



Newsletter #14 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 3 July 2020

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

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, It has been a very interesting term with Covid Alert Levels, getting everyone settled back at school, launching our new Hero reporting system, and international landscaping awards! I'd like to thank you all for your support this term and hoping we can have one that has some sense of normality in Term 3 !!

After reading an article in The Press last weekend, I am handing the editorial pen over to a group of our Year 7 and 8 students - **Clara, Jasmin, Caitlyn, Sophie, Abe, Jessica, Mak, Skye, Lily and Aliana** – who have responded beautifully to the derogatory comments written about the suburb of New Brighton. I will also be submitting this as a letter to the Editor of the Christchurch Press on their behalf. I think you will agree, they present a compelling and mature argument. Please read below:

We have read the article “Pathetic intervention can't save 'wreck' of a Christchurch suburb, expert says”, published on Stuff, on the 27th of June 2020 and we are outraged by the disrespect shown to our people and our suburb. Dr Greg Clydesdale referred to our community as a “wreck”, “disgusting” and called it “one of the worst places in Christchurch.” He has judged New Brighton by its cover without knowing what it's really like.

Our New Brighton is a loving, friendly, community. We are a diverse community. We are not a community of cookie cutter houses and people. We are passionate about our people, our uniqueness, our schools, our beach, our sports clubs, our community gardens, our wildlife, our Saturday markets, our street art, our community groups, Youth Alive, our pier, our library, our river, our history, and our future.

We are not a ‘wreck’, we are a community that keeps rising up, despite the challenges we have been through, like a phoenix rising from the ashes. Our suburb has a long, important history as a part of Christchurch. We may have wounds, but they will heal over time. They are another part of our story. Like the Japanese art of Kintsugi, where broken pottery is repaired with gold paint to tell and celebrate its story, our wounds are a part of our community, our people are our gold paint.



From The Principal continued ...

Name-calling hurts everyone. If you want to discuss the money that is being put into New Brighton, then focus on that. Take it up with the City Council. Don't use words to bully and shame a community publicly. Name-calling doesn't make you superior to us, it doesn't demonstrate your integrity or authority on the issue. It makes you a playground bully. No-one likes a bully.

*Look on the Brighton side of life! Come visit us, get to know us!
Kia Kaha New Brighton!*

**Teacher Only Days Terms 3 and 4**

As you will be aware, the Teacher Only Day that we had planned for May 29th was cancelled due to the Covid restrictions.

This has now been re-scheduled for Monday, September 7th.

There is no change to the Term 4 Teacher Only Day on Monday November 16th. School will be closed on both of these days.

2021 School Dates

For those who like to plan ahead, the dates for the 2021 school year are as follows:

Term 1: Feb 3rd – April 16th

Term 2: May 3rd – July 9th

Term 3: July 26th – Oct 1st

Term 4: Oct 18th – Dec 15th

The Teacher Only Day dates for 2021 are yet to be determined.

Linc Ed Hero is now Live

Our new student management system 'Hero' is now 'live' to parents. What that means is that you can now see information about your child's achievement in maths and posts made by the teachers about the first half of the school year. It is important that, if you have not already done so, you download the app and create an account. You can do this by following the link on the front page of our school web site.

Noho ora mai
Liz Weir
Principal



JULY
3rd Last Day of Term 2
20th First Day of Term 3
Mihi whakatau
21st Zones Cross Country





**Welcome To New Whanau—
Mihi Whakatau, 9.15am
Monday 20th July**

On the first day of next term we will do a mihi whakatau/welcome for any new whanau that started after our first day back in February. ***If all new whanau and their child/ren can meet at the staff carpark gate (not the roadside gate but by the courts/Maori metal waharoa) at 9am for a briefing on what will be happening.***

Pop Up Art

Next term a special visitor will be making its way to our school!

Pop Up Penguins is a Wild in Art event. In 2020, Christchurch will have a trail of individually decorated penguin sculptures, designed by artists and children, sponsored by businesses and organisations, located across the city. A group of senior students will be designing and painting our penguin ready to be exhibited later this year.



Says Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that supported mufti day last week. Two large boxes of food were donated to the SPCA along with a cheque for \$618.40.

