

## PTA Meeting minutes

**Location:** Rāwhiti School    **Date:** Wednesday 29th April 2026    **Time:** 7pm - 8pm  
**Chaired by:** Brooke Frew, Co-Chair of the Rāwhiti PTA

**Present** Bonne Becconsall, Emma Burgess (AH Kaiako), Shelley Mitchell, Jody Hohaia-O'Sullivan (Principal), Jessica Brown, Lisa Kupenga, Millie Thompson, Brooke Frew, Lilly Moore, Kim Hammond, Laura Whittaker, Emma McDonald, Paul Schwalger, Amy Hurst (teacher), Vic Thomas, Tam Lindley, Geoff Walker

**Apologies:** Jess Riddell

**Previous Minutes:** (They can be found on the school website under PTA)

**Motion to accept previous minutes:** Brooke        **Status:** Passed

**Tumuaki/Principal - Jody**

- It's been a great start to the year, we are excited to be welcoming the two new deputy's to Rāwhiti, wonderful to have such a great team. Highlighted some of the ways in which parents and community are supporting the school

### Correspondence

#### Inward Correspondence:

- Clothes swap suggested by a parent.
- Follow up email from Shelly about the pool, enquiring what this is going to look like.
- More hair ties requested and ordered. Jess to contact Julie from Stich-o-mat to see if we can find a local supplier.
- Colour run - no updates, lots of emails advertising for this coming in. Planned for term 4 Celebration Day (Friday 11th of December pencilled in).
- Disco - help requested and Team Rāwhiti helped out with this.
- Calendar art - they have reached out to do this again, the process has been simplified. It is now all online. Staff tonight thought it was too late for this term. Jody to follow up with the CRT team to see if this might fit with their work.
- Emails received from TeTahi Youth, Wig Wednesday, Fluro Friday, PJ project, discussion had - wonderful causes but tricky to choose and they do not fit within the PTA constitution and purpose. Better suited to the student council, the committee is happy to support.

#### Outward Correspondence

#### Financial Report

Financial report:

Geoff: \$46,000 currently in bank.

\$640 came in from the uniform sale

## General Business

- PTA Meeting dates for year:

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
25th Feb Wed.	29th April Wed. 17th June Wed.	5th August Wed. 3rd Sept. Wed	21st Oct. Wed 25th Nov. We.

- School events dates pencilled in for 2026 are:
  - Wheels day - March 6th (instead of triathlon)
  - Cross County 12th May / 18th May
  - Rumbistafication (Celebration day) 11th December
- Junior cross-country (NE-Yr 3) Wednesday 20th May 1-3pm.
  - Sausage sizzlers - Jess Brown, Paul, Lily, Emma (may need to use the softball BBQ trailer? - talk to Emma A/H about this.)
  - Gazebo, bunting, and speaker are all good to go.
- Senior cross-country (Yr 4-8) 12th May (Brooke and Laura keen to help)
- Meat club - Verkerks (Jo is taking over admin. from Chris)
- Thank you to Chris - card and gift to give him. Kim has also written a thank you to go in the Team Rāwhiti newsletter corner.
- Kapa Haka Kakahu - Following on from previous discussions to support piupiu for kapahaka Millie Thompson has approached Whiritahi (Maori weavers artist collective) about this project. They are based at the Climate Campus and would work alongside Purapura Whetu trust to undertake this project for our school. The design and creation of these piupiu will align with the whakapapa (heritage) and ethos of our kura/school and enhance and uphold the mana/dignity of all students who have the opportunity to perform wearing them.
  - The cost for 15x kapa haka piupiu is quoted at \$14,000. This would be enough for tuakana (older students). If we wanted to get piupiu for the whole group it would be \$52,000 (40 piupiu).
  - It has been proposed that the PTA pays for the initial \$5000 deposit for 15 piupiu and would apply for grants/donations to cover the remaining \$9000. If for some reason (unlikely) that we could not obtain the \$9000 through grants then the PTA would cover the cost.
  - Motion made that the PTA approve the initial \$5000 by Brooke Frew. All voted in favour of this proposal.
- Sub-committee on pool project established: Brooke, Paul, Lily, Laura, Jess.B,

- Some teachers have been spending their own money on small/hidden purchases. Bonne was wondering if this is something that Team Rāwhiti could help with. Bonne to follow up with Jody.

### **Fundraising Events**

- Verkerks and Hair accessories ongoing. Potentially second hand uniform sale at a school event.

**Meeting closed: 8.17pm**

**Minutes prepared by:** Jessica Brown (Secretary)

**Minutes approved by:** [To be completed at next meeting]