



Newsletter #14 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 1st September 2023

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, today we officially welcome Spring!



Along with the usual 'plans and projects' we all have set aside for around our homes when spring arrives, it is also an incredibly busy time of the year here at school - we are actively planning for 2024 while still carrying out our 2023 programme.

Over the past fortnight our senior students have had a very successful ski day at Mt Hutt, entered two representative teams in the Christchurch CantaMath competition and had students recognised for the quality of their work in the CantaMath projects section.

Our Pasifika performance group took part in the Sau Ia Festival at Burnside High School on Saturday August 20th and it was great to have so many Rāwhiti friends and family in the audience. This event was so successful that some of our supporters could not even get into the venue. The organisers have taken this on board and will plan for much bigger crowds next year.

All of our Year 4 students have had their first 'school camp' experience with an overnight stay at Rāpaki marae this week. Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who make this event possible - we very much appreciate your time and support.

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SEPTEMBER

- 5-8 PTA Book Fair
- 5th PTA 2nd Hand Clothing Sale, 2pm—4pm
- 5-7 Learning Conversations
- 6th Strum Strike Blow, 5.30pm
- 8th Book Character Dress Up Day
- 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
- 23rd SCHOOL CLOSED—Labour Day

NOVEMBER

- 1st Chch Music Festival 6-9pm
- 6th Board of Trustees Meeting
- 13-15 Year 7 Camp #1
- 16th SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
- 17th SCHOOL CLOSED - Show Weekend



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On top of all that, we are gearing up for a really big week at school next week. There are significant events happening and we would very much like you to involve yourself in all three.

Fortunately, you can do them all at the same time - it's as easy as 1,2, 3!

1. Book a time for a Learning Conversation in your child's Learning Studio.
2. While you are at school visit the PTA Book Fair in the hall, and
3. Answer three quick questions about the schools Strategic Goals.



We'll be sharing a survey link with you on Monday via the Hero app and you can answer the 3 questions that way. Alternatively, you will see posters like this one around the school next week - in the learning studios, the office, and at the Book Fair in the hall - and you can use your phone to follow the QR code to the survey link.

For those of you who prefer it, there will be a good old fashioned paper copy of the three questions - and you can complete one of these in the office, at the Book Fair, or at your Learning Conversation.

To make it even easier, you can fill in a digital or paper copy of the survey at the gate each day - just see the staff member who is on gate duty, or use the QR code off the information board that will be on display at the main entrance.

Learning Conversations Next Week

It is not too late to make a booking for a Learning Conversation next week. This is an opportunity for you to look at your child's work in different curriculum areas, and to discuss the process of learning and your child's progress to date.

You can book a time in one of the following ways:

1. [CLICK HERE NOW](#) to make your booking
2. Visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the **booking code v27sj**
3. Contact Kim in the office to make a booking for you.
4. Use this QR code:



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Staff Car Park



You may have seen my recent Hero post reminding everyone about how to be a responsible member of the Rāwhiti School community. In particular, when dropping off your child at school or when picking them up at the end of the school day.

The car park at school is for staff parking only.

There is no on-site parking for parents, and the car park is not to be used for dropping off or picking up children. We are seeing an increasing number of children being dropped off and collected from the staff car park, which puts these children in danger of being hit by entering, exiting and reversing vehicles. This is a health and safety issue.

The only exception to this relates to the two on-site mobility parking spaces. These are available for those who display valid parking permits and who need to exit their vehicle at school, or those who hold a valid permit for a child with mobility requirements.

There are also two mobility parking spaces outside of the school grounds which can be used by those displaying a valid parking permit who are dropping off a child but do not need to exit their vehicle.

Please be respectful to staff members who ask you to follow the car parking requirements. It is never acceptable to abuse staff members who are following the health and safety guidelines.

We know that parking is limited near the school and there is little that we can do about it. What we can control is our own driver behaviour. Our combined attention to traffic safety and ongoing courtesy to others at school drop off and pick up times is what ensures that all of our children get to school safe and happy. All of us have a role to play in this. Thank you to those of you who already understand this and always park legally.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir, Principal

Scholastic Book Fair Hours—Rāwhiti School Hall

Tuesday 5th September: 8.30am—9.30am & 2.45pm—4.45pm

Wednesday 6th September: 2.45pm—4.45pm

Thursday 7th September: 2.45pm—7.30pm “Night In The Library”



BOOK FAIR IS NEARLY HERE!

CLICK HERE to go directly to our Book Fair Website
Everything you need to know!!



Next week the Rawhiti PTA are thrilled to bring the Scholastic Book Fair to the Rawhiti community - alongside [learning conversations](#) and a [second-hand uniform stall](#)

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open to the community at Rāwhiti School from **Tuesday 5th to Thursday 7th September**. It is a mobile bookshop which allows you the chance to browse and purchase some great bargains for your whanau, EFTPOS available. Proceeds from the profits enable Elizabeth & her team to stock up our school library shelves - making the already incredible library resources even better!

Books make great Christmas presents; we'd love to see you pop in!

Rawhiti School

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Including a special - "Night in the Library"

Please coincide your learning conversation with a visit!

LIBRARY

WHEN: THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

TIME: 3.30 TO 7.30 PM

WHERE: RĀWHITI SCHOOL LIBRARY

Hats off to Reading
Book Character Dress-up Day

Friday 8th September 2023

Prizes will be given for the most creative outfit. Three people will be chosen from each studio. If you are chosen you get to pick a book for our library!



Principal's Award

Well done to Carter N who got a Principal's award this week.



Positive Behaviour In The Playground

As part of our Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L) school wide focus we acknowledge children for the ways that they are meeting expectations at school. At playtimes teachers on active supervision are looking for times when our school RISE values (Resilience, Integrity, Success and Empathy) are being demonstrated and also when our three main expectations (Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe) are being met. The teacher will give the child a token and have a short conversation about how much we appreciate them showing our RISE values or meeting the expectations for safe and respectful play. The child then takes the token to the office and makes a choice about the reward they would like. These rewards are for the whole school. The purpose of this acknowledgement system is so that we are noticing the positive things that happen in the playground and helping children realise they have an important part to play in making our playground a happy place.

The most recent acknowledgement chosen by the children was bouncy castles and we are grateful to Mitre 10 Papanui and Mitre 10 Hornby for providing these for us to borrow. It was a very popular choice.



Elmer's Ōtautahi Elephant Trail

Our Elmer is starting to look very colourful. The Year 4 group are well underway on their design. The students wanted the design to be cheerful and make people smile; to be bright like the sun shining over the beach and our school community; and to look extraordinary!



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2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE

AVAILABLE UNTIL SOLD OUT

PRICING START FROM \$2

TUESDAY 5TH SEPT - 8:30AM-9:30AM
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