



Newsletter #18 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 10th November 2023

*E ara ake ana i te ūruhi*  
*Rising Above The Ordinary*

## ***From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki***

**Kia ora koutou,**

I am not quite sure how we got to this point but there are only 22½ school days left before we finish for the year.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our school athletic sports last week and also at the zone athletics on Tuesday. I was able to duck down to the domain to see the sprint heats and finals and was very impressed with our athletes performances and their behaviour. Congratulations to everyone who competed. We have a record 20 students heading off to the Canterbury Athletics competition later in the month to represent Rāwhiti School. You can see our results further on in this newsletter.

Congratulations also to the choir for their performance last Wednesday evening in the Town Hall. The audience could not believe the quality of the music being performed, and I had to keep reminding myself that we were listening to primary school aged children.

A reminder that school is closed next Thursday, November 16th for Teacher Only Day, and then again on Friday November 17th for Show Day. Enjoy the four day weekend!



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## **Mark Your Calendar**

### **NOVEMBER**

- 13-15 Tangaroa Y7 Camp
- 16th **SCHOOL CLOSED—  
Teacher Only Day**
- 17th **SCHOOL CLOSED—Show  
Day**
- 21-23 Tangaroa Y8 Camp
- 21st Children's University  
Graduation
- 23rd Scholastic Book Club Closes  
12pm
- 24th PTA Non-Uniform Day—  
Xmas Raffle Donations
- 29th Canterbury Athletics
- 30th Kapa Haka Performance

### **DECEMBER**

- 1st Kaitiakitanga Day of Action
- 4th Board of Trustees, 5pm
- 11th Showcase Assembly, 1pm
- 11th Year 8 Formal Dinner, 6pm
- 12th Rumbustification Day
- 13th Leavers Assembly, 6pm
- 14th School Finishes—12pm

### **JANUARY 2024**

- 31st Goal Setting Day



## *From The Principal continued ...*

### **Kapa Haka Festival**

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 5pm** 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. **Our Rawhiti group will be taking to the stage at approx 6.30pm.** There will be food trucks and a sausage sizzle.

### **Final Assembly**

The final assembly this year will be on Wednesday 13th December at 6.00pm. This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for everyone at Rāwhiti School to acknowledge our senior students and wrap up the year in a collaborative way. **All children are expected to be part of this event** so the assembly is scheduled for the early evening to allow families to attend. The usual running time is 1 hour and 30 minutes.

### **Learning Studio Placements for 2024**

You have until next Thursday (Nov 16th) to provide us with any information that you think is relevant for us to consider as we make decisions about classes for 2024. [CLICK HERE to fill in the survey.](#)

### **End of Year Events**

Here are some key dates for you to note in your diary:

- Thursday November 16th Teacher Only Day—School closed
- Friday November 17th Canterbury Show Day—School closed
- Tuesday November 21st—Children's University Graduation
- Friday November 24th—Non-Uniform Day for PTA Raffle Donations
- Thursday November 30th - Kapa Haka Performance
- Friday December 1st - Rāwhiti Day of Action
- Monday December 4th - Board of Trustees Meeting 5pm.
- Monday December 11th - Showcase Assembly 1.00pm
- Monday December 11th - Year 8 Dinner, 6pm
- Tuesday December 12th—Rāwhiti Rumbustification Day
- Wednesday December 13th—Leavers Assembly 6pm
- Thursday December 14th—Poroporoaki in each Learning Studio 11am
- Thursday December 14th—School Finishes for the year at 12.15pm.



***From The Principal continued ...*****Swimming Pool**

From Monday November 20th our swimming pool will be open for swimming lessons, and also lunch time swimming for Year 4-8 children so don't forget to pack their togs and towel (and goggles if they wear them)—and PLEASE name everything.

**Term Dates for 2024**

Term 1 - Wednesday 31 January - Friday 12 April (\* ***Please note that school will be closed on Monday February 5th***)

Term 2 - Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

Term 3 - Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Wednesday 18 December

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

**Liz Weir**  
**Principal**

**Scholastic Book Club**

The last day for orders this year is **Thursday 23rd November, 12pm**. No orders will be taken after this.

