



Newsletter #15 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 24th October 2024

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kaea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, Welcome back to school and to the final term of the year. It is lovely to be back after a four month absence and I am really enjoying catching up with people and hearing all about what has been going on.

It was an absolute privilege to be able to step out of principalship for a short period of time and take on the role of researcher. I particularly enjoyed visiting other schools and hearing first hand what efforts they are making to ensure the ongoing development and practice of te reo me ngā tikanga Māori within their schools. Of course, having time away from school would not be possible if I did not have highly skilled and experienced Deputy Principal's able to step in, and I would like to thank Helen Parata and Paul Wilkinson for their leadership of the school over the past months.

There is never any easing in to a new term, we tend to hit the ground running and this term has been no exception. Our Year 8 girls are underway with their self defence lessons, Year 1-3 classes are having golf lessons and all of our Year 4-8 classes have been working on their track and field skills in preparation for Athletics Day on Friday.

On Tuesday our school choir performed in the Town Hall Musical Festival. This annual event has been run in Christchurch since 1939, with a couple of breaks due to World War 2, and Covid. It is always a splendid occasion, and exposes children to a wide variety of music genres and performance



OCTOBER

- 25 Y4-8 Athletics Day
- 28 **SCHOOL CLOSED—Labour Day**

NOVEMBER

- 4 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 5 Zones Athletics
- 8 Whole School Assembly
- 13 Sau Ia Festival, 6.15pm
- 14 **SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher Only Day**
- 15 **SCHOOL CLOSED—Show Day**
- 22 PTA Xmas Raffle Mufti
- 27 Children's University Grad
- 28 Te Ara Tuhura Cultural Fest

DECEMBER

- 2-4 Y8 Dunedin Trip
- 9 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 11 Lights Camera Action Learning Celebration, 2pm
- 11 Lights Camera Action Movie Night, 5.30pm—6.30pm
- 13 Rumbustification Day
- 16 Showcase Assembly, 1pm
- 16 Y8 Dinner, 6pm
- 17 Leavers Assembly, 6pm
- 18 School Ends, 12pm



From The Principal continued ...

The favourite, according to some of our singers, was the 1969 hit Carry That Weight, by Paul McCartney. As always, our choir conducted themselves with aplomb, and we thank Fi and Talei for their ongoing coaching of this group.

Term 4 is always a very busy term, even though we are conscious about loading too many activities and events. Please make sure you keep note of important dates coming up so that you don't miss out on anything that is scheduled to happen over the remaining 35.5 days of Term 4! Some of the 'big ticket' events to come are the inaugural Year 8 Dunedin trip, the annual Children's University Graduation, our Term 4 'Lights! Camera! Action!' learning celebration film event, the cluster Kapa Haka festival and, of course, our formal Leavers Assembly.

The final assembly this year will be on Tuesday 17th December at 6.00pm. This special assembly is a whole school event at which we recognise a range of achievements, celebrate our year, and farewell our Year 8 students. It's a chance for everyone at Rāwhiti School to acknowledge our senior students and wrap up the year in a collaborative way. **All children are expected to be part of this event** so the assembly is scheduled for the early evening to allow families to attend. The usual running time is 1 hour and 30 minutes.

A reminder that school is closed on Monday October 28th for Labour Day, Thursday November 14th for Teacher Only Day, and Friday November 15th for Canterbury Show Day. School will finish for the year at mid day on Wednesday, December 18th.

Learning Studio Placements for 2025

It may only be October, but planning for 2025 is well underway and we are now looking at the studio placements for next year. The link below is an opportunity for parents who wish to provide us with any information you think is relevant for us to consider as we make decisions about classes for 2025. This may be related to friendships or siblings. This is not about 'choosing a teacher', rather letting us know of any mitigating factors that may support your child in having a successful year.

Only fill out this form if you have important information that you wish us to take into consideration while making the class placement decision OR if you would like to notify us that your child will not be attending Rāwhiti School in 2025.

[CLICK HERE to complete the form.](#)

The deadline for registering your thoughts is **Friday, November 8th**. Any requests made after that date will not be considered.

2025 School Dates

The Board of Trustees has approved the following dates for the 2025 school year. The first day of school will be Thursday, January 30th and the last day for 2025 will be Wednesday, December 17th. Please note that school will be closed on Friday, February 7th.

