



Newsletter #11 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 21st July 2023

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou

A warm welcome to new students and whānau who have joined our Rāwhiti community this term.

There has been a real buzz in the Learning Studios and in the playground this week as tamariki came back to school with lots of stories to share about their holiday break.

Already this term we have had classes out on field trips, our Year 5 & 6 basketball teams taking part in the zones tournament, and a fantastic hui in Ata Hapara with whanau making 100 new sets of poi for the school.

This year our school is benefitting from some Ministry of Education Creatives in School funding. We applied for funding to allow some students to work with local New Brighton artist Lisa Harding, a weaver with Kahu Collective. Lisa has been working alongside a group of senior students to guide them, sharing her passion for Toi Māori, traditional weaving techniques and exploring contemporary elements within woven art pieces. In line with our 2023 learning concept, Lisa is ensuring that students understand the role they play as kaitiaki in protecting harakeke as an important environmental resource.



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JULY

- 26th Last day for ICAS Payments and Registrations
- 27th PTA Meeting, 7pm

AUGUST

- 7th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 15th Zones Winter Tournament
- 18th Y7/8 Ski Trip
- Whole School Assembly, 9am
- 19th Sau Ia Pasifika Festival, 5pm Aurora Centre
- 28th Y4 Noho Marae
- 31st Y6 Noho Marae

SEPTEMBER

- 6th Strum Strike Blow, 5.30pm
- 14th Canterbury Winter Tournament
- 19-21 Koru Games
- 22nd Whole School Assembly, 9.15am
- Last Day of Term 3

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



From The Principal continued ...

Last term the group learnt about the different parts of harakeke/flax plant, the tikanga/protocols around the use of harakeke and how to correctly harvest the leaves for use. They learnt how to make simple harakeke putiputi/flowers, strip the flax leaves to get the muka/fibres, plait a simple taura/rope and weave a simple bracelet, before creating a pākē/rough cloak made from flax leaves over several weeks, by stripping the harakeke, knotting and lacing the strips together.

This term they move onto planning, developing and designing an art installation that reflects our school history and represent our Turangawaewae. We look forward to unveiling this to our community before the end of the school year.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir, Principal



Supporting One Of Our Rāwhiti Whānau

Sadly, one of our Rāwhiti whanau is dealing with a very challenging situation, and friends and whanau are supporting them with a fundraising venture.

You can read their story at <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/dean-story>



An Evening With the Park Rangers

We are very excited to share an upcoming event at the Climate Action Campus Ōtautahi in partnership with the CCC Park Rangers on Tuesday 15th August from 4.30pm—7.00pm.

This will be a great event for tamariki and whanau to learn more about the role of the Park Rangers and to have some hands-on fun. Lots for all the family to do with quizzes, treasure hunts, marshmallows to roast over a fire pit, food trucks to provide tasty kai and much much more. Come along for a fun filled evening of education, kai and community and take your tamariki home in time for bedtime! There is no cost to attend.

Year 7/8 Boys Basketball

Congratulations to the Beachballers team, who won all their games at the Eastern Zone competition and are now proceeding to the Canterbury Competition.



Free Health Advice and Medicines



Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) have a new Minor Ailment Scheme (MAS) that has been put in place to ensure that students and their families have access to free advice, and free medicines (if eligible).

You are eligible if you meet one or more of the following criteria:

- a child under 14 years of age
- a whānau member with the same symptoms as an under 14 year old
- hold a community Services Card
- identify as Pacific or Māori.

Conditions covered by this scheme are:

- diarrhoea
- eczema
- eye infections
- fungal and minor skin infections
- head lice
- pain and fever
- scabies.

The pharmacies offering this service in Canterbury can be found here.

<https://www.healthpoint.co.nz/pharmacy/canterbury/?serviceArea=im%3A1544051>.

These include the Union Street Pharmacy, QEII Pharmacy, and Unichem Brighton Village Pharmacy.



Success@Rāwhiti

Last term Mason P came 17th out of 54 in the Y2 Boys Cross Country Challenge today at Hillview Christian School.



Children's University Campus Experience

On Wed 28th June, our 50 CU students joined other CU students from across Christchurch at the University of Canterbury campus. The students were taken on a tour of the campus and explored some of the different options available to study. The groups also rotated through 3 different sessions run by academics from the university on product design, Chinese culture and sport science. The students had a great experience and were very impressed with the 10-storey library!



