



Newsletter #14 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 12th September 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,

Kāhore taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitini.
We cannot succeed without the support of those around us.

We have begun analysing your responses to the Community Consultation questions. We value your thoughts and ideas, and it has been interesting to read your varied and personal responses. Your responses will inform ongoing strategic planning and help to set the direction of learning that we (as a community) believe will best support our Rāwhiti students.

Thank you to all the families who contributed their thoughts around the direction for Rāwhiti School's next ten years. Winners of the \$50 Pak'n'save voucher are:

- Cations whānau - RMT
- Scott whānau - RMT
- Timbrell whānau - PTN
- Alker whānau - HTT
- Payne whānau - TM
- Donaldson whānau - TWM
- Allan whānau - TNG



There is a lot of information to collate and make sense of, but some common themes and ideas have begun to emerge. The word cloud shows the responses to the first question 'What type of person do you want me to be in 10 years time?' The most recorded words were Kind (111), Happy (62), Confident (52) and Caring (37).



Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 13 School Photos
- 16 BOT Meeting, 6pm
- 24-26 Koru Games
- 27 Last Day of Term 3

28 Sep—13 Oct HOLIDAYS

OCTOBER

- 14 First Day of Term 4
- 21-25 Walk or Wheel To School
- 23 PTA AGM
- 25 Y4-8 Athletics Day
- 28 SCHOOL CLOSED—Labour Day**

NOVEMBER

- 4 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 5 Zones Athletics
- 14 SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day**
- 15 SCHOOL CLOSED—Show Day**
- 22 PTA Xmas Raffle Mufti
- 27 Children's University Graduation
- 28 Te Ara Tuhura Cultural



From The Deputy Principal's continued ...

Curriculum update

You may have seen media reports about the new Maths and English curricula that the government has recently consulted on. Rāwhiti School staff have been engaging with the information as it comes from the Ministry of Education. Some of our November 14th Teacher Only Day will be spent on professional development preparing our teachers for implementing the new curricula in 2025.

Hero Posts

Over the term teachers have been writing posts about this term's learning and publishing these to your Hero account. If you have the notifications turned on you will get an alert each time a new post is made. You can expect an update on your child's Literacy, and also a summary of your child's learning in Social Sciences, linked to our 2024 learning concept of Action. If your child is in Years 4-8 they will also have written their own reflection on an aspect of their learning this term, linked to our learning concept. If you have any questions about the Hero posts please check in with your child's teacher. If you don't have the Hero app downloaded to your phone and need help to get this set up, please touch base with Kim in the office.

Don't forget school photos are happening tomorrow (Friday 13th).

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



Better Start Literacy Approach Survey

As you may know, our school is involved in the Better Start Literacy Approach research project led by the University of Canterbury.

The University of Canterbury Research Team are asking whānau about their thoughts and opinions of the Better Start Literacy Approach using an online survey. The University of Canterbury research team do not have any of your contact details and will not know whether you have participated in the survey or not. It will take approximately 10 minutes of your time to complete this survey.

If you would like to take part in this survey, please click on this link to complete the survey:

https://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_51oJMKLXWQiafwq

You will also find the Information Sheet and Consent Form at this link. This survey is voluntary, which means it is your choice whether or not to participate. The survey is completely anonymous.

Every person who responds to the survey will go into a draw to receive one of three \$100 Pak'N Save vouchers. This research is funded by the Ministry of Education.

Please call Gail Gillon or Brigid McNeill on +64 3 369 3491 if there are any questions.

Year 4 Have a go Day

Last week our Year 4 students went to Rāwhiti Domain to have a taster of what Winter Sport could look like for them next year. Students had a go at Ki-o-rahi, netball, touch, football, Capture the Flag and the community gardens.



Icy Slicey Fundraiser

\$2 per icy slicey for the students to eat at school on Friday 20th September. Money raised is for the junior bread programme. Forms and money to the office by Wednesday 18th September.



Order your Icy Slicey

Icy Slicey Day: Friday 20 September
Order a YUMMY ice cream slice.

Get your money & order to the office by Wednesday 18th

Name: _____

Studio: _____

How many slices: _____ @ \$2 each

Children's University Campus Experience

Our Children's University students spent the day on campus last week experiencing life as a real university student! After starting the day in one of the main lecture theatres the students rotated around four different sessions: exploring patterns and Möbius strips in the Mathematics faculty, negotiating and trading fruit burst lollies at the School of Business, learning about volcanoes and different rocks in the geology department and trying some experiments in the chemistry laboratory.

