



Newsletter #13 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 29th August 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,

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou
Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing

Thank you to whānau who have returned our Community Consultation questionnaire, it has been interesting to read the varied ideas and feedback coming through. One of the emerging themes in the feedback so far is the desire for our students to be out in the wider community, and to have opportunities to be involved and try new things. This newsletter is full of such opportunities, showcasing some of the varied learning and activities that our students have been involved in over the last fortnight. A massive thanks to our staff team who organise these learning experiences for our students, often above and beyond their regular workload.

Our learning around the concept of Action is in full swing, with our junior students focused on people in our community that can help us, and how we can take action to stay safe. Last week to finish off their Firewise unit students were excited to get up and close with a firetruck and to hear all about the job from our local fire station officers.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

AUGUST

30 Community Consultation
Due Back

SEPTEMBER

4 Children's University
Campus Experience
6 Scholastic Book Club Closes
13 School Photos
16 BOT Meeting, 6pm
24-26 Koru Games
27 Last Day of Term

28 Sep—13 Oct HOLIDAYS

OCTOBER

14 First Day of Term 4
25 Y4-8 Athletics Day
28 SCHOOL CLOSED—Labour Day

NOVEMBER

4 Board of Trustees Meeting
5 Zones Athletics
14 SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day
15 SCHOOL CLOSED—Show Day



From The Deputy Principal's continued ...

This week they are working with Civil Defence learning about different types of natural disasters and what you should have packed and ready to go in an emergency bag if you need to leave in a hurry.

All studios have now started teaching the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, teaching students a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people, both online and face to face and how to recognise the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships. Our school Community Police Officer will support teachers to deliver the programme, and will lead 2-3 specific lessons with students starting next week.



Ngā mihi nui,
Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson

**QR code and link for Community Consultation**

Here is a [link](#) and a QR code which will take you to the online form.

All surveys completed by **Friday 30th August** will go in the draw for one of seven \$50 grocery vouchers.

**School Photos**

Photos are happening on **Friday 13th September**. If you would like a sibling photo, return the form your child brought home to the office please.

Planning for 2025

It may only be August but we are already planning for the 2025 school year. If you live in the Rāwhiti School zone and have a child who will be starting school in 2025 then now is the time to enrol. You will find all of the enrolment details on our website, or you can contact Kim in the school office for more information or for assistance with the enrolment process.

Got A Year 6 Child? - Please complete the survey

We would really appreciate if parents/caregivers of Year 6 students could please complete this very brief survey about your intentions for your Year 6 child in 2025. If you have already done this there is no need to complete it again. It helps us with our planning if we have some idea of the number of Year 7 students we can expect.

SPORTS NEWS

Y5-8 Winter sport has now wrapped up for the season, and we want to thank all of the parents and friends of the school who have coached, managed and supported teams throughout the season. Our Rāwhiti children love sport and heading down to the domain each Friday afternoon, and we can only field the number of teams that we do when we have willing helpers prepared to brave the elements for 10 weeks.

Coming up next Friday we have the “Have a go” day for our Year 4 students. They will head off to Rāwhiti Domain and get a taster of what Winter Sport could be like for them in 2025. In the last week of the term we have a number of students representing Rāwhiti at the Koru Games, a South Island Year 7 & 8 multi-day sports tournament hosted by Selwyn Sports Trust.

Winter Tournament

On Friday 16th August, Rāwhiti football, rugby and netball teams competed in the eastern zones Winter Tournament. Well done to our Year 7 & 8 rugby team who have progressed through to the Canterbury's next week.

Cricket festival

Last Wednesday, the children from Tāwhirimātea and Tane Mahuta took part in a cricket festival at Rāwhiti Domain. They played against New Brighton Catholic and South New Brighton. The children played 6 aside for four rounds. There were also some free-time activities such as the Dive inflatable, paddle tennis and giant frisbees. We had a beautiful day for it and it was lots of fun.



Thank You!

Thanks to North Beach Tennis Club for the donation of tennis balls. These will be shared into studio sports kits and into the PE teaching equipment.