From The Principal continued ...**Hats for Term 4**

Our Sun Smart policy requires all children to wear a Rāwhiti School sunhat in Terms 1 and 4. We have been giving children plenty of reminders these first two weeks, and any children not wearing Rāwhiti hats are required to sit under the covered area in front of the learning studios during break times. If you still need to buy a hat for your child they are \$18.50 and can be purchased from the school office. Please make sure your child's sunhat is named—our amazing office staff can help with this.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Liz Weir**

Te Awhi Rito, NZ Reading Ambassador

At the end of last term Rāwhiti School we was very lucky to get a visit from Alan Dingley. He gave an inspirational talk to our tamariki about reading for pleasure.



BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**RAWHITI
SCHOOL Y8
FUNDRAISER**

Saturday 26th October 24
at Bunnings Shirley
(on Marshlands Rd)

between 9am-4pm

Rawhiti School Y8 fundraiser
for camp + leavers apparel
some of the parents are
holding a sausage sizzle
fundraiser.

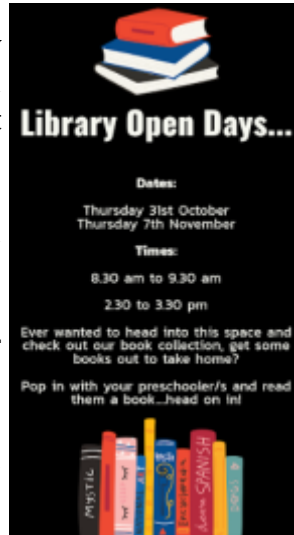
Come along to grab a Mad
Butcher Sausage, lashings of
tomato and mustard sauce
with onions & drinks all at a
good price

**SATURDAY
26TH
OCTOBER**



Library @ Rāwhiti School - Whare Matauranga

Our school library is an exciting and flexible space that caters to all kinds of learners! With a fantastic selection of books, including popular graphic novels, there's something for everyone. Our Take Motuhake Tamariki, Junior non fiction (Caterpillars) section, has recently been updated with new labels, making it even easier to explore. Plus, the library serves as a DigiTech hub, offering a dynamic environment for technology-driven learning and collaboration. Come by and see what's new!



Whare Matauranga - Rāwhiti Library

- **Wednesday 13th November** - Last day for students to issue books
- **Wednesday 27th November** - All student books to be returned
- **Wednesday 6th December** - All teacher books issued due back

Library closed Wednesday 5th December to Monday 9th December for stocktake. Library re opens for issuing Tuesday 17th December.



Chromebooks in 2025

The impending Year 4 students for 2025 will use Chromebooks (not iPads) to continue their digital learning journey. We have 1:1 Chromebooks for students at Rāwhiti School from Years 4-8. Students who don't have their own Chromebook can use a school-owned Chromebook. *Purchasing a Chromebook for your child is optional.*

Ura Mānuku has released its new Chromebook Purchase Bundle for 2024/2025. The bundle is \$520, including GST. If you want a Chromebook before December 2024, all orders need to be in on or before 20 November 2024. You can still order a Chromebook after this date, and it will arrive in Term 1, 2025.

Orders are made at <https://www.urumanuka.org.nz/buy-a-chromebook>

All devices are managed under our Google admin.

View the attached PDFs for further information or get a copy from the office:

*Uru Mānuku Chromebook Purchase 2024/2025

*Why Schools Manage Chromebooks or [click here](#).

If you have any questions, please email Elizabeth elizabeth@rawhiti.school.nz

2024/2025



Uru Manuka Education Trust
c/- 35 Amys Road
Hornby
Christchurch
8042

Purchase Bundle includes

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acer C734 Chromebook 2. 3 year manufacturer's warranty * 3. Bag - Targus Education Work-in Clamshell with 3 year manufacturer's warranty. 4. Your Chromebook comes with cover for the costs of up to 3 repairs and/or 1 replacement of device, accidentally lost and damaged - associated to an Acer Device Care Programme. This is not an insurance product, it is an incident repair service offered with Acer Chromebooks devices for the Manaiakalani Education Trust. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Amount</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">\$520.00 GST inc</p>
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Payment Required Before Order Processed

Please select payment type when ordering: full payment through internet banking or WINZ support.

Please complete the form and make a payment through internet banking
<https://www.urumanuka.org.nz/buy-a-chromebook>

For delivery this side of Christmas, orders must be placed and payment received by Wednesday 20th November. Any order after this date will be for delivery at the end of January 2025.

