



Newsletter #9 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 20th June 2024

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

## From The Deputy Principals - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki Tuarua

Kia ora koutou,

Winter is definitely here. Cold and wet days provide challenges for some children who really miss the chance to get outside and run around. Encourage your child to plan ahead for wet days so they have things in mind that they can do if they are not able to get outside at play times.

The last two weeks have seen a number of exciting things happening. Nanogirl visited last week and enthralled the children with all manner of science excitement through their Superhero Science show.



Things were set on fire, objects and children were hovering, glasses of water were spun using centrifugal force all while exploring the science behind super powers. It was great to see students being able to make connections with what they have

learnt in their classroom work to the concepts in the show. Thanks to the PTA who very kindly covered the cost of the Nanogirl visit.



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**Mark Your  
Calendar**

### JUNE

- 20th PTA Meeting, 6.30pm
- 24th BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 25th Dancing Like The Stars 2.45pm and 5.30pm
- 26th Canterbury Cross Country
- 27th Matariki Celebrations 2pm
- 28th NO SCHOOL—Matariki**

### JULY

- 1st Y7/8 Zones Basketball
- 2-3 Science Fair
- 4th Matariki Discos
- 5th Jumping June, 9.15am
- 5th Last Day of Term 2

### **6-21 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

- 22nd Term 3 Starts



***From The Deputy Principal's continued ...***

Sean O'Connor visited and ran workshops with Ata Hapara and our Year 4-8 studios. Sean uses whakatauki or Māori proverbs as the basis for his round singing tunes. Students enjoyed learning the whakatauki, and joining in by playing ukulele to accompany Sean. Thanks to Christchurch School of Music outreach programme who funded Sean's visit to Rāwhiti School. Several of our staff also attended a professional development workshop run by Sean on the weekend, so we may hear more whakatauki being sung and shared.

**William Pike Challenge**

A group of Year 7 and 8 students walked around Mt Somers as part of their William Pike challenge. The weather was cold but clear. The children all rose to the challenge of steep tracks, long days, heavy packs and swing bridges.





*From The Principal continued ...*



### Jumping June

Skipping ropes have arrived and students are making the most of these during class fitness times and at break times. Students can be signed up by a parent or guardian at [jumpingjune.co.nz](http://jumpingjune.co.nz). Already there is over \$10,000 raised by Rāwhiti School for the Heart Foundation, an incredible effort! Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship you can also join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend our Jumping June event on the morning of Friday 5th July from 9.15am



Coming up in the last two weeks of this term we have a Matariki celebration and Science Fair. Please join us on the afternoon of Thursday 27th June to celebrate Matariki, marking the start of the Māori New Year. Signified by the Matariki cluster of star reappearing in our night sky, this is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present and plan for the year ahead. There will be activities in each studio, with shared kai. **A reminder also that school will be closed Friday 28th June for the Matariki Public Holiday.**

Our first ever Science Fair will be a chance for all students and studios to celebrate all of the interesting Science concepts they have been exploring over the term as part of their learning about Actions and Reactions. The Hall will be open with displays, models, student projects, diagrams and more from 9:00am - 5:30pm on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July.

### Dancing Like the Stars

Again we have a dedicated group of Year 5 & 6 students who have been working with Kathy, Erica and dance instructor Lisa from Christchurch Circus Trust to choreograph and prepare their dance for the annual Dancing Like The Stars performance. This group have been practising twice a week and will share their final creative dance with the school on Tuesday 25th June at 2:45pm. If you are waiting to pick up your children at the end of the day, perhaps pop along to the hall so you can see their hard work in action. They are also holding a special performance for their parents/whānau later that day. Their performance on stage is being filmed and we hope to share that with you in a later newsletter.

**Ngā mihi nui,  
Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson**





### E Tū Whānau songwriting competition

A group of students from Tāwhirimātea have been working with Erica & Anne (our ukulele teacher) to complete their entry for the Rangatahi (18 years and under) category for the E Tū Whānau song writing competition. The criteria was to compose an original song inspired by the theme "My whānau my future" and then enter a video of their waiata being performed.

[Click on link to view their entry](#) on the [E Tū Whānau's website](#).

[CLICK HERE TO VOTE](#) for the People's Choice Award until Friday 21 June.

