



Newsletter #15 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 26th 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,

And just like that we are at the end of another successful term! Our students have been involved in lots of learning and different opportunities around our concept of Action. Next term our focus stays with social science but also moves into the Arts, "Lights, Camera, Action" with studios working on film and movie making; leading up to our first whole-school film festival later this year.

Next term is shaping up to be another busy one. We are looking forward to warmer weather and longer days. Have a safe school holiday break.

### **Te Wiki o te reo Māori**

Te Reo Māori is an important part of who we are and what we do here at Rāwhiti. We understand the important role we play in helping to celebrate and revitalise the language, and are proud to hear te reo spoken and woven into all of our studio programmes, and to have Māori medium education at our kura.

Last week Ata Hapara students enjoyed a children's theatre show, Te Aka Tawhito, performed completely in te reo Māori, by Taki Rua Productions.



**Mark Your  
Calendar**

### **SEPTEMBER**

27 Last Day of Term 3

**28 Sep—13 Oct HOLIDAYS**

### **OCTOBER**

14 First Day of Term 4

15 New Entrant Cohort Parent Morning Tea, 9.15am

21-25 Walk or Wheel To School

22 Choir Music Festival, 7pm

23 PTA AGM, 6pm

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 Canterbury Athletics

27 Children's University Graduation

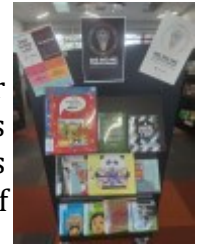
28 Te Ara Tuhura Cultural Night



*From The Deputy Principal's continued ...*

Across the week studios incorporated reo Māori activities into their programme, Minecraft groups designed waka hourua and library displays showcased the variety of reo Māori or bilingual pukapuka our students can borrow. Our students were also dancing back to class to the sounds of Poi E as our bell music! Ata Hapara students ended the school day on Friday with their own Hīkoi mō te reo Māori/march for Māori language.

*Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria  
My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul*

**Koru Games**

This week over half of our Year 7 & 8 students have represented Rāwhiti at the Koru Games, a multi-day, multi-sport tournament for Year 7 & 8 children from Selwyn, Canterbury and South Island kura.

We entered teams in Football, Dodgeball and Netball. All the teams played very, very well, and there were some great skills on display and lots of resilience showing through especially today, the last day of the tournament when there were some tired bodies out there. We might be a wee bit biased, but we think our children do themselves proud at events like this – not just on the field, but also in the way they conduct themselves when representing the school. A very big thank you to all the parents who have made themselves available to help with transport to/from Lincoln and Rolleston and to support with managing the teams.



Well done to our dodgeball team who **placed first**, winning the competition!



## *From The Deputy Principal's continued ...*



### **Bikes in Schools Hui**

On Friday 20th September we hosted the Christchurch City Council sponsored Bikes in Schools hui. This is an annual event for schools with bike tracks or schools looking to install tracks. Rāwhiti School was one of the earliest Christchurch schools to put in a bike track eight years ago.

We are so grateful to our Board for supporting the bikes in schools programme and their willingness to fund bikes so that any child who wishes to ride a

bike at school can. The tracks are in use almost every break time throughout the year.



Remember that your child is always welcome to bring their own bike to school to use at break times. We encourage children to bring a lock for bikes or scooters. We ask that when you are arriving in the morning or leaving in the afternoon that children and parents bike up the path on the western boundary rather than through the middle of the courts or up the main path.

### **Road Patrol**



We are so appreciative of our amazing road patrol team. They are there to help children cross safely at the designated road patrol crossing. You can help road safety by encouraging your children to cross at the correct crossing location, by parking in the correct place and by driving slowly in Leaver Tce and Grantley St.

We would really encourage you to consider parking a bit further away and walking to meet your child. Use the walk back to the car to reconnect and check in on the day.

Please be aware that the fine for parking in a disability park without a valid permit is going up to \$750.

### **Thanks**

Ngā mihi ki a Islay. Thank you to Whaea Islay who has stepped into Ata Hapara this term covering Whaea Koha.

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





### Icy Slicey Fundraiser

Thank you for your support with the Icy Slicey fundraiser. This fundraising supports our Wholemeal Bread snack in our junior studios. It is no easy task making over 650 Icy sliceys so we are grateful to the PTA and helpers who lent a hand to get them made and delivered to studios in record time.



### Spring Learning Journey

Our school cluster Te Ara Tūhura, in collaboration with students, have put together a range of activities for Year 4-8 students to complete over the October holidays. The activities are based around Spring, but also include some activities based on special days in the month of September & October including Talk Like a Pirate Day.

You can find the activities on our [Learning Journey Site](#). Te Ara Tūhura students who blog more than three times over the holidays will be eligible for a certificate.

### Sunhats - Term 4

Reminder that school sunhats must be worn in Term Four. These can be purchased from the school office for \$18.50. As per our Sun Protection policy we require students to wear hats that shade the face, neck, and ears whenever they are outdoors during school hours and/or activities, e.g. break times, P.E., sports days, outdoor EOTC trips, and other school activities. Students without a hat must remain in the allocated shaded area (under front covered area of building) during breaks.

### Uniform

With the warmer weather it is a good time to check that your child has PLAIN black shorts for the summer term (no logos or writing), and to check that jerseys/jackets which get removed during the day are named. We are also noticing a growing number of students with dangling earrings and jewellery. Students may wear taonga, watch and ear studs. A reminder also that shoulder length hair must be tied back and that makeup is not permitted.

### School Photos

Photolife are currently processing all the photos. At the start of next term they will send the drafts class photos for us to double check all the names are correct and once they are confirmed, you will receive an email directly from PhotoLife when the school photos are ready for purchasing.