What a great effort by everyone—thank you!



Principals Awards Ngā tāonga a te Tumuaki



Tangaroa

Isla H, Jessica H, Clara, Caitlyn, Skye

Kiwi Competitions (English/Maths/Science)

For those children that have already signed up and paid for the “Kiwi Competitions” subjects, these will be happening online at school from 22 July and can be completed during the first three weeks of term. Helen P will supervise the dates/times when each child will complete the test.



Student Owned Chromebooks

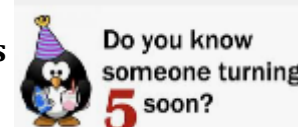


Manaiakalani and NLG have managed to secure approximately sixty devices for students throughout New Zealand.

If you are considering a Chromebook purchase for your son/daughter through Uru Mānuka Trust can you please let Elizabeth K know ASAP elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz

The new price is now \$520 and is the model they sold in 2019 - Acer C732 - a very good device and comes with all the same warranty and insurance.

New Enrolments For This Year?



A reminder if there are siblings out there that are turning 5 this year or next year, don't forget to get your enrolment forms in to the office so we can plan for their arrival.

Principal Award Poems

Here are examples of the wonderful poem writing by some of our senior students which earned them a Principal's Award this week.

She Stopped To Help, By Bluebell, Y8

*She looks down at the poor lad,
And does not feel a bit glad.*

*He looks awful sick and poor,
It rattles her down to the core.*

*Here, take this water and jacket,
He smiled wide and drank it.*

*His eyes betrayed his surprise
When she sat down with him, to wait for sunrise.*



Astrum, By Skye, Y7

*We are gone by dark
The night sky is blanketed in an array of dazzling flames
We long for the feeling of light on our skin
Though the earth has not finished its turn on the carousel of science.*

To Get In The Ocean, By Isla, Y7

To get in the ocean,
In a sticky wetsuit,
I put down my board
And push it over the waves.
My arms start to shake
From coldness all over.
The waves have been waiting for me...
To get in the ocean.



Puppy Street, By Caitlyn, Y8

A dull, boring, depressing street
I walk along that day.
Puppies run around the corner
Happily chasing me.

Happily chasing me
The puppies ask to play.
The boring street is turned around
To an exciting place.



Blogging in the Break...

The Great Rāwhiti Bake Off! *Te Whakataetae Tunu Kai Rāwhiti!* Dust off those baking tins and whip on those aprons.

Winter Learning Journey – pick from 20 activities you could blog about.

Check out this [slide deck](#) - Direct link <https://bit.ly/3ikHn7f>

**Rāwhiti Library Update:**

We've had our student library numbers updated. That means if your child wants to access the Web app they need to remove the first zero. For example, a library number of '0123456' is now '123456.'

You can access our library catalogue (Web APP) at: <http://library.rawhiti.school.nz>

By logging in your child/children can see what books they have on loan, search the library and reserve books...

If you have lost your login information email: library@rawhiti.school.nz

**Rāwhiti School's eBook Library (Wheelers ePlatform):**

Want to keep children reading over the holidays? Why not access our ePlatform!

Children can access 1 500 eBooks on our Wheelers ePlatform. These books will display when searching for books on the Web OPAC or you can go to the direct link: <https://rawhitischool.wheelers.co/>

eBooks can be issued for two weeks and there is a limit of two eBooks per user.

Students will need to use their library number and password to login to download eBooks. If you have a device you can download the Wheelers ePlatform app! Download ePlatform App - <https://goo.gl/SIC6ft>

Community Notices – Ngā pānui a te hapori

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Kidsfest

Needs ideas for the July school holidays? Check out the [KIDSFEST WEBSITE](http://www.kidsfest.co.nz) here or go to www.kidsfest.co.nz



Does your child love to sing?

At the Christchurch School of Music we have an all-comers Children's Choir for 8-12 year olds.

Saturday morning 9.00am-9.45am

**Linwood College
180 Avonside Drive**

**SING FOR JOY!
SING FOR WELL BEING!
SING TO LEARN!**

CHRISTCHURCH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Call us on 03-366-1711 or email office@csm.org.nz
Enrol at www.csm.org.nz/enrol



THE SKELLERUP WAY

C. A. R. E.

Challenge

Achieve

Responsibility

Empathy

Skellerup Royal Kilties
Under 12 Marching Team (7-12yrs)

Training: Queenspark School Hall
When: Every Wednesday
Time: 4.30—6.30pm

COME AND HAVE A GO. TOO FAR AWAY?? WE HAVE PEOPLE COMING FROM ALL OVER CHRISTCHURCH—CAR POOLING IS A GREAT OPTION. WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FRIEND.

Coaches:
Emma Penny 027 393 7739
Katelyn Newman 027 824 7074

We also have Introductory Grade (5-7yrs), Under 16's (12-16yrs) and Seniors. Please ask us about them and we will give you contact details.

EASTERN'S ACTIVE MORNING'S

Join us these July School Holidays for fun games, activities & sports!

10:00am - 11:30am
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
ALL AGES WELCOME
\$4 per session

**@ The Eastern Hub,
19 Rawhiti Avenue**

To register go to:
<http://www.easterncommunity.co.nz/programme/easterns-active-mornings/>

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CASPA
Creative Programmes
Papa Jacks

After School & Holidays Programmes

Our programmes are designed to be fun and educational. We help your child develop interests and skills in hobbies and activities such as:

Arts & Crafts	Music & Sports
Drama	Baking

Book online to secure your spot!

CASPA.ORG.NZ

For more info go to our website or email us at info@caspa.org.nz



SEE WHAT WE GET UP TO:

<p>To Infinity & Beyond</p> 	<p>Flips & Tumbles</p> 
<p>Being A Royal</p> 	<p>Scavenger Hunt</p> 

Want To Work On Election Day?

The Electoral Commission are hiring for the 2020 General Election, happening on 19 September, in your community. They need 25,000 people to help make it happen. Are you one of them?

Apply now at www.elections.nz/jobs



Play a key role in this year's General Election

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

Circus Workshop In The Holidays

ChCh Circus Trust would like to extend an offer to your families to enrol their children in our circus holiday workshop at a **discounted price**.

The Kidsfest site will give details and the link to DASH ticketing.

When they purchase tickets from DASH TICKETS put in **promo code: awesome**

This discount only applies to the Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July workshops.

<https://www.kidsfest.co.nz/event/awesome-circus-skills/>

<https://www.dashtickets.co.nz/search/?search=awesome+circus>



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PILATES
 Mat & Seated Classes
 Mondays 9:30 am Mat & 10:30 am Seated

The Christchurch School of Gymnastics
 38 Mark Treffers Drive QEII Park
 North New Brighton

Term 3 starts July 20th 2020

Contact Mary
 yourspacepilates@gmail.com
 022 0150743
 www.yourspacepilates.co.nz

Girls, discover your potential at Brownies.

Being a Brownie with Girl Guiding NZ is a very popular choice with girls aged 7 -9 and it's great to be able to offer the opportunity for more girls to join our Burwood Brownie Unit on Thursday evenings at

Guiding is about learning, developing self-confidence, making new friends and of course having lots of fun outside of school.

Our programs are provided in a fun, safe environment and Brownies get together each week with girls their own age to do lots of cool stuff including outdoor adventure, playing fun games and taking part in community action projects, all challenging the girls to achieve their own personal goals.

Rawhiti School Hall Thursday 6.15 – 7.30pm

If you have a daughter who likes to have fun then contact us on **0800 22 22 92** or by email to info@girlguidingnz.org.nz or visit girlguidingnz.org.nz/what-we-do/brownies for more information.

family fest

Proudly brought to you by Event Hire

Thursday 9 – Friday 10 July
 9am–1pm & 1.30pm–5.30pm

Let us help entertain your kids these coming school holidays!

There will be a range of fun activities set-up for the whole family including:

- Bouncy Castles for Adults & Children
- Inflatable Obstacle Courses
- The Titanic Slide
- Disco Tent
- Soft Archery
- Under 5s Area
- Candyfloss, Slushies, Popcorn & More!

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