Y4 Noho Marae

Each year our Year 4 students have an overnight experience with a Noho Marae. This year the Y4s from Tāwhirimātea, Tane Mahuta and Āta Hapara stayed at Rāpaki Marae. When they arrived they were formally welcomed in a ceremony called a pōwhiri. Matua Issac talked about the special artworks, carvings and tukutuku panels in the wharengū. He also told them about how to be respectful of marae tikanga, like not wearing shoes or taking food into the wharengū. They had a great time doing lots of activities such as walking to the beach, weaving, drawing the ancestors on the pou, making rākau and singing waiata.



Cantamath

Last week Eliza, Zita, Travis & Archie represented Rāwhiti at the 51st Cantamath competition, held at Wolfbrook Arena. The team did well placing in the top ten, scoring 70/100 points, while racing against the 82 other teams in the Year 7 event. We also had a number of students achieve Highly Commended for the quality of their work in the CantaMath projects section: Travis (poster), Vinny (poster) & Joel (game).



Y7/8 Ski Trip

Our Year 7 & 8 students had a day at Mt Hutt Ski Field earlier this week. While the weather looked less than appealing when they first arrived, it soon cleared up and students enjoyed a beautiful day on the mountain. After a lesson, students were able to spend the rest of the day practising and challenging themselves in the new environment. A number of our more experienced students were able to share their knowledge and skills with their peers.



Strum Strike Blow

On Thursday August 15th some of our experienced ukulele students joined with over 1200 other students from across the wider Canterbury area playing marimbas, ukuleles and recorders as part of the annual Strum Strike Blow performance. Ukulele lessons are provided free of charge to interested Y4-8 students as part of the Christchurch School of Music outreach programme, and we are grateful to Anne who tutors our students each Thursday.



Bandquest



This week our newly formed band “The Shooting Stars” performed at Bandquest. This was a great experience for them all being up on stage alongside other primary school bands in the James Hay Theatre with the full lights, sound, haze machine and back-stage pass experience. Maddie was awarded a vocalist award from the judges on the night. Thanks to their tutor Travis and Laura from Amplify School for organising the band to be a part of this event.

Children’s University Outreach Visit

Last week our Children’s University students were fortunate to have students from the University of Canterbury’s Earth and Environment Science faculty out to run a session. Our students used microscopes to observe and identify species of organisms that had been collected in leaf litter from Hagley Park and the West Coast.



Back-a-Book Challenge:

This year Rāwhiti School was selected to take up the challenge to be a champion for a book that had been shortlisted for this year's [New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults](#).

We were tasked with creating a short video trailer for the book [Dazzlehands](#).

This year the standard of entries was extremely high, which made choosing the winners and runners up very difficult. The winning videos were all highly creative and also filled the brief of creating a video trailer selling these books as 'must-reads'.

The three winning schools are:

- Bethlehem School (*The Dream Factory*)
- Birdwood School (*The Observologist*)
- St Therese School (*Hatch and Match*)

And the runners up are:

- Laingholm School (*DoubleDippers!*)
- Levin Intermediate (*Patu: The New Zealand Wars*)
- **Rāwhiti School (*Dazzlehands*)**

All videos will be shared on [NZCYA Book Awards Facebook page](#) shortly.

Congratulations to Caleb, Eliza, Malaya, Daisy-Jaye, Zita and Hugo from Tangaroa. They worked their arm muscles to bring the puppets alive. To view their trailer visit <https://bit.ly/RWSDazzlehands>



Thanks PTA for the Ocean Maps

A huge thank you for the PTA's generous purchase of four Ocean maps to be used with our Bee-Bots. Bee-bots are programmable floor robots that are well used in the Junior area at Rāwhiti School.

Junior students have been engaged as they work in groups to program their Bee-Bots, guiding them to treasure, removing rubbish from the moana, and steering clear of the X's. They have used coding cards to create their programs and has made the learning process both interactive and fun.



RAWHITI SCHOOL PTA
PROUDLY PRESENTS ...
FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER

Brighton Beach House BINGO NIGHT

1 person - 5 rounds of bingo for \$15
Group of 6 people - 5 rounds of bingo for \$80
extra bingo tickets available on the night

To book your seat now -
Email : PTA@rawhiti.school.nz

SATURDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 24
KITCHEN OPENS 5:00PM, 6:30PM START

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