



Newsletter #12 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 4th August 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 was great to watch the children heading off to sport in sunshine this afternoon after the very cold, wet week that we have had. Sport is a major topic of conversation at school each day as both children and teachers catch up on where their favourite teams are at in both the FIFA and Netball World Cup tournaments.

We know some of you are worried about children waiting outside the school gates, especially on cold or rainy days - and we share these concerns. There is no need for children to wait outside the gate in the rain provided they arrive after 8.30am. We currently have a very small number of children, who make their own way to school in the morning, arriving way too early. These children need to stay home in the warm for a few more minutes and then make their way to school. Children arriving at school any earlier than 8.30am are required to wait outside the school gate.

Teachers use the valuable time before school each morning preparing for the day and attending professional meetings. Our school grounds open for the day at 8.30am, at which time our teachers are all in the Learning Studios and 'on duty'.

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## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **AUGUST**

- 7th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 15th Zones Winter Tournament
- 18th Y7/8 Ski Trip
- 18th Assembly, 9.15am
- 19th Sau Ia Pasifika Festival,  
5pm Aurora Centre
- 29-30 Y4 Noho Marae, TM
- 30-31 Y4 Noho Marae, TWM/AH
- 31st PTA AGM, 7pm
- 31Aug- 1 Sep Y6 Noho Marae

### **SEPTEMBER**

- 4-8 Scholastic Book Fair
- 5th PTA 2nd Hand Clothing  
Sale, 2pm—4pm
- 5-7 Learning Conversations
- 6th Strum Strike Blow, 5.30pm
- 11th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 14th Canterbury Winter  
Tournament
- 19-21 Koru Games
- 22nd Assembly, 9.15am
- 22nd Last Day of Term 3

### **OCTOBER**

- 9th First Day of Term 4
- 18th School Photos



***From The Principal continued ...*****Term 3 Learning Conversations - September 5th, 6th and 7th.**

Learning Conversations give the student, parents/whānau, and the teacher/s the opportunity to discuss the student's learning. It is a conversation about what the students are **learning** at school rather than what they are **doing** at school.

- The role of the parents is to listen to their child, ask questions and encourage the student to expand and explain information further.
- The role of the student is to share their learning with their parents and reflect on the progress they have made so far this year.

The role of the teacher is to facilitate and lead the conversation about the student's learning and prompt the student when needed.

**Why conferencing?**

Student-led conferences and three-way conferences are designed to:

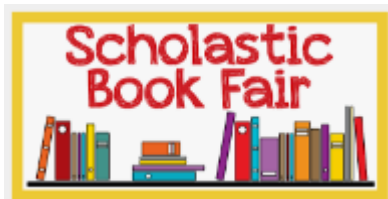
- Help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- Teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation
- Facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- Encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- Encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- Increase parent understanding of their child's learning through improving attendance at and satisfaction with the reporting process.

Bookings for a 30 min conference slot will open later this month and will be advertised on Hero and in the newsletter.

Please remember that conversations between teachers and whānau can occur as and when needed, and can be initiated by either teachers or parents.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**

**The Scholastic Book Fair is coming!**

Our PTA are working on details with Scholastic for a book fair for the week beginning Monday 4th September. Some of the activities might include "A Night At The Library" and "Book Character Dress-up Day".



More exciting details coming soon through Hero and the newsletter.

## PALs (Physical Activity Leaders)

A group of senior students at Rāwhiti have been busy taking games at lunchtimes for students to participate in. Students are welcome to come down to the courts and during lunch break times to join in a range of games and activities. Here are some photos of what our PALs have been getting up to at break times.

Thank you to these PALs who have been doing a great job so far: Malaya, Emilie F, Zara, Jessica A, Emma L, Caleb H, Jamahni, Harry S, Will F, Roman, Aria C and Sanchia.



## Elmer The Elephant

We're very proud to be participating in the Elmer's Ōtautahi Elephant Trail Learning Programme. We have joined 29 other schools around Ōtautahi in designing and decorating our very own Elmer the Patchwork Elephant sculpture. All sculptures can be found on the trail from 25<sup>th</sup> November. We can't wait for you to see what we have been working on!

Follow @ElmerChch on Facebook to keep up to date with the trail.



## Manaiakalani Questionnaire

As part of our involvement in Manaiakalani, once a year we collect information through questionnaires from all stakeholders, students, staff, and whānau, about Learn Create Share and Reading. This information is then analysed by the Manaiakalani research team and reported back to school to inform our practice. We would appreciate your input on this quick questionnaire. [Whānau questionnaire](#)

**PTA AGM - Thurs 31st August, 7:00pm in Staff room**

# SOME VALID REASONS TO... join our PTA

## #1 Your Child Benefits

The PTA is an important part of the school and it helps to enrich your Child's school experience. Our 'FUN-RAISING' has provided extras to the school including contributions to the bike track, pool, playground & much more.



## #2 To Make A Difference

Alongside raising funds, the PTA organises events & works as a volunteer hub. The PTA actively organises recycling incentives, community fitness offerings & has in the past hosted Parent info evenings.

## #3 We Have Fun

Being a valued member of the PTA is a fun and rewarding experience. We collaborate to deliver fantastic events where Parents/Caregivers can make new connections and build relationships with the school staff and teaching teams.

