



Newsletter #16 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 13th October 2023

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, Welcome back to school and to the final term of the year. This is usually a very busy term, even though we are conscious about loading too many activities and events. Please make sure you keep note of important dates coming up so that you don't miss out on anything that is scheduled to happen in the remaining 30.5 days of Term 4!

A reminder that school is closed on Monday October 23rd for Labour Day, Thursday November 16th for Teacher Only Day, and Friday November 17th for Canterbury Show Day. School will finish for the year at midday on Thursday, December 14th.

We have been saddened this week by the passing of one of our Rāwhiti parents, Dean Cole, after a lengthy battle with cancer. We are all thinking of Jasmine, Maea, Aaliyah, Jayde, and Anika, and the extended Cole whanau.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

We are coming to the end of our second year of involvement in the PB4L professional development contract with the Ministry of Education. Paul Wilkinson and Helen Hogarth lead this project here at school. The acronym PB4L stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is a school wide framework which aims to promote appropriate behaviour in a positive manner that is non-threatening and supportive of all students and staff. It aims to minimise problematic behaviours and maximise and celebrate positive social and academic student behaviours. PB4L is not about changing students, it is about changing the environment, systems and practices to support children to make positive behaviour choices.

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Mark Your Calendar

OCTOBER

- 18th School Photos
- 23rd **SCHOOL CLOSED—Labour Day**
- 25th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 27th Senior Athletics

NOVEMBER

- 1st ChCh Music Festival
- 2nd PTA Meeting, 7pm
- 6th Board of Trustees, 6pm
- 7th Zones Athletics
- 10th Whole School Assembly
- 13-15 Tangaroa #1 Camp
- 16th **SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day**
- 17th **SCHOOL CLOSED—Show Day**
- 21-23 Tangaroa #2 Camp
- 24th PTA Non-Uniform Day—Xmas Raffle Donations

DECEMBER

- 1st Kaitiakitanga Day of Action
- 4th Board of Trustees, 5pm
- 11th Showcase Assembly
- 11th Year 8 Formal Dinner, 6pm
- 12th Rumbustification Day



From The Principal continued ...

One size does not fit all when it comes to dealing with behaviour. Our response to behaviour is tailored to the individual child, not a template applied to all children. You may see a variety of broad approaches in use at our school.

Because we are regularly asked how we manage behaviour we have produced a one page summary that explains our approach and it is published in this newsletter.

Learning Studio Placements for 2024

Planning is well underway for 2024. Although staffing has not yet been finalised we are now looking at the studio placements for next year. The link below is an opportunity for parents who wish to provide us with any information you think is relevant for us to consider as we make decisions about classes for 2024. This may be related to friendships or siblings. This is not about 'choosing a teacher', rather letting us know of any mitigating factors that may support your child in having a successful year.

Only fill out this form if you have important information that you wish us to take into consideration while making the class placement decision OR you would like to notify us that your child will not be attending Rāwhiti School in 2024.

[CLICK HERE for link to the form](#)

The deadline for registering your thoughts is Thursday, November 16th.

Hats for Term 4

Our Sun Smart policy requires all children to wear a Rāwhiti School sunhat in Terms 1 and 4. We have been giving children plenty of reminders this week, and any children not wearing Rāwhiti hats are required to sit under the covered area in front of the learning studios during break times. If you still need to buy a hat for your child they are \$18.50 and can be purchased from the school office, or there are some second hand (washed) hats available for \$5. Please make sure your child's sunhat is named—our amazing office staff can help with this.

Election Day Polling Booth

Our school will be a polling booth tomorrow, Saturday 14 October, for the elections. Open 9am - 7pm.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir
Principal





Our Approach to Behaviour at Rāwhiti School

Our goal: To bring our RISE values to life so everyone at Rāwhiti School is engaged in a fun, safe, learning-focussed environment.

At Rāwhiti School we are committed to providing a safe physical and emotional environment, and to helping children develop social and emotional maturity.

Behaviour is a form of communication.
When things are going well so is behaviour. When things are not going well for a child, behaviour is sometimes more challenging.

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Creating a Positive School Culture

- Staff work proactively to build positive relationships and connections with children.
- We will plan engaging learning experiences, follow expert advice and adapt the environment to meet the needs of learners.
- We teach expected behaviours (Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe) and prosocial skills.
- We acknowledge children when desired behaviours are noticed, through our school token system, class acknowledgement systems or individual feedback.

