



Newsletter #10 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 4th July 2024

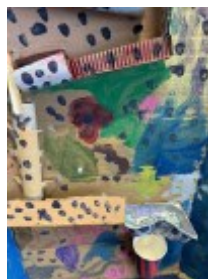
*E ara ake ana i te ūruhi*  
*Rising Above The Ordinary*

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



**Kia ora koutou,** We are half way through the year already, and what a busy term we have had. Today's newsletter is full of lots of events that have taken place over the last few weeks, and we still have our Matariki discos tonight and our Jumping June event to look forward to.

Tuesday and Wednesday saw the first Rāwhiti School Science Fair. This celebration of our science learning across the school focused on Actions and Reactions / Tauhohe matū, with displays of models, posters, experiments and activities.



Our Jumping June event is another example of our learning concept of Action and a great way for us to finish off the term. Students have been making use of the skipping ropes practising as part of their class programme and in their break times. We have raised an impressive \$13,500+ for the Heart Foundation. Tomorrow we will start our Jumping June event, at 9:15am with a short assembly in the Hall where we will hear from a Heart Foundation representative, then students will participate in a range of different skipping and jumping activities. Please join us. All activities are out the front of the school, on the courts and in front of studios.



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## Mark Your Calendar

### JULY

- 4th Matariki Discos:  
Y0-3 from 4pm—5.30pm  
Y4-6 from 6pm—7.30pm
- 5th Jumping June, 9.15am
- 5th Last Day of Term 2
- 6-21 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- 22nd Term 3 Starts
- 29th Parent Hui with Police re  
Keeping Ourselves Safe,  
2.30pm in Library (see p5)
- 30th New Entrant Cohort Parent  
Morning Tea, 9.15am
- 30, 31 Learning Conversations  
3.30pm—5.30pm

### AUGUST

- 1st Learning Conversations  
3.30pm—8.30pm
- 8th PTA Quiz Night
- 12th BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 15th Strum Strike Blow, 7pm
- 22-23 Y4 Noho Marae (TWM)
- 23rd Assembly, 9.15am
- 23rd Zones Winter Tournament
- 26-27 Y4 Noho Marae (TM/AH)
- 27th Tangaroa Ski Trip



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

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of students represent Rāwhiti at different events.

**Canterbury Cross Country results** - Wednesday 26th June saw 12 of our runners travelling to Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub to attend the Canterbury Cross Country. Well done Millicent, Koa, Vinnie, Nate, Liam, Stella, Jaelyn-Rae, Zita, Archie, Joel, Anika and Lachie. The weather leading up to the day had been very wet so the track was rather wet and muddy. We are super proud of each of them for giving it their all. Their shoes would have spent a few days drying out!



There were around 1400 children across all age groups who attended the event so for these children to make it there is an amazing achievement. Special mention needs to go to Archie who came in at 13th place in the Year 7 open category.

**EPro8 competitions**

Two Year 5-6 and two Year 7-8 teams competed in the South Island interschool EPro8 challenge competition at Kaiapoi North School. The teams had 2 ½ hours to complete the challenges - rollercoaster, washing machines, air-conditioning and scooters.



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*From The Deputy Principals continued ...***Zone Basketball competitions**

On Monday the Year 7/8 basketball teams competed in the zones competition at Cowles Stadium. A big thank you to our coaches Russel and Aaron, and congratulations to the Rangers team who have qualified for the Canterbury Tournament in August.

**Winter Sport rounds**

A huge thank you to all those parents who have supported us by coaching teams for winter sport on Friday afternoons. Your support means that every Year 5 - 8 child who wants to participate in winter sport is able to.

**Matariki afternoon** - It was wonderful to see so many whānau coming along to join in the activities and help us celebrate the marking of the Māori New Year. Each studio had shared kai and were involved in lots of creative activities including crafts, waiata, game and gardening acknowledging this important time of year.



Have a wonderful restful holiday and we look forward to an exciting Term 3.

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



## Aotahi Learning About Science



Check out what some studios and students from Rāwhiti School have been blogging about. Students in years 4 to 8 (studios: Tangaroa, Tāwhirimātea, Tāne Mahuta) and students from Year 3 to 8 (studio: Ata Hāpara) all have their own individual blogs.

## Hohonga Action

Ashleigh - [Paper Rocket Shooting](#)

Amelia L - [Slime Science](#)

Marshal - [My Science Fair Project](#)

Mayan - [3,2,1...LIFT Off!](#)

### HANGA/Create:

Geordie - [Monday Mashup-Pick-a-Path](#)

Tobias-John - [The Lost Matariki Star](#)

Jennifer - [Vision Board](#)

Mia P - [Action Silhouette](#)

Rangi - [My Animation Race](#)

Aotahi Studio Blog - [Popcorn, presented to you by Aotahi](#)

Rongo mā tāne Studio Blog - [Octopus Art by Shayla](#)

### TOHATOHA/Share:

Joel - [Science Fair](#)

Isla - [Poi and Rakau Action Station](#)

Maddie - [Science Fair-Forces Poster](#)

Mackenzie - [Rock candy](#)

Papatūānuku - [Marble Run Fun!](#)

Ata Hāpara Studio Blog - [He Waiata Whakatauki](#)

### AKO/Learn:

Stella - [Samoan Language Week](#)

Jed - [Science Fair \(Elephant Toothpaste\)](#)

Daisy-Jaye - [Lisa Blair](#)

Dee - [My Penguin report](#)

### Winter Learning Journey

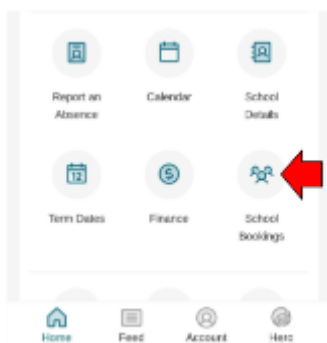
The Te Ara Tūhura Leaders of Learning, in collaboration with students, have put together a range of activities for students to complete over the (month) holidays. The activities are based around WINTER ❄️ 🌨️ ☁️. You can find the activities on the [Winter Learning Journey Site](#)

In order to continue to focus on our strategic goal of increasing literacy by harnessing the power of the blogs we encourage students with their own blogs to get involved these July school holidays. Students who blog more than three times over the holidays will be eligible for a certificate.

### Term 3 Learning Conversations

Bookings are now open for the Learning Conversations happening early in Term 3. We have taken on board feedback about the format we have been using and are pleased to advise that there will be some changes this year. During your 30-minute appointment, there will still be an opportunity for your child to share their learning and achievements with you, but there will also be a **15-minute slot for you and your child to meet individually with their literacy teacher**, who will also be able to give you an overview of all of their current achievements.

To book your individual 15 min learning conversation with the teacher, click on the School Booking icon on your Hero home page. The Hero app allows only one booking per child. However, if you require a second 15-minute learning conversation, please contact the studio teachers or office and they can book this for you.



### Staffing Update

Next term Whaea Koha will be away on a teacher study award completing a 10-week total immersion Māori course. We welcome Whaea Islay to Ata Hapara. Islay is an experienced teacher who has been relieving across our school this year.



### Car etiquette at the school gate

With the colder weather we have noticed an increase in parents ignoring basic road rules. These include things like parking on yellow lines, parking over driveways, parking on the bus stop, parking in the mobility spaces without a permit. We have also had it reported that some parents have been verbally abusing others. Please remember to speak kindly to others remembering that there are children watching and listening.

**Follow these tips to help create a safe environment around the school:**

1. **Plan your drop off and pick up times, perhaps park away from school and walk**
2. **Choose a safe parking area to drop off and pick up.**
3. **Look out for all parking restrictions near the school.**
4. **Be aware of other road users, such as buses, cyclists and pedestrians crossing the road.**
5. **Keep to the speed limits and slow down when approaching the pedestrian crossing.**

Thank you for your support

## Doc Edge Festival

Last week a group of Tangaroa students were invited to the world premiere of Ice Maiden, as part of the Doc Edge Film Festival. The film charts the astonishing journey of Australian adventurer Lisa Blair, as she attempts to be the first woman to sail solo, non-stop, and unassisted around Antarctica. Students were privileged to meet both Lisa and the director Nathaniel Jackson after viewing the film and be able to ask questions directly to them both about the documentary and how the film was made.



## 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.

## Keeping Ourselves Safe programme



Next term the whole school will be taking part in Keeping Ourselves Safe. This is a comprehensive child abuse prevention programme for schools. Its purpose is to teach students a range of safe practices that they can use when interacting with other people, both online and face to face, how to recognise the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and encourage students who have been or are being abused to seek help.

Our school Community Police Officer will support teachers to deliver the programme, and will lead 2-3 specific lessons with students during Weeks 7-9 of the term.

**If you are interested in hearing more about the programme from our School Community Police Officer, there is a parent hui on Monday 29th July at 2:30pm in the Library.** You can also find information on the [Police KOS website](#).





## Rāwhiti PTA Quiz—8th August

The Rāwhiti PTA is pleased to advise they are hosting a Quiz Night in August. This event will be held at Brighton Beach House.

To register your interest, please complete the 'Quiz Night Google Form' via this link <https://forms.gle/tDA9VXAVXe1x6Q88> or email [PTA@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:PTA@rawhiti.school.nz) for more information.

Seats / tables are limited so be sure to register quickly – you don't want to miss out. There will be great prizes to be won!

This quiz is compiled and delivered by the team from Brighton Beach House who will also be serving up delicious meals, drinks and a great atmosphere.

Added bonus to support our Year 8 Leavers – They are currently working hard to collect prizes for our raffle on that evening and all raffle proceeds will be donated to them to go towards their Year 8 Leavers apparel and formal.

Should you be involved in a business that could possibly offer up a prize they would be very grateful for your support – you could email us also about this at [PTA@rawhiti.school.nz](mailto:PTA@rawhiti.school.nz)



## KidsHealth

Te Whatu Ora are working hard to provide whanau with information to support them on when to take unwell tamariki to see a GP. Please see the link below which has good useful health information on what to do if your child is sick.

### Is My Child Sick? | KidsHealth NZ

## COMMUNITY dental service



### Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays:

Closed from: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Reopen: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Three of our community dental clinics will be open during the break:

Hillmorton (80-82 Sylvan Street)  
 Aranui (240 Breezes Road)  
 Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on 0800 846 983 and/or email: [comm dental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:comm dental@cdhb.health.nz) and one of our clinicians will contact you.

Bring money  
when dropping  
them off to buy  
food, drinks or  
glow sticks



# 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