



Newsletter #14 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 22nd October 2025

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Strike Day Thursday October 23rd

Just to clarify the media messages. The strike is still on tomorrow (Thursday October 23rd). While there have been some messages about strike action being cancelled, just the protest action planned for Hagley Park. This has been called off because of the high wind warning and risk of injury. The strike day is still going ahead.

Thank you for your support during the staff strike day. We understand that this is disruptive for many of you who will have had to make alternative child care arrangements for your children. The challenges facing our education system are not insignificant and staff need the government to understand the difficulties we face trying to provide a quality education for all our children. We really appreciate the support shown and your understanding as we attempt to make our politicians understand the urgency of the needs.

Production

Wow! Production was amazing. It was so great to see the children performing on stage. All of the staff deserve a huge thanks for the extra effort they put in to helping the children create an amazing experience. Special thanks go to Fi and Talei for pulling it all together and creating such a fantastic Show!



**Mark Your
Calendar**

OCTOBER

23 NO SCHOOL - Strike Day
27 NO SCHOOL - Labour Day
28 Zone Athletics Y4-8

NOVEMBER

5 Christchurch Music Festival
14 NO SCHOOL- Canterbury Anniversary Day
18 Junior Athletics Day 1-3pm
26 Canterbury Athletics
26 PTA Meeting 7-8pm

DECEMBER

1 Board Meeting @ 6pm
1-5 Y8 Dunedin Camp
11 Y8 Formal
12 Rumbustification Day
15 Showcase Assembly @ 1:30pm
16 Leaver's Assembly 6-7:30pm
17 Last Day of Term
School finishes at 12pm



From The Principal continued ...



Senior Athletics Day

Athletics day. It was great to see so many children competing and having fun in a variety of traditional athletic activities. Congratulations to all who participated and to those who were successful at achieving a spot in the zone competition.

Gaga Pit

Gaga Pit. A huge thank you to the PTA who have built a gaga pit for our students to play gaga dodge ball. The kids are loving it.

Planning for 2026

It is nearly the time of year when we start working out classes for 2026. If you know now that your children will be leaving Rāwhiti at the end of this year please could you send an email to admin@rawhiti.school.nz with your child's name and, if you know it already, the name of the school they will be transferring to. Year 8 students do not need to do this, they are off to high school. Year 6 students we have already sent you a survey. If you have completed that you don't need to email.

As we work to place children in classes we understand that sometimes there are factors that we may not know about that we should take into consideration. If you have anything you would like us to know about your child that might influence which class we place them in please email the school admin@rawhiti.school.nz with the details.



New Entrants

If you have a preschool child turning five next year and you have not yet filled in an enrolment form we would love you to do that too. It helps us greatly with our planning. If you live in the Rāwhiti School zone and have a child who will be starting school in 2026 then now is the time to enrol. You will find all of the enrolment details on our website, or you can contact the school office for more information or for assistance with the enrolment process.

If you know that there are changes ahead for you in 2026 and that you will no longer be part of the Rāwhiti whanau, please inform the school office sooner, rather than later.

Missing Items

Scooters, shoes, hats, toys, sweatshirts, lunchboxes etc. We understand that it is frustrating when your child comes home without their possessions. We are not able to publish on Hero the requests we get for missing items. If we started doing this you would be swamped by missing item requests and would probably stop reading our messages. If your child is missing items we encourage you to help them retrace their steps and see if they can locate the items themselves. Also please remember that precious possessions should not be brought to school. We accept no responsibility for items like cellphones or toys that go missing. Scooters, skateboards and bikes should be locked to the appropriate stand. If your child has accidentally taken something home that isn't theirs, please encourage them to bring it back to school.

Upcoming Events

We post our notices about upcoming events on Hero and in our school newsletter. We also put events onto our school web calendar which you can view on the front page of our school website www.rawhiti.school.nz



PTA News

Welcome to the PTA corner, here we'll post any pānui (notices) and let you know how you can join, get in touch or help out.

Nau mai haere mai, welcome to any new members. Our **next PTA is hui Wednesday 26th November, 7pm** in the staff room, please come join us for some kai and kōrero, all welcome.

Riddle

What needs to be broken before you can use it...?

What a fantastic turnout for the delicious juicy sale at the end of last term! Even the warm weather turned up. A huge thanks to everyone who popped in and supported this event. The PTA banked \$570 from sales! The new Rāwhiti gazebo looked amazing so watch out for it at future Rāwhiti events.

The PTA are also thrilled announce the recent installation of the Gaga Pit, which we are sure everyone is just as thrilled to see. A massive thanks to Chris Carey-Smith for coordinating this and Roger Strahl for his support, along with Geoff Walker, Daryl and Kobe Hemingway and Lance Hammond for their help installing on the weekend and kicking things off with the inaugural Dad's game!

What is a Gaga Pit you ask? A Gaga Pit is an enclosed, often octagonal court where the game of gaga ball is played. It is a fast-paced game like dodgeball, played with a ball. Typically found in schools, camps & playgrounds. Players hit opponents with the ball below the knees to get them out, with the last person standing winning.

Thanks to everyone who has supported the PTA over the past few years, helping to make such amazing purchases like these possible.



It's almost that time of year again... the PTA are starting preparation for the great Rāwhiti Christmas raffle and are interested in hearing from anyone connected to a business who may be able to donate any food related products or vouchers for the hampers, or perhaps even sponsor the Christmas Ham. If so, please reach out to the PTA, contact details are below.

Any questions, suggestions or feedback for the PTA, we'd love to hear your whakaaro (thoughts)! So please email us at **pta@rawhiti.school.nz**. Our Executive Team members are Co-

Chairs Brooke Frew and Bonne Becconsall, Treasurer Geoff Walker and Secretary Jess Brown. A copy of the PTA constitution and previous meeting minutes can be found at <https://www.rawhiti.school.nz/pta>

(riddle answer – an egg)