**Successful Zones Athletics**

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Rāwhiti School at Canterbury athletics happening on 29th November:

Amahri (long jump), Anika M (discus), Archie (long jump, 60m sprint, 1000m middle distance, Chelsea (60m), Dylan (1200m), Ezra (60m), Georgia (discus, 60m sprint), James D (long jump, 60m sprint), Jessica (high jump), Lawrence (Long jump, 100m sprints), Layton (discus, high jump), London (long jump, 60m sprint), Louis (shotput), Maeve (long jump), Nevaeh B (discus, shotput), Paige T (discus), Roman (discus), Tyson (shotput, discus), and Xavier (1200m) and Layton, Aukaha, Xavier and Tyson in the Y8 boys relay team.

**Optional Chromebook Purchase 2023/2024**

The impending Year 4 students, for 2024, will use Chromebooks (not iPads) to continue their journey of digital learning. We have 1:1 Chromebooks for students at Rāwhiti School from Year 4 to Year 8. If a student doesn't have their own Chromebook they can use a school-owned Chromebook. Purchasing a Chromebook for your child is optional.

Ura Mānuku has released their new Chromebook Purchase Bundle for 2023/2024. The bundle is \$520 including GST.

Orders are made at <https://www.urumanuka.org.nz/buy-a-chromebook>

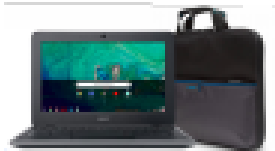
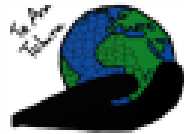
All devices are managed under our Google admin. For more information on why we manage Chromebooks visit: <https://bit.ly/3FPlfyQ>

If you have any questions please email me:

[elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz)

2023/2024

### Rāwhiti School - Optional Chromebook Purchase



Uru Manuka Education Trust  
c/- 190 Waterloo Road  
Hornby  
Christchurch  
8042

### Purchase Bundle includes

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acer C734 Chromebook</li> <li>2. 3 year manufacturer's warranty *</li> <li>3. Bag - Targus Education Work-in Clamshell with 3 year manufacturer's warranty.</li> <li>4. Your Chromebook comes with cover for the costs of up to 3 repairs and/or 1 replacement of devices, accidentally lost and damaged - associated to an <b>Acer Device Care Programme</b>. This is not an insurance product, it is an incident repair service offered with Acer Chromebooks devices for the Manaiakalani Education Trust.</li> </ol> | <p style="text-align: center;">Amount</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$520.00 GST inc</b></p> |
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#### Payment Required Before Order Processed

Please select payment type when ordering: full payment through internet banking or WINZ support.

Please complete the form and make a payment through internet banking  
<https://www.urumanuka.org.nz/buy-a-chromebook>

For delivery this side of Christmas, orders must be placed and payment made by Wednesday 6th December. Any order after this date will be for delivery at the end of January 2024.

Payment details :

Uru Mānuka Education Trust: **ASB 12-3441-0091909-00**  
Please include the following details with your payment  
Particulars (Student First Name)  
Reference (School Name)  
Code ( Student Surname)

If you have trouble, contact your school office who will help you through the process.  
Schools whose learners can access this Bundle: Hornby Primary, Gilberthorpe, Hornby High School, Wigram, South Hornby, Yaldhurst, Mairehau High, New Brighton Catholic, Belfast, Rāwhiti, Marshland, St Francis of Assisi, Linwood College.

Terms & Conditions: Offer is not available in store.

## Student Picks 4 the Library!

These picks are from students who were selected from Book Character Day to pick a book for the library. Some of the books have been processed and are on display.

### Library Dates:

- Wednesday 15th November last day to issue books
- Wednesday 29th November all student loans due back
- Tuesday 12th December library re-opens for issuing books



## Rāwhiti School's eBook & Audiobooks (Wheelers ePlatform):

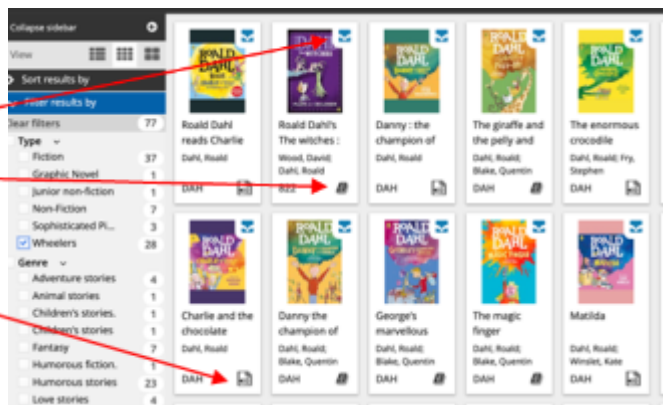
We now have access to Audiobooks! Want to keep children reading over the holidays or listening to stories? Why not access our ePlatform...it's free!

All eBooks and Audiobooks will be display when searching for books on the Web OPAC at:

[library.rawhiti.school.nz](http://library.rawhiti.school.nz)

Look for the Wheelers icon and the 'e' and sound icon

or you can go to the direct link: <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>



eBooks and Audiobooks can be issued for two weeks and there is a limit of two issues per user.

Students will need to use their library number and password to login and download eBooks or Audiobooks. This is the same password used for our Web OPAC.

If you have a device you can download the Wheelers ePlatform app!

Download ePlatform App - <https://goo.gl/SIC6ft>

Any questions or you need your child's login details please contact Elizabeth at: [elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz)

## Year 4 to 8 Summer Learning Journey



The Summer Learning Journey starts Monday 11th December!

Registrations open on Monday 27th November.

[Watch Summer Learning Journey Promotional Video](#)

[Click here](#) for the Flyer!

### Today's Non-Uniform Donations—Thank You All!

Hi my name is Teri and I am a year 7 student in Tangaroa. Did you know that there are approximately 10 million people and families that are effected by cancer every year?

I recently lost a family friend to cancer. You feel helpless and you don't now what to do. I want to try and stop this from happening to other families. Shave for a Cure gets Kiwis one step closer to a cure for blood cancer, as well as support for patients and their families going through a blood cancer journey.

Your kind donations of \$685.80 from todays non-uniform day will be going to Shave for a Cure. My mum, sister, uncle and I will be shaving our heads on Sunday to help raise more funds. If you are interested in turning up and donating to the cause, we will be at Armadillos Halswell from 2pm Sunday, come if you can, or you can click on the link below:

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



# Te Ara Tūhura Cluster KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL 2023



All schools will be performing:

- 5.00pm Welcome
- 5.15pm Te Rito Harakeke Marshland
- 5.30pm Mairehau Primary
- 5.45pm Pūtahi Belfast
- 6.00pm New Brighton Catholic
- 6.15pm Te Maire St Francis
- 6.30pm Rāwhiti
- 6.45pm Mairehau High School

- No parking onsite
- Kensington St & Nancy Ave both have entrances to the back field area

St Francis of  
Assisi School Field  
370 Innes Rd,  
St Albans, CHCH

Thursday  
30 November

Come for a night of celebration and share in the tamariki's hard work and passionate commitment to their schools' Kapa Haka group.

Bring your whānau, blanket, chairs, kai, etc.

Bring some pūtea (money) as some food trucks & sausage sizzle will be on site.

**Gumboot Friday**  
**Bake Sale**

**THANK YOU**

With your support we raised  
**\$888.80**

All proceeds raised will be donated to  
**GUMBOOT FRIDAY : I AM HOPE FOUNDATION**  
Striving to make kids' mental health a  
priority in Aotearoa

These funds will go directly towards funding free  
counselling sessions for young people in Aotearoa

<https://www.gumbootfriday.org.nz/2023>

Thanks to these amazing sponsors who donated for the recent quiz night!

Please support our **GENEROUS SPONSORS** who have supported the Year 8 Leavers Project Fundraiser Campaign. We are so grateful for their kindness!

**SWITCH**  
Carnaby Mall, New Brighton  
021 228 0000

**BATTLE AXE THROWING**  
305 Orbell Street, Lyttelton  
battleaxethrowing.nz

**FERRYMEAD Heritage Park**  
ferrymead.org.nz

**WINNIE BAGGIES**  
City Restaurant - winniebaggies.co.nz

**HUSKI**  
huski.co.nz

**BLACK CAT CRUISES**  
blackcat.co.nz

**nutrient rescue**  
nutrientrescue.co.nz

**New Brighton Club**  
newbrightonclub.co.nz

**WAIMAIRI BEACH GOLF CLUB**  
waimairibeachgolf.co.nz

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Fairfields Store

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bepunateimara.co.nz

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282 Herald Avenue, Burnside  
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