



## Newsletter #4 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 27 March 2025

*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 sure how it has happened, but there are only 2 more weeks left in this first term! We will be holding our second whole school assembly next Friday morning (April 4th) because school will be closed on Friday April 11th for a Professional Development Day. Our teachers will be working with external facilitators unpacking the phases of the refreshed Maths curriculum. This term we have been getting our heads around the new Ministry approved Oxford Maths resources - you will probably start to hear your child talking about 'Oxford Maths'. The programme consists of texts books for each year level as well as an on-line learning platform - with lots of hands on equipment and real world tasks. It is not the only maths that children will be doing at school.

Last week our competitive swimmers represented the school at Zones and we now have 8 competitors off to the Canterbury Swimming Championships next week. Best of luck to Edie, Isabel, Kelsi, Daisy, Niko, Ben, Joel T and Evie.

Junior gymnastic lessons come to an end this week, and next week sees our Year 5 and 6 children head to Waipara for their school camp.



31Mar-2Apr Y5 Waipara Camp

### **APRIL 2025**

- 2-4 Y6 Waipara Camp
- 3 Canterbury Swimming Sports
- 4 Assembly, 9.15am
- 7 BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 10 Last Day For Students
- 11 SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day**

### **12-27 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

- 28 Term 2 Starts
- 29 Cohort #2 Parent Morning Tea

### **MAY**

- 9 School Cross Country
- 14 PTA Meeting, 7pm
- 19 BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 20 Zones Cross Country
- 23 Y5-8 Winter Sport Begins
- 26 New Entrant Cohort #2 Starts



***From The Principal continued ...***

Our swimming pool closes tomorrow for the season, the autumn temperatures have significantly decreased the numbers of children taking part in class swimming lessons. I know I say this every year, but how lucky are we to still have our own swimming pool? It certainly puts us in a minority of schools across the country. Our Establishment Board of Trustees had great foresight when they chose to spend money restoring rather than demolishing the pool, and this year's installation of the new filtration system secures the use of the pool for years to come.



Touch Rugby has wound up for the season so we say a huge thanks to all of you who have supported our teams this year and, of course, thank you to Courtney and Bex who do the organising at our end.

**Missing Scooters**

It is great to have so many tamariki skateboarding and scootering to school, and we know that they enjoy using their wheels at break times too. Unfortunately, we regularly have incidents where the wrong scooter is taken home, as many of them look exactly the same. It always helps if scooters are permanently named - and this is something that we can assist with at school by engraving your child's name onto their scooter. Please talk to Kim in the office if you would like to take up this offer. We do our best to keep scooters and skateboards safe, but these items come to school at the owner's risk - so if something is very precious, then it is best not to bring it to school. The racks we have installed all have the option for locking - so providing your child with a lock ensures that they are the only person who can access their wheels.

Tomorrow we say farewell to Racheal Cooper who is taking up a new teaching position at Shirley Intermediate School next week. Racheal started with us as a beginning teacher and it has been rewarding to watch her develop into the educator that she is today. Racheal will be remembered here for her work as a Manaiakalani Teacher On Air, her commitment to structured literacy learning, and her amazing work in developing our Kapa Haka group. Anna Bamford will be taking over in Ata Hapara for the rest of the year.

**Ngā mihi, Liz**

## Ray White New Brighton Duke Festival of Surfing

Here is Rāwhiti School mid lesson with cardboard Duke Man. Surf conditions took our "groms" over to Sumner! What an epic day for lessons in the water - we bet everyone was glad to escape the crazy heat!

Mahalo to @surfcoachnz for delivering awesome surf lessons for the groms!!



## Rāwhiti Book of Records—Fastest to lace a pair of shoes

Fastest time to lace a pair of shoes: You do it every morning before you go to school... but are you record-breakingly fast at it?!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Y1-3:

1st Isla PTN = 5.15 secs

2nd Avalon PTN 6.69 secs

3rd Iyla PTN 9.51 secs



Y4-6:

1st Millicent TM = 3.69 secs

Noah B TM 5.72 secs

Layla TM 6.09 secs

Y7-8:

1st Kylah TNG = 9.44 secs

## Rāwhiti Book of Records—Most poipatupatua in 30 seconds

CONGRATULATIONS!

Y1-3: Avalon M, 34

Y4-6: Izzy D, 38

Y7/8: Amrin, 49



## Library Books For Parents

The Board have approved funds to purchase a standalone shelving unit for the Parent/Teacher library. If parents want to take a book out, there is a slip of paper on top of the shelf to fill in and hand to the team at the office. The book will be issued to the eldest/only child's account for three weeks.





## What's Happening In Our Studios?

The year 8 girls in **Tangaroa** and **Ata Hāpara** have been doing a course in self defence with experienced tutor Lynda Maindonald this term. The course is designed to strengthen the students' ability to think quickly and confidently, speak strongly and use their physical skills when necessary. We are lucky enough to have it sponsored through Kia Haumarū. They have been learning to trust their instincts, to use their voice, body language, and a range of physical techniques to keep themselves safe. It has been great to watch the girls' confidence grow as they practice together.



## Rāwhiti Book of Records—Most circles with a hoop on one arm in 30 seconds

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Y 4-6:

1st—Ava (TWM) 104

2nd= Ailia (TWM) 102

2nd = Mahalia (TWM) 102

4th Tegan (TM) 99

Y7/8:

1st—Nikaire 134

2nd—Max M 120

3rd—Gracie 104

Teacher:

Matua Travis 31