Payment details:

Uru Mānuka Education Trust: **ASB 12-3441-0091909-00**

Please include the following details with your payment

Particulars (Student First Name)

Reference (School Name)

Code (Student Surname)

If you have trouble, contact your school office who will help you through the process.

Schools whose learners can access this Bundle: Hornby Primary, Gilberthorpe, Hornby High School, Wigram, South Hornby, Yaldhurst, Mairehau High, New Brighton Catholic, Belfast, Rawhiti, Marshland, St Francis of Assisi, Linwood College.

Terms & Conditions: Offer is not available in store.

CALENDAR ART

first round of orders closes Mon 28th Oct

The PTA are providing two opportunities for you to order your Calendar Art.

This is to make sure those who would like to post their child's art as Christmas gifts will have time to do so.

Round 1: All orders to be in by **Monday October 28th**. We expect these to be delivered to the school mid-November.

Round 2: Once Round 1 orders are finalised, Round 2 will open. We will let you know when this happens. These items will be delivered before school finishes for the year.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1. Go to www.kidsartworks.com
2. Use the Entrance Code: KZ595
3. Enter your child's room & name when prompted

Payment is made over the website.

If you have any questions please contact rawhitipta@gmail.com



TAMATĀNE BOYS CLUB
Weekly club for boys run by a team of male leaders with a variety of wild and wacky activities, challenges, sports, games and trips out.
School Years 1-6
Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm
\$50 per term

KITCHEN KLUB
This club is all about food! It teaches the basics of cooking and baking, how to make a variety of sweet and savoury delights for your whānau!
School Years 5-9
Mondays 4:00pm - 5:30pm
\$80 per term - ingredients included

KŌTIROTIRO GIRLS CLUB
Weekly club especially for primary girls, run by a team of leaders with a variety of wild and wacky activities, challenges, sports, games and trips out.
School Years 1-6
Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm
\$50 per term

CRAFT CLUB
Let's get mixing, matching, experimenting and creating with all sorts of material! Guaranteed fun and laughs with creative leaders!
School Years 5-9
Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm
\$60 per term - materials included

ROCK SOLID
The biggest, craziest club for intermediates in the east! Creative challenges, games, team socials and trips out!
School Years 7-8
Fridays 4:00pm - 6:00pm
\$20 per term (plus outing costs)

OSCAR AFTER-SCHOOL CARE
OSCAR is about having fun, chilling with others your own age, while doing activities like cooking, sports and crafts. Van pick ups from all local schools.
School Years 4-9
Weekdays 3:00pm - 6:00pm
\$18 or \$12 per day (WINZ subsidies available)

SURGE
Monday night social for teens! Join us for some wild activities, trips out, team challenges and chilling with friends!
School Years 9-13
Mondays 6:30pm - 8:30pm
FREE (except outing costs)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Training, support and practical experience for volunteers working with young people on our programmes & events. Study & Internship opportunities. Also a Youth Leadership Team that shares a youth voice into YAT and local issues.
Ages 14+
Various Days & Times
volunteer@yat.org.nz

BASKETBALL CLUBS
Learn new skills, drills and tricks at our weekly coaching session for children. Suitable for beginners to intermediates.
Mondays 3:15pm - 4:05pm, School Years 1-3
Mondays 4:15pm - 5:05pm, School Years 3-6
Mondays 5:15pm - 6:05pm, School Years 6-9
\$50 per term

AMPLIFY SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Learn an instrument through a trained tutor. Current options: Guitar, Drums, Bass, Piano, Vocals and Rock Bands.
School Years 1-13
www.amplifyaymusicstaff.com
In-school and After school by arrangement

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES
April 15th - 19th 2024
July 8th - 12th 2024
Sept 20th - Oct 4th 2024
December 18th - 20th 2024
KEA - SCHOOL YEARS 1-3
PUKEKO - SCHOOL YEARS 4-6
PUNAKAWAKA - SCHOOL YEARS 7-9

CONTACT
ENROL IN CLUBS: <https://yatclubs.aimyplus.com>
QUERY ABOUT CLUBS: rego@yat.org.nz
ENQUIRE ABOUT AMPLIFY: amplify@yat.org.nz
BROCHURES & MORE INFO: www.yat.org.nz

Year 8 Fundraising Raffle