



Newsletter #12 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 15th 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,

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini kē
This success is not mine alone, it is the success of the collective

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.

Over recent years there have been significant changes to education and our Ministry of Education have introduced many initiatives that are future focused, further enhancing the curriculum and ensuring that our learners are best prepared for their future. We need to support our children to participate, create, design and thrive in education, so that they are equipped to do the same in a future focused world.

Our school vision is based on creating extraordinary futures for your children. **We are seeking feedback on our vision of 'Rising Above the Ordinary' to find out what being more than ordinary means for you.** We are asking all of our students to interview you (our whānau) about the skills, qualities and values that you think they will need in order to thrive in their future focused world. We are also keen to hear about your aspirations for Rāwhiti School.



Mark Your Calendar

AUGUST

- 15 Strum Strike Blow, 7pm
- 16 Zones Winter Tournament
- 19 Y6 Parent Evening
- 22-23 Y4 Noho Marae (TWM)
- 22 PTA Meeting, 6.30pm
- 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 Last Day of Term

28 Sep—13 Oct
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

OCTOBER

- 14 First Day of Term 4



From The Deputy Principal's continued ...

Today your child will bring home the survey. We hope this will start an exciting conversation about your child's future and we look forward to hearing what your whānau has to share. If you have more than one child at school, you will only need to complete the survey once.

If you are able, we would prefer you to complete this survey online, here is a [link](#) and a QR code which will take you to the online form. All surveys completed by Friday 30th August will go in the draw for one of seven \$50 grocery vouchers.



Looking forward to the annual Strum Strike Blow concert tonight at Wolfbrook Arena where our experienced ukulele groups will join over 1200 other students from across the wider Canterbury area playing marimbas, ukuleles and recorders. Thanks to Anne McMahon, from the Chch School of Music who works with our students every Thursday.

Tomorrow (Friday 16th August) our sports teams head off to the Eastern Zone Winter Tournament. We wish them well as they play for the opportunity to represent our zone at the wider Canterbury tournament.

Thanks!

A big thank you to the PTA who have purchased 4 Brainbox kits for the children in Tāwhirimātea. The kits have been used for Monday Mashup and the Year 4 children have enjoyed using them on Friday afternoons. In addition to helping with their understanding of circuits, they teach the children to look after the equipment and work collaboratively.



PTA Quiz Night

Thank you to all those parents and wider community members who came to support the PTA Quiz night. Our PTA group work really hard to make sure there are opportunities for FUN-raising as well as fund-raising. It was a great evening, and it is a highlight of the annual calendar for many. Well done to the Year 8 students who organised the raffles to support their fundraising efforts too.



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



Aotearoa School Library Week

We are so lucky to have an amazing library, one which is frequently visited by other schools and organisations to glean ideas from! Elizabeth does such a great job sourcing books, texts and materials, and curating displays to support learning across our school. We also have a great student 'Bookworm' team who help with book selections for purchasing and making signs. This year's theme is 'School Libraries build readers' and we know that having access to books, regular visits to the school library as part of the class programme and being able to take books home is an important part of children's reading success. Check out our library Web App where you can search for books, access e-books and audio-books in in our Whare Matauranga. library.rawhiti.school.nz. Remember there is a small parent section in the library which you can borrow from too!

Year 6 Parents Evening

We are very aware that this is the time of year parents of our Year 6 children make decisions about where to send their child for Year 7 and 8. We believe that being a Full Primary School (Year 0-8) makes Rāwhiti School the ideal option because we offer a complete package for children between preschool and high school.



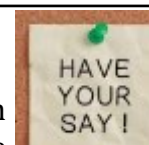
Being a Full Primary School means that we offer:

- A caring family environment that enhances personal development.
- Supportive staff who know your children well and care about their progress.
- Quality teaching and learning across the curriculum to prepare your children for the future.
- Leadership opportunities for all children, particularly Year 7 and 8.
- A Year 7 and 8 programme designed to meet the academic and social needs of the emerging adolescent.

However, don't take our word for it - come and meet with our Year 7 & 8 teaching team staff and students and hear them outline the options and programmes available at Rāwhiti School for Year 7 and 8 students. They will be hosting Year 7/8 Information Evening on **Monday 19th August, from 6pm.**

Manaiakalani Questionnaire

As part of our involvement in Manaiakalani, once a year we collect information through questionnaires from all stakeholders, students, staff, and whānau, about Learn Create Share and Reading. This information is then analysed by the Manaiakalani research team and reported back to school to inform our practice. We would appreciate your input on this [Whānau questionnaire](#)



“THANK YOU” from our PTA

The Rawhiti PTA and 2024 Year 8 students would like to thank all of the attendees at our Quiz Night last Thursday. It was another great event at the Brighton Beach House. So lovely to see our community coming together and enjoying the festivities.

We are pleased to advise the event collectively raised around \$2,300.

We absolutely **COULD NOT** achieve such results without the support of our generous sponsors. **Where possible please support those who support us !**

And the next PTA meeting will be held in our staffroom on Thursday 22nd August starting at 6.30pm.

