



Newsletter #5 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 11th April 2024

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

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, Term 1 ends tomorrow and, very sadly, we will be farewelling Marcella Wood who has been part of the part-time teaching team here at Rāwhiti since our very early days. Marcella has won a promotion to a full time position at Marshland School, leading Health and Physical Education across the school. We are both thrilled for her and very sad for ourselves. Matt Barnes will be joining the release team for the rest of the year. Prior to undertaking his teacher training Matt was a youth worker here at Rāwhiti, so is well known to our staff and students.

The Life Education lessons continue this week, and tamariki in Ata Hapara are working with the City Council 'Good To Go' team. It has certainly been a very active term for us all.

Next term our focus shifts to Science, particularly actions and reactions and we are looking forward to two exciting events - a visit from Nanogirl, and our whole school Science Fair.



There is a whole school assembly tomorrow morning at 9.15am - please join us if you have the time.

Hero Posts

Over the past few weeks teachers have been writing posts about this terms learning and publishing these to your Hero account. If you have the notifications turned on you will get an alert each time a new post is made. You can expect an update on your child's Literacy, and also a summary of your child's learning in Health and Physical Education, linked to our 2024 learning concept of Action.



APRIL

- 12th Tangaroa Sailing Lake Roa (Weather permitting)
- 12th Whole School Assembly, 9.15am
- 12th Last Day of Term 1
- 13-28 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- 29th First Day of Term 2

MAY

- 6-8 Y5/6 Camp, Living Springs
- 10th School Cross Country & Healthy Active Living Day
- 17th Pink Shirt Day
- 20th Board of Trustees, 6pm
- 24th Whole school assembly
- 28th Zones Cross Country
- 31st SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day**

JUNE

- 3rd SCHOOL CLOSED—King's Birthday**
- 7th Y4-8 Winter Sports Starts



From The Principal continued ...

If your child is in Years 4-8 they will also have written their own reflection on an aspect of their learning this term, linked to our learning concept.

If you have any questions about the Hero posts please check in with your child's teacher. If you don't have the Hero app downloaded to your phone and need help to get this set up, please touch base with Kim in the office.

Taking Action - Free School Lunches

It is not too late to take action if you would like to see the healthy school lunches programme continue. You can either sign the petition <https://www.labour.org.nz/petition-save-lunches-in-schools> or you can write to any cabinet minister or member of parliament. Writing to any MP, Minister or the Prime Minister is FREE (no stamps needed in New Zealand). You must include their full name and the address below:

Freepost Parliament
PO Box 18888
Wellington.

Dogs At School

We really value the benefits that interactions with animals can bring to our school community and therefore our school policy allows for dogs to be on site. Sadly, last week we had a nasty incident involving two dogs that caused distress to all those who witnessed it.

Visiting dogs must have no history of aggression towards people and must be fully trustworthy in a school environment. When bringing your pet into school you must follow these guidelines:

- Dogs must be on a leash held by an adult, and kept reasonably close to the adult.
- If the dog is considered by the council or any other authority to be a breed that needs muzzling, the dog must be muzzled on school property.
- Dogs are not allowed inside school buildings.
- Dog owners should help educate children about how best to approach their dog.
- Dogs are not allowed to drink from school water fountains.
- Owners must remove any mess left by their dog.



I hope you all enjoy the next two weeks of holidays. I will be spending time doing some serious training with our new puppy, Dolly. She has been spending a little bit of time at school these past few weeks but I can see that she needs some 'behaviour modification'.

Liz Weir
Principal

Success@Rawhiti

Congratulations to Fletcher and Mason for their awards at the end of cricket season.

Mason was awarded Bowler of the Year for his Year 4 team (playing up an age bracket!) and Fletcher was awarded Batter of the Year for his Year 6 team.



Also well done to one of our teacher aides, Marynita, who recently completed Level 1 & 2 of Te Wananga o Aotearoa's Te Ara Reo Maori programme.



Autumn Learning Journey—Year 4-8

Rāwhiti School is part of the Te Ara Tūhura cluster. In collaboration with students, the Leaders of Learning from each school have put together a range of activities for students to complete over the April holidays. The activities are based around Autumn, Anzac Day & special dates for April. You can find the activities on our [Autumn Learning Journey Site](#)

Te Ara Tūhura students who blog more than three times over the holidays will be eligible for a certificate.

ICAS & Kiwi Competitions

Entries for this year's Kiwi Competitions and ICAS examinations are open. These are optional academic examinations where students are asked to demonstrate a deeper and thorough level of learning and understanding. They are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. There is a cost per competition and full payment must be made before the test paper is ordered.

Kiwi Competitions will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. These are open to students in Years 5-8. Tests are for English, Maths and Science. These cost \$10 each and entries must be received by Thursday 16th May.

ICAS examinations are early in Term 3. These are open to students in Years 3-8. Tests are for English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technology. These cost \$15 each and entries close Friday 26th July. Previous test papers and online practice questions are available.

Further information will come home next term. Please get in touch with Helen, helen@rawhiti.school.nz if you have any questions.



Tuning in to Kids + Tuning Into Teens

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting – Term 2 2024 dates

A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 5-12 years
Tuning Into TEENS is an option for parents/caregivers of tamariki in school years 6-8 (10-13yrs)

TIK and TINT are evidence-based programmes designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- Awareness and regulation of their own and their children's emotions
- To use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve, and guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

Sessions include:

- Watching video material
- Group discussions and exercises
- Role plays
- Home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions
- Participants sharing their own experiences within the group

See below for courses running in Term 2 2024. It is free to attend, you must attend all 6 sessions. To sign up for a group please sign up at manaake.health.nz/tuning-in-to-kids or email the course facilitator. Please note: Tuning Into TEENS option is specifically tailored towards parents of children aged 10+

Start date	Day/Time	Location	Facilitator contact
Tues 14 th May TUNING INTO TEENS	Tuesdays 7-9pm	ONLINE	Becky Volsey beckyw@mmsi.org.nz
Wed 1 st May	Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:30am	Waipuna, St John of God 349 Woodham Road	Liz Riley liz.riley@sjog.org.nz
TBC	Tuesdays 7pm – 9pm	Rolleston Venue TBC	Daniela Jolly danielaj@psusi.org.nz
Wed 15 th May	Wednesdays 10am – 12pm	Youth Alive Trust – 61 Beresford St	Carol Daw carold@psusi.org.nz