



Newsletter #11 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 1st August 2024

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Deputy Principals - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki Tuarua

Kia ora koutou, It has been a great start to the term, and already there is lots happening with lots more to come! This week has been Learning Conversations and it has been great to see families taking advantage of these to meet with teachers, building that partnership between home and school to get the best for your child's education.

This term there are a number of opportunities for you to provide feedback and share your thoughts:

- Over the next two weeks we have an evaluation team from Massey University onsite collecting feedback and data on the Healthy Active Learning, a joint government initiative between Sport NZ, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education. You can have your say by completing the [Whānau survey - Healthy Active Learning Evaluation](#).
- Each year Manaiakalani collects learner, teacher, leader and whānau voice about Reading. These questionnaires represent a reflection of the lived experiences in our schools, and enable us to triangulate the data, with our achievement data and classroom observations. [Whānau Questionnaire](#).



Mark Your Calendar

AUGUST

- 1 Learning Conversations
3.30pm—8.30pm
- 8 PTA Quiz Night
- 9 Scholastic Book Club Closes
- 12 BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 15 Strum Strike Blow, 7pm
- 16 Zones Winter Tournament
- 19 Y6 Parent Evening
- 22-23 Y4 Noho Marae (TWM)
- 23 Assembly, 9.15am
- 26-27 Y4 Noho Marae (TM/AH)
- 27 Y7/8 Ski Trip
- 28 Next Cohort New Entrant
Parent Morning Tea

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Children's University
Campus Experience
- 13 School Photos
- 16 BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 24-26 Koru Games
- 27 Assembly, 9.15am
Last Day of Term

28 Sep—13 Oct
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



From The Deputy Principal's continued ...

- We are once again surveying our school community (whānau, students and staff) to ask about the direction of learning that we (as a community) believe will best support the children at Rāwhiti School. This will inform ongoing strategic planning for the Board of Trustees as the school enters its second decade in 2025. The survey will be asking about our school vision of 'Rising Above the Ordinary' to find out what being more than ordinary means for you, about the skills, qualities and values that you think your child will need in order to thrive in their future. We are also keen to hear about your aspirations for Rāwhiti School. If you have more than one child at school, you will only need to complete the survey once. Look out for the survey link and more information in the next newsletter.

Our Learning around our concept of Action shifts this term to the Social Sciences curriculum. Our junior studios will be looking at who are the people in our community that help us and how we can take Action to help ourselves. The Y4-8 studios will be exploring how people have taken action, how people have stood up to injustice and how they can take action. The whole school will also be completing the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. There are also trips, sport activities and noho marae. You can check out the school calendar on your Hero app or website at any time, but keep an eye out for notices of upcoming events.

Welcome

Welcome to new families who have started at Rāwhiti this term. We also welcome Piper and Mckenzie, student teachers from the University of Canterbury who will be working in Tangaroa and Tāwhirimātea for the first half of this term.



New Lunch Provider

Students are really enjoying the lunches from our new provider University of Canterbury Student Association. Lunch on the first day of term was cooked on site with some of our senior students helping to pack and distribute the burgers. The weekly menu is sent out in each studio's weekly Hero pānui. This Friday there will be a **Golden Ticket inside a lunch**. This usually happens at the end of each term where the lucky student who finds the ticket can claim a prize, but we are fortunate to be having two tickets in each studio because we are a new school to their provider. As always any remaining lunches will be offered to students to take home, or taken to the gate at the end of the day for whānau to take. Thanks to the Hammond family who very kindly deliver any untaken lunches to the New Brighton Community Pantry so they can be given out to our wider community.



From The Deputy Principals continued ...**Year 7&8 Technology**

Each Thursday our Year 7 & 8 students head off to Te Aratai College for their Technology sessions. The specialist tech staff offer Food, Fabrics, Hard Materials, Makerspace, Robotics, Digital Technologies and Product Design. Students attend a 1.5 hour session each week, rotating through a different curriculum area each term. Year 6 parents and children can find out more about Technology and our senior school at our Year 6 information evening, coming up on Monday 19th August.

**Year 1-3 Cricket**

Last week our junior students took part in some 'have a go' sessions run by Canterbury Cricket.



**Ngā mihi nui,
Helen Parata & Paul Wilkinson**



Reminder: Please do not park in the North Beach Community Pre-school carpark at pickup time.

And don't wait on the Bus Stop outside Rāwhiti School—the after school pick-up mini-bus or vans need this space.

Sickness/Winter bugs



[Knowing if your child is well enough to go to school](#)

Reminder that if your child is going to be absent from school due to sickness, please phone the office, leave a message or use the 'Reporting an Absence' option on your Hero app.

Tāwhirimātea Art Gallery Trip

On Tuesday, Tāwhirimātea visited the Art Gallery and looked at the artworks. Our main focus was an exhibition about an artist called Marilyn Webb. She was an activist and used her artwork to send messages about the environment. This links in perfectly with our learning theme this year of Action. The children also created their own work which was based on the land, sea and sky.





Rāwhiti PTA Quiz—8th August

The Rāwhiti PTA is pleased to advise they are hosting a Quiz Night in August. This event will be held at Brighton Beach House.

To register your interest, please complete the 'Quiz Night Google Form' via this link <https://forms.gle/tDA9VXAVXe1x6Q88> or email PTA@rawhiti.school.nz for more information.

Seats / tables are limited so be sure to register quickly – you don't want to miss out. There will be great prizes to be won!

This quiz is compiled and delivered by the team from Brighton Beach House who will also be serving up delicious meals, drinks and a great atmosphere.

Added bonus to support our Year 8 Leavers – They are currently working hard to collect prizes for our raffle on that evening and all raffle proceeds will be donated to them to go towards their Year 8 Leavers apparel and formal.

Should you be involved in a business that could possibly offer up a prize they would be very grateful for your support – you could email us also about this at PTA@rawhiti.school.nz

Quiz Night
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Hosted by The Rawhiti PTA
at Brighton Beach House,
by Broadpark - Beach Road

Thursday 8th August
\$15 pp - Max. of 6 per team

Book your table now:
Email :
PTA@rawhiti.school.nz
Tickets are limited

Restaurant opens at 5:00pm
Seated by 6:30pm | Quiz starts at 6:45pm

GREAT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS