

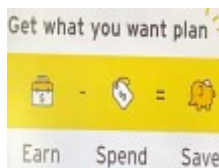


Newsletter #6 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 9th May 2024

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, I hope you managed to enjoy some of the stunning weather we had here in Canterbury over the holiday break. We are straight back into the action here at school. We are very lucky to have University of Canterbury sports coaching trainees working at school running lunch time games and tournaments across this term. Our Year 4-8 students have started their 'Get Wise' financial literacy lessons, sponsored by the ASB. They are learning how to take action and make a financial plan to get what you want - a real life skill.



I was able to take a few hours on Tuesday afternoon to visit our Year 5 & 6 classes who spent the first 3 days of this week on camp at Living Springs. It was an action packed afternoon over there, and the archery session had to be seen to be believed! Camps make for a huge additional workload for our teachers so I want to thank Urmi, Eugene, Fi, Kathy, Rachel,

Erica and Travis for all of their planning, organisation, and patience. Camps could not happen without the wonderful parent helpers who take time out from their busy schedules to provide round the clock support to our children, and their teachers. They also get to take part in all of the activities, and so I imagine they are also a little tired - and in some cases a little bruised - today. Thank you.



MAY

- 10th School Cross Country & Healthy Active Living Day
- 17th "Wear Pink" Non-Uniform Day
- 17th Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 20th Board of Trustees, 6pm
- 24th Whole school assembly
- 28th Zones Cross Country
- 31st SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day**

JUNE

- 3rd SCHOOL CLOSED—King's Birthday**
- 7th Y4-8 Winter Sports Starts
- 18th New Entrants Morning Tea
- 26th Canterbury Cross Country
- 28th SCHOOL CLOSED—Matariki**

JULY

- 2-3 Science Fair
- 5th Whole School Assembly
- 5th Last Day of Term 2
- 6-21 School Holidays**
- 22nd Term 3 Begins



From The Principal continued ...

Our school Cross Country will be run this Friday 10th May, followed by our Healthy Active Learning afternoon. Here is what you need to know.

- Year 4-8 races start at 11am and run through to 12pm.
- Year 0-3 races start at 1pm.
- There will be fun activities after the races have finished, from 1.30pm onwards.

You are welcome to come and watch your child race and then stick around to get involved in the Healthy Active Learning activities, which will include the highly anticipated annual Tug Of War event!

Teacher Only Day Friday May 31st

This year there are two MoE approved professional development days for teachers to work on the refreshed curriculum. The first of these is coming up at the end of May, and the second has been approved for Thursday, November 14th. School will be closed on both of these days.

Parking Politely

One of our very patient school neighbours has been in touch to say that most afternoons at pick-up time, Rāwhiti parents are parking over her driveway making it impossible for her to either enter or exit her property. Last week this caused her to miss an important appointment as the driver had left the car unattended and completely blocking her exit. She has supplied me with photos of different number plates which I am choosing not to publish at this stage.

One of our school values in Integrity - and our children will tell you that this means doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Please park with integrity at drop-off and pick-up times.

School Lunches

My thanks to all of you who took the time to make your thoughts on the Health School Lunches scheme known to those in positions of influence. Over 47,000 signed the petition to save free school lunches and thanks to that support the government has not made the cuts to the programme that they campaigned on.

It has been confirmed this week that there will be no changes to the provision of lunches for children in Year 1-6, through to the end of 2026. However, there will be significant changes to the way lunches are provided to students in Years 7 and above, which will see children in our school - and in some cases siblings within a family - being treated differently. Once we know more about exactly what this will look like I will share the details with you.

**Liz Weir
Principal**





“Wear Pink” Non-Uniform Day

Rāwhiti School is joining the movement on Pink Shirt Day (Friday 17 May 2024), and encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

To celebrate this important kaupapa we'll be having a non-uniform day, with a gold coin donation.

This term, we have a group of students from the University of Canterbury who are studying a Bachelor of Sport in our school. As part of their degree, they are required to go into schools and teach children skills through a variety of different activities over the course of 5 weeks. This course looks into the Play-Teach-Play Model which emphasises the idea of getting kids active through recreational activities by allowing them time to play without instruction, breaking down individual skills in a game and then playing once again.

One group will be coming into school on a Tuesday lunchtime to run mini-tournaments with senior students, and another group will be taking the junior students for some structured PE lessons.

Kiwi Competitions—closes 16th May

The University of Canterbury KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions are open to **Year 5-8 students** in English, Mathematics and Science. The supervised online tests will be administered under exam conditions in the **last 3 weeks of Term 2**.

Further information will come home next term. Please get in touch with Helen, helen@rawhiti.school.nz if you have any questions.

NOTE: Kiwi Competition's policy is not to release past test papers.

[Complete this form to enter the competitions.](#)



Good-To-Go Travel Survey

It is time for the annual Good-To-Go school travel survey! This survey will help the Council understand more about school travel patterns across Christchurch and any ways they can improve interactions with schools, to increase safety and active transport. The survey is open to all school communities to complete (students, parents/caregivers). Please complete the survey, it will only take a few minutes of your time.

As a thank you for participating, they have six \$50 supermarket vouchers to giveaway to parents, caregivers/whānau who complete the survey.

The Christchurch City Council annual School Travel Survey is now live! until 5pm 31 May 2024.

The survey can be found here.

Everyone Is Having So Much Fun With Science Here!



Tuning in to Kids + Tuning Into Teens

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting – Term 2 2024 dates

A six-session programme for parents/caregivers of children aged 5-12 years
Tuning Into TEENS is an option for parents/caregivers of tamariki in school years 6-8 (10-13yrs)

TIK and TINT are evidence-based programmes designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- Awareness and regulation of their own and their children's emotions
- To use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- Skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions
- Skills in assisting children to problem solve, and guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits

Sessions include:

- Watching video material
- Group discussions and exercises
- Role plays
- Home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions
- Participants sharing their own experiences within the group

See below for courses running in Term 2 2024. It is free to attend, you must attend all 6 sessions. To sign up for a group please sign up at manaake.health.nz/tuning-in-to-kids or email the course facilitator. Please note, Tuning Into TEENS option is specifically tailored towards parents of children aged 10+.

Tuning in to Kids	Youth Alive Trust, 61 Beresford Street	Wednesday 15th May
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