacy by harnessing the power of blogs. Blogging has become an important way in which our young people share their learning with the world and it empowers our learners to establish an authentic audience for their learning.

Students are welcome to complete a range of activities over the July holidays, and to blog their work. [The activities are based around Matariki and Winter and can be found here.](#)

## International Competitions for Schools - ICAS

We are offering students in Years 3-8 the opportunity to enter the following competitions that are run by the University of New South Wales. The ICAS Assessment series is designed to recognise and reward academic excellence, assessing students' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.



Entry fees for each competition are \$15. (This has been subsidised, full cost = \$20.70 for each assessment). All entries are due back at school by **Wednesday 26th July**.

All ICAS Assessments are completed as online tests here at school in Term 3, between 7 Aug - 1 Sept.

## EcoAction Red Zone Planting

Well done to Ida, Mattis, Amrin, James, Dylan, Izzy, Iyla, Georgia, Mira, Samu, Carys and their families who braved the cold and very wet, muddy ground to help plant 5000 plants into the red zone. These plants are all grown from local sourced seeds, and nurtured by schools around Canterbury, including Rāwhiti.

Next planting day = Sunday 30 July 10am-12pm



## Zones Cross Country

Well done to all our students who ran in the misty conditions out at Halswell this week. You represented Rāwhiti school so well and we are very proud of your efforts.

HTT—Stella

TM—Liam C, Zara, Joel T, Archie

TNG—Lyshia, Emily, Millah, Tyson, Dylan D, Maia, Lachie, Lawrence, Anika M.



# MATARIKI DISCO



YEAR 0-3  
4pm- 5.30pm

YEAR 4-6  
6pm- 7.30pm

Thursday 29th June 2023

Tickets for sale from the office:  
Available from Monday the 12th of June (Gold coin)

Food, drink and glow sticks available for purchase at the disco.  
No pre-orders



Pay for the disco ticket at the office now, your child will receive the actual ticket on the day of the disco.

Glowing “things”, chips, lollies and drinks will be available on the night ranging from \$1-\$3 each.  
This is a fundraiser for our senior students.

Parents do not need to stay while their child is at the disco—but you will need to come to the hall to collect them at the end.

# Head lice

Please check your child during the holidays

### What are head lice?

Head lice are small, flat insects that live and lay eggs on the human scalp. They are sometimes called nits, kutis, kutu bugs, utu or niha. They live on the hair and feed by sucking blood from the scalp. They are pale grey (before feeding) and reddish brown (after feeding). They can look like grains of sand or dandruff. Head lice do not carry or pass on disease.

### Who can get head lice?

Anyone can get head lice. They are a common problem and cause concern and frustration for parents and children. Catching head lice has nothing to do with poor hygiene.

### How do people get head lice?

People get head lice from head to head contact with someone who already has head lice. This can easily happen when children play or sleep together and their heads touch. Head lice can only crawl from hair to hair. They can't fly or jump from head to head. Head lice only survive on humans. They die quickly when they are not on the head, usually within 24 hours.

### How do I check for and treat head lice?

Head lice can live all over the head but particularly like warm places behind the ears, around the bottom of the hair line, and on top of the head. Treatment of head lice is usually by physical methods (wet combing) or chemical/herbal treatments. You don't need to buy expensive products to get rid of head lice. You can buy a fine-tooth head lice comb from your pharmacy. See instructions on the following page. If you choose to use a chemical or herbal treatment, speak to your pharmacist, doctor or nurse for advice about what treatment to use and how to use it. Never use fly spray, kerosene or treatments intended for animals – these may harm children and adults.

If you find live head lice or eggs on your child's scalp, use the wet comb method to get rid of as many nits as soon as you can. Remember to check everyone in the house for nits as well. Use the wet comb method every day on everyone who has nits. You can stop once you find no lice or eggs for 3 days in a row. Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.

Check for lice and eggs whenever you are brushing your child's hair or any time they are scratching their head.

**KidsHealth**  
kidshealth.org.nz

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# Head lice - checking and treating with wet comb & conditioner

Wet combing with conditioner and a fine tooth nit comb (without using chemicals) is an effective way to find and remove head lice, if done properly.

It can take up to an hour to remove all live lice and eggs. It depends how thick and long the hair is.



- Make your child comfortable and let them read their favourite book or watch their favourite programme or movie.
- Comb or brush out tangles with an ordinary comb. Put lots of conditioner through wet or dry hair.
- Start at the scalp and go all the way down to the hair ends.



- Comb conditioner through hair, using an ordinary comb.



- Change to a fine-tooth head lice comb and comb sections of your child's hair.



- Comb from the roots to the ends of the hair.



- After each comb, wipe the conditioner on to a paper towel or tissue.
- Check the tissue or paper towel for lice and eggs. They're small so look closely!



- Comb every part of the head, section by section. Comb each section at least 4 or 5 times before moving on to the next section.
- Rinse out conditioner.
- If you find lice or eggs, repeat these steps every day until you find no lice for 3 days in a row.
- Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.

## MATARIKI

3 - 20 HONGONGOI JULY 2023

**WHETŪ HARAKEKE**  
DIOP-IN SESSION FREE

Mon 3 & 10 July, 11am-12.30pm  
Great Hall  
Join Kahu Collective to create a beautiful whetū harakeke (flax star). Ages 8-12.

**MAKE A PUREHEHUA** \$10\*

Wed 5 July, 10.30-11.30am & 1-2pm  
Maker Workshop | Bookings essential  
Create your own purehehua (bulkoaner) and learn the history of the instrument. Ages 5-10.

**STICK CHART MAKING** \$10\*

Thu 6 July, 10.30-11.30am & 1-2pm  
Maker Workshop | Bookings essential  
Learn about Māori stick charts and create your own traditional navigation chart. Ages 5-12.

**KITE-MAKING (MANU TUKUTUKU)** \$10\*

Fri 7 July, 10.30am-12pm & 1-2.30pm  
Maker Workshop | Bookings essential  
Join us to create a kite (manu tukutuku) and learn the story of The Seven Kites of Matariki. Ages 6-10.

\*Excludes booking fee.

artscentre.org.nz

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

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

Miriama Kamo – Narrator  
Juanita Hepi – Creative Director  
Nathaniel Griffiths – Conductor

CSO Presents:

# Matariki Around the World

**CSO**  
Christchurch Symphony Orchestra

A Cluster of Stars  
A Cluster of Stories

# MATARIKI

introduced by  
Rangi Hapearua & Miriama Kamo

Illustrated by  
Isabel Joy  
Te Aho-White

Around the World

## The Christchurch Brick Show 2023

**8 & 9 JULY**  
9am - 5pm

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## HAVE-A-GO CARNIVAL

10:30am Sunday 25th June | Taiora QEII

- **Who:** Anyone, of any age, wanting to try out swimming!
- **Events:** 25m, 50m, kick race, and relays!
- **Register on the day:** 9:45am - 10:30am
- **Racing:** 10:30am - 13:30pm
- **What to bring:** your togs, and a smile!
- **What we'll bring:** ribbons, prizes, information packs, and FREE community membership sign-ups!

**More Information:**  
**Web:** [canterbury.swimming.org.nz/have-a-go-event](http://canterbury.swimming.org.nz/have-a-go-event)  
**Facebook:** "Swimming Canterbury West Coast"  
**E-mail:** [marketing@swimcanterbury.org.nz](mailto:marketing@swimcanterbury.org.nz)