### School Accounts

These are visible on the Hero app and are emailed out on a regular basis. School pays for some activities and we are permitted to charge children for some activities. School pays for things like technology instruction for Year 7-8, camp activities, William Pike registration, a portion of the Friday sport fee.

Payment by caregivers is required for extra-curricular activities including school camp transport, accommodation and food, basketball, technology materials fee, Children's University, Dancing Like The Stars, E-Pro8, touch rugby, William Pike activities and ICAS exams/Kiwi competitions etc. We encourage families to set up a regular payment so that significant costs can be spread over time. If you would like to do this please contact Cheryl in the office. [Please could outstanding school account balances be cleared by the end of term.](#) If you need help accessing this information on the Hero app pop in to the office and ask.

### Success@Rāwhiti—Te Ahu o te Reo

Kei runga noa atu koutou! Congratulations to Amy, Kathy, Eugene (Level 1), Fi (Level 2) and Sharon T (Level 5) who have this week successfully graduated from their Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori courses. This has involved 3 hours of study each week and two wananga since the start of the year, showing the commitment that our staff have to improving their own levels of te reo Māori.

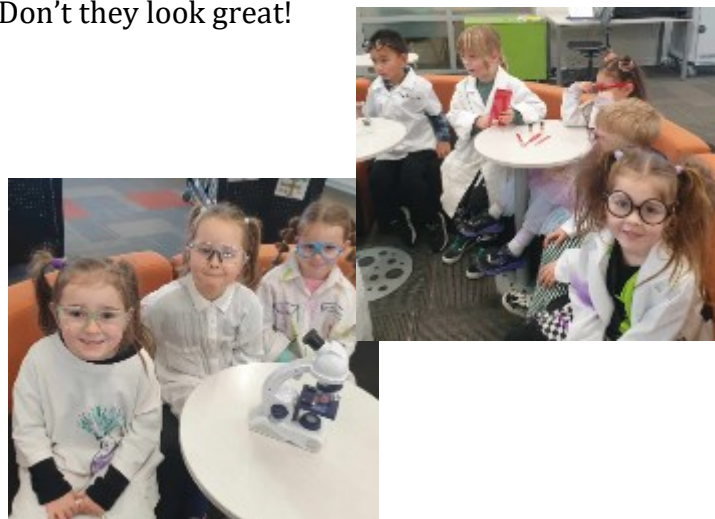


### Hero Posts

Over the term teachers have been writing posts about this term's 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 Mathematics, and also a summary of your child's learning in Science, linked to our 2024 learning concept of Action. 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.

### Dress Up As A Scientist Day

To celebrate the wonderful term of Action Through Science, Aotahi had a "Dress Up As A Scientist Day". Don't they look great!



## Uniform

*Kei te toro nga waewae o Hinetakurua ki te whenua.*

*The legs of the winter maiden Hinetakurua are stretching out across the land.*

Now it is getting colder please remember that our uniform is a purple polar fleece or black senior jacket (Y7&8). Students may wear a black or white thermal underneath their polo shirt if they need an additional layer. **Children will be asked to remove non-regulation sweatshirts or other non-uniform items.** We don't have a uniform jacket so children may wear whatever jacket they have to school and in the playground if they are cold. Our classrooms are warm so children will not need to wear their jackets inside.



## ICAS entry information and Form

Students in Year 3-8 have the opportunity to enter the following competitions run by the University of New South Wales. You can find more information at [icasassessments.com](https://www.icasassessments.com). All ICAS Assessments are completed as online tests, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. The ICAS Assessments series is designed to assess your students' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. The students will sit the online assessment here at school, in Weeks 3-6 of Term 3, 2024.

The school will subsidise the entry fees (Full cost = \$21.50 for each assessment) so that you will only need to pay \$15 towards each of the competitions. As this is an optional activity, the full payment is required before a test will be ordered for your child. **Entries must be received by Friday 26 July** either via this [google form](#) or the paper form handed out in studios.

## Tactix Visit

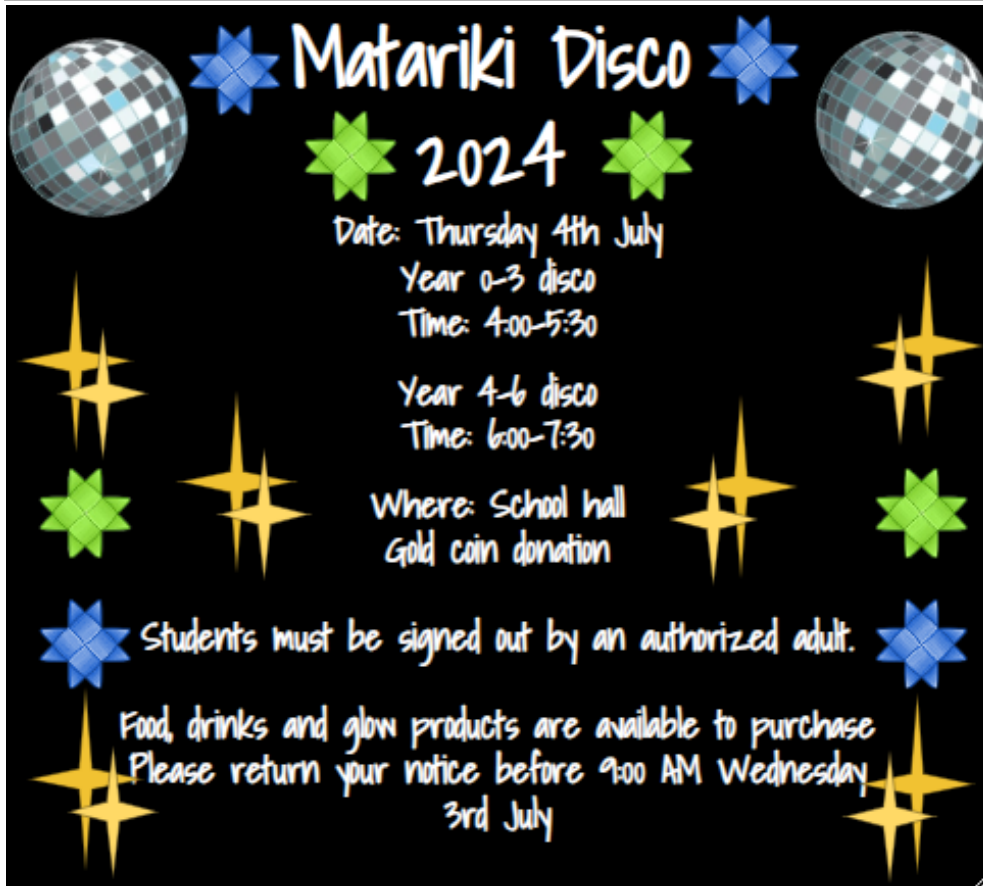
On Monday June 17th our Year 7 & 8 netball teams were privileged to have a visit from two Tactix players, Aliyah Ward and Kimihia Poi. Both players shared their netball journey and had the teams doing a couple of drills.

*"Mā mua ka kite a muri, Mā muri ki ora a mua"*

*"Those who lead give sight to those who follow, those who follow give life to these who lead"*







# Matariki Disco

## 2024

Date: Thursday 4th July  
 Year 0-3 disco  
 Time: 4:00-5:30  
 Year 4-6 disco  
 Time: 6:00-7:30  
 Where: School hall  
 Gold coin donation

Students must be signed out by an authorized adult.

Food, drinks and glow products are available to purchase  
 Please return your notice before 9:00 AM Wednesday  
 3rd July

## Future-proofing: What it takes to grow great adults

Come join Real Parents Director, Anna Mowat to talk what it takes to build a strong, connected relationship with your kids while identifying your key parenting style and whether this is supporting your kids best!

**ONLINE**  
 Thursday 4th of July  
 7 - 8.30pm

Bookings essential:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/future-proofing>



**real parents**

## ACES

For kids aged 7-11 years  
 6 week course  
 1hr session per week

ACES is a 6 week programme supporting children to share experiences and explore new ways to cope with the separation of their parents.

ACES uses a mixture of games, creative activities and focused discussions to help children understand their feelings and the different circumstances around the separation of their parents.

**The Programme:**  
 Session 1: Welcome to ACES  
 Session 2: Exploring emotions  
 Session 3: Introduction to separation  
 Session 4: Coping with changes  
 Session 5: Managing my worries  
 Session 6: A bright future



Enquire now to secure a spot for your child!

For more information or to enrol your child, contact Rowena:  
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