Putting things right

- We all get things wrong from time to time. A restorative approach helps children, understand the harm they have caused, the need to make it right and put plans in place to ensure harm is not repeated.
- Children are listened to and taught to see things from the victim's perspective.
- The needs of victims are as important as the needs of the child who has caused the harm. Both will be attended to and treated respectfully.
- Depending on the circumstances an appropriate consequence may be used to reinforce the expectations.

When things are complicated

- In some cases children come to school with challenging life experiences. They may still be learning to regulate their emotions or manage their own behaviour. Helping these children develop the skills they need to be successful is no "quick fix". This is a long-term process that involves our trained professional staff.
- Individual plans are often developed for these children and our response to incidents may be very different to the majority of children who can regulate their own behaviour. "Being fair" does not mean that the same response is applied to every child in every circumstance.

Supporting links

[Expected behaviours](#)
[Building a healthy school culture](#)
[REaL Toolkit PB4L](#)
If you have any concerns please come and talk to someone.
[Communication Flow-chart](#)



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Volunteers Needed Please—Fri 27th Oct

The PTA are delighted to be collaborating with Marcella again looking for whanau volunteers to help at Rāwhiti School on senior athletics day.

The plan is that each volunteer will be paired up with a teacher to help with the running of an event.

This may mean measuring distances, writing down scores and children's names etc. The teacher in charge of the event will give you a job.

Senior Athletics Day is scheduled to be held on Friday 27th October 2023 : 9:00am - 2:00pm

The helping sessions are broken into two time slots:

9:00am - 11:45am

11.30am - 2:00pm

Please click on the following web link to go to the signup sheet or go to <https://volunteersignup.org/KE7XB>

[CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER](#)

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Then once signed up, your info will be passed to Marcella who will be in touch, via email, closer to the event date with more clarity on the details.



Thank you in advance for your time commitment.

Sibling Photos

If you are wanting siblings at who are at Rāwhiti School to have a photo together on school photos day, please return the form or email admin@rawhiti.school.nz to let us know. Due to time constraints the photographer has said no cousins/friends photos will be able to be taken.

Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon



Entries for the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon are open now.

The event takes place at Jellie Park Ilam Road, Burnside on Sunday 25th February 2024. Please note all participants must be aged from 6 to 15 years on event day.

Distances are approximate and are as follows:

- 6 year olds 50m swim / 1.5km run
- 7 year olds 50m swim / 4km cycle / 1.5km run
- 8 – 10 year olds 75 – 100m swim/4km cycle / 1.5km run
- 11 – 15 year olds 150 – 200m swim / 8km cycle / 1.5 km run

If you would like to enter your child you can do this via this link- <https://raceroster.com/registration/1f1c6e4c-7226-4383-870a-6edb93b88459/entry?team=580168>

Our school discount code for the Weetbix tryathlon is :

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There are only a limited number of discounts available so first in first served. You will need to be able to transport your child to the venue and stay with them while they compete.

Piano Lessons Available



Amplify School of Music is excited to announce that they have a new Piano tutor called Cameron Faitweather. Cameron has a music degree from CPIT and has been tutoring both privately and in schools for the last four years. He loves sharing his musical passions with others. Contact Amplify on 388-1001 for more information.

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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



**NORTH BEACH
PLAYCENTRE**

**RAFFLE AND
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

VOTING DAY - SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER
11:00 - 1:00
RAWHITI SCHOOL

Get a chance to win your share of
over \$4000 worth of prizes

Sausages - \$2
Raffle Ticket - \$2 per ticket

A HUGE thank you to the over 70 incredible business who donated items for our raffle. Photos of the raffle prizes can be viewed on the North Beach Playcentre Facebook page.



SCOUTS
New Zealand

New Brighton Scout group

99 Shaw Ave Rawhiti Domain
Boys and girls ages 5 to 14years
Keas, Cubs, Scouts & Venturers

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Group leader Dave Pearson on
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**INTERNATIONAL
E-WASTE DAY**
14TH OCTOBER 2023

DONATE
your old mobile phone
this October
to help raise funds for
Sustainable Coastlines

RE-mobile
powered by
swapkit

"Recycle it all,
no matter how small."



NORTH BEACH SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

2023

REGISTRATION
and Open Day

JUNIORS ★ SENIORS
JOIN OUR FRIENDLY CLUB
THIS SUMMER!

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 14TH
10AM - 1PM

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