Cellphones At School



Children who bring cell phones to school do so at their own risk. The school does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage. Phones are not to be used to communicate with others or connect to social media during the school day. Children must ask a teacher before contacting parents on their phone.

Basketball Tournament

Well done to all of the Y5 and Y6 players who participated in an eastern zone basketball tournament at Cowles Stadium yesterday. Both teams did really well and enjoyed playing various schools in the area.

Our boy's team won pool 2 and played off against Marshlands in a semi-final!! They played a great game but unfortunately did not take the win. Our girl's team worked really hard and used their height advantage to beat Te Pa in their last game.

Thanks to our parent helper who supported the teams throughout the afternoon.



EcoAction Planting Day

The next planting day in the Red Zone is coming up next week - Sunday 30 July 10am - 12pm at Chimera Crescent (off Atlantis Street) Feel free to come along and help plant some of the native plants that have been grown and nurtured by our students.



<https://www.facebook.com/events/1245631016224043>

Kia ora koutou

Next week is Netsafety Week. One of the special live webinars hosted by Netsafe will be about TikTok. Netsafe will share tools that are available to put you in control. This live webinar will be hosted by Netsafe at 12 noon Wednesday 25th July 2023, on Zoom.

They will cover topics like:

- Family Pairing
- Managing comments in a way that works for you
- How to report content
- The tools available to protect younger users

You'll also hear how TikTok moderates, what they do proactively, and how we can work together to keep our community safe online.

The session will also feature a brief Q&A to ask anonymous questions.

A live NZSL Sign Language Interpreter will support this event for accessibility.



Spaces are limited, attendees can register for free on Zoom using this link: https://netsafe-org-nz.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ld633JH6S9eBqdFcaPhfcQ

Blog Fest!

All Year 4 to 8 students and Year 1 to 8 students in Haumia-tiketike have their own individual blogs Edublogs. At the end of last term we collated some blogs posts to share, check out our Winter Blog Fest! Visit - <https://bit.ly/rpsBlogFest>



At Rāwhiti School all student Edublogs, studio learning sites and studio blogs can be viewed by visiting - <https://bit.ly/3JN4Tsc> or by visiting the Rāwhiti School website, selecting 'About Us' then 'Our Learning' then 'Blogs & Learning Sites.'

Whare Matauranga - Rāwhiti School Library Updates!

Books on Display:

We have a collection of books tagged with 'Kaitiakitanga' and currently have most of the books on display from the NZ Book Awards 2023.

Our collection has been expanding with a variety of new books. Many of these come from suggestions by our tamariki. We now have a collection of YA (Young Adult) Fiction and Graphic Novels. To keep up to date on what's new in the library or displays of our current collection visit @rawhitibythesea on Twitter or <https://rawhitilibraryvoice.blogspot.com/>

Library Web App:

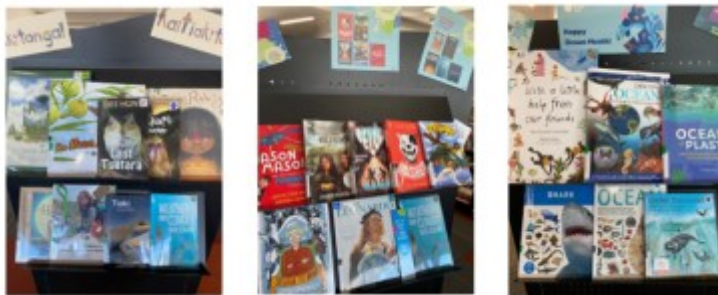
Our library Web App is a place to search for books in in our Whare Matauranga. library.rawhiti.school.nz

Students can search:

- Write book reviews
- Reserve books
- Check what books they have issues
- Renew books
- Create reading lists

If you have forgotten your child's password please email library@rawhiti.school.nz

In our Library Web App under 'Topic Boards' I have a page for 'All About the Ocean' and 'Matariki 2023.'



eBooks - Wheelers ePlatform:

If students search for books via the Web App at library.rawhiti.school.nz eBooks will also be displayed. Look for the eBook logo and the 'e.' When the book is selected there will be a link to the Wheelers ePlatform. Students login with their library user number and password (the same login for the library Web App).