## #4 Make Friends

Many friendships develop from being part of the PTA. Volunteering your time, sharing your skillset and working towards a common goal is a really rewarding experience. Many long lasting friendships are formed under the PTA umbrella.

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## #5 Feel Involved

Every Parent/Caregiver is welcome to attend our meetings and we love to see new members. Please consider coming along to our meetings or volunteer a few hours of your time at an event. It is a great way to get involved and feel part of the school community.

## #6 Give A Helping Hand

We realise that everyone is busy, so we encourage job sharing roles within the PTA. Many hands make light work, so if more people come forward we can share the work making it fun for everyone.

## #7 Keep Our PTA Going

As families move on from the school, there is a real danger that there will no longer be a PTA to carry on providing this valued resource. Please do consider helping - you won't regret it!

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## Information about Prime Energy drinks products



NZ Food Safety recently contacted us about Prime Energy drinks being sold to children and young people, noting these drinks are non-compliant with levels of caffeine almost double NZFS limits.

As these are unsafe drinks for children and young people, NZFS is currently working to remove these products, which are being sold in shops near school environments. While NZFS is not aware of any evidence Prime Energy drinks are being sold in schools | kura, they have asked if you are aware of products being sold in your area that you email [food.compliance@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:food.compliance@mpi.govt.nz) or phone 0800 00 83 33.

## PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale

We have a large number of small fleeces available, as well as a few other sizes and polos, for sale so the PTA will hold a sale afternoon on Tuesday 5th September from 2pm—4pm. Come grab a bargain!



## Message from Te Whatu Ora | Health New Zealand - Free Oral Health Care for Young People

In New Zealand, free dental care is available for children aged 0-18. Here's how your ākonga can access it:



### Children New Entrance to Year 8 (age 5-13)

Children at primary and intermediate school have their teeth checked each year in a Community Dental Service van that visits the school. The dental vans visit all primary and intermediate schools in Canterbury and South Canterbury. In the first instance children will be assessed in the vans. Should they need treatment (eg: filling) they will be given a home care plan and then parents can book an appointment for their child to have the treatment done at a community dental clinic.

### Teenagers Year 9 to Year 13 (age 12-18)

In year 8, children are transferred from Community Dental Services to a private dentist where they receive free adolescent dental care. Dental care with the private dentist is then free of charge from year 9 to 18 years of age. Not all dentists provide the free dental service so families need to phone 0800 846 983 to check for the free providers in your area. Parents can enrol their teen by phone, email or visiting the chosen dentist.

#### Information regarding new Metro bus fares.

On 1 July the fares on Greater Christchurch public transport, buses and ferry, changed. The 50% fare discount funded by the government has now ceased. Environment Canterbury have now implemented a new fare structure with some exciting changes.

- Single zone – all metro buses are a single zone. The same fare is now charged wherever you board or disembark in Greater Christchurch.
- Cash fares are \$4/adult and \$2/child (under 19)
- Metrocard bus concessions are \$1. These apply for people under 25yrs as well as people with a Community Services card, a Total Mobility card or who attended a partnering Tertiary provider. For more information see - <https://www.metroinfo.co.nz/travel-and-fares-info/new-fares-from-1-july-2023/>

#### What do your students need to know?

- Your date of birth on your Metrocard activates the 'Under 25' concession. If a student paid child fares on their Metrocard pre-July, they will receive this concession automatically.
- All other Metrocard benefits such as free transfers and capping remain

#### What about free fares for under 13 yrs that the Government announced?

Canterbury has not yet implemented free fares for under 13yrs. We will be providing an update of the timing of this when details are confirmed.

**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.)

**PAWGUST**  
 This August, walk or run your chosen distance and challenge yourself to raise funds for Guide Dogs.

To sign up for PAWGUST and start supporting Guide Dogs, please visit [pawgust.com.au](http://pawgust.com.au)

Blind Low Vision NZ Guide Dogs

**Pooh Bear Live**

Don't miss out on this fun, interactive, live performance

**BOOK NOW AT TICKETEK**

Step in to the pages of AA Milne's original creation

22nd - 25th September  
 11am, 3pm and 7pm  
 James Hay Theatre, Christchurch

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**talk time ONLINE** | A service for mothers, parents and wellbeing

**Connecting Through Motherhood**

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 Free weekly educational discussion group for new mums

Connect with other mums and bubs for informal discussions guided by a psychologist. This six-week online series will explore topics that will help support you as you navigate motherhood.

Research tells us that a support network is one of the strongest protective factors for maternal mental health. Group discussion will focus on maternal mental health and wellbeing and will provide education and resources on key topics:

- matrescence
- emotional regulation
- personal identity
- the perfect mother myth
- relationships
- sleep

Mothers will also be given an opportunity to discuss challenges and highlights each week.

Facilitated by registered psychologist, Christina Bond PGDipPsycPrac, MSc, MBM, PGDipHSc, PG CertNFPM, BA (Hons). This group is open to mothers of babies under two years old.

**Next series starts**  
**Tuesday 22 August 2023**  
**Register Now**

Please note this is a discussion group, not a clinical service

For more groups like this visit [mherc.org.nz/talktime](http://mherc.org.nz/talktime)

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