



Newsletter #17 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 27th 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,

Today is World Teachers Day.

I am sure that you all join me in thanking and congratulating the kaiako of Rāwhiti School for their hard work on behalf of your children. While teachers regularly get feedback about the things that might not be going so well, they don't often hear about the things they get right every day. Our tamariki are lucky to have such dedicated teachers who are always striving to do their best to meet their needs. I see what goes on behind the scenes and know the absolute focus our teachers have on their work and ensuring our kura is a great place for our tamariki to come every-day - and I want to publicly thank them for that.

Next Wednesday our senior choir participate in the Christchurch Schools Music Festival at the Town Hall. This is always a highlight on the music calendar and an opportunity for our tamariki to join other schools and sing as one voice in a stunning venue. Always a memorable event for them. Best wishes to our choir for next week and thank you to Talei Cordes and Fi Glasgow for preparing them.

On Friday, November 10th we are having a non-uniform day to raise funds for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. This is being organised by Teri, one of our senior students. Teri has been motivated by the recent death of a family friend, who was also a Rāwhiti parent. Please support her fundraising efforts.

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Mark Your Calendar

OCTOBER

30th Senior Athletics Day

NOVEMBER

1st ChCh Music Festival

2nd PTA Meeting, 7pm

6th Board of Trustees, 6pm

7th Zones Athletics

10th Non-uniform Day—Blood
And Leukemia Cancer

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

TBC Showcase Assembly

11th Year 8 Formal Dinner, 6pm

12th Rumbustification Day

13th Final Assembly, 6.15pm

14th School Finishes—12pm



From The Principal continued ...

Something new on our school calendar is our Te Ara Tuhura Cluster Kapa Haka festival. This is to be held on **Thursday, November 30th from 6pm** in the grounds of St Francis of Assisi School. Bring along a picnic or takeaway dinner, some chairs or a rug and share kai together as kapa haka groups from our Te Ara Tuhura schools perform. Invite the extended whānau as there will be plenty of room for all and many awesome waiata and haka and other cultural items! Each of our 7 Te Ara Tuhura schools will be performing, and we encourage you to stay and support each rōpū right until the end.

School Accounts

With just seven weeks of school remaining there is still **\$31,000 of outstanding costs** on school accounts for things like sport, touch, camps and trips, uniforms and the take home component of technology.

This is a significant amount of money for the school to cover, and would mean that we will have to cut costs in other areas of school spending.

We appreciate your support in contributing towards your child's experiences at school. You can come into the office to pay by cash or eftpos or you can make online payments into the school account which is 12-3240-0211804-01—put your child's name as a reference. If you want to view your account details, click on "Finance" in the Hero app. Please contact Cheryl in the office via email on exec@rawhiti.school.nz if you're not sure how to access your account information in Hero or if you would like to know if you owe anything.

Learning Studio Placements for 2024

As indicated in our last newsletter, there is currently an opportunity for parents who wish to provide us with any information they think is relevant for us to consider as we make decisions about classes for 2024. This may be related to friendships or siblings, or any mitigating factors that may support your child in having a successful year. Please 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 to go to the form](#)

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

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Liz Weir
Principal

Non-Uniform Day for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand

My name is Teri and I'm shaving my head for Shave For a Cure. The reason I am doing this is because I recently lost a family friend and most of my family are shaving their heads too. Rāwhiti School will be having a non-uniform day with a gold coin donation on Friday the November 10th. I hope this fundraiser can help people with cancer and their families. Losing a family member to cancer is an emotional journey. I'm hoping through this fundraiser we will get that bit closer to finding a cure for cancer so other families do not have to lose a loved one.



If you would like to make an additional donation use the link below:



<https://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/terijamieson>

Technology

Every Thursday the Year 7 and 8 students attend technology at Te Aratai College. They learn a range of different skills from cooking, sewing and woodwork to plastics, robotics and digitech. Every term the technology teachers observe the skills and interactions of the students and award students who have a positive attitude, work well with others and achieve a quality outcome.

This term the following students have received awards:

- Robotics - Renee
- Product Design - Manaia
- Hard Materials - Angus
- Food Technology - Emily and Cylis
- Digital Technologies - Gwen
- Textiles - Emma, Jakob and Avalock



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.)



Competition Time

CREATIVE GLASS CONTAINER COMPETITION

12th Oct—1st Dec

Entries open to tamariki 10 yrs and under

TOCK and the TOCK team really look forward to seeing how inventive children can be in reusing glass containers in a creative way:
(Snow globe, Painted vase, Terrarium, Festive scene in a jar....)

Go to current competition page on [TOCK.earth](https://tock.earth) for full details on how to enter
[TOCK's Creative Glass Container Competition - TOCK.earth](https://tock.earth)

TOCK.earth is an award winning environmental education initiative aimed at tamariki aged 3-8 years
Offering fun workshops, activities and competitions to inspire children to care for our precious planet




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Youth-Kids

For ages 8 -14 yrs we have our **SURFKIDS** programme and for ages 13 -18 yrs we have our **Secondary School after school lesson series**. Kids are welcome to join our **adults Learn to Surf classes** as well with discounts for 14 yrs and under.

Surf Kids

Book early to avoid disappointment

This programme is for children 8-14 yrs to master the basics of surf riding with a group of children of similar age and ability.
Classes run Sundays at 10am and School Holidays.

Cost \$35 per lesson or \$165 for five lessons or \$320 for ten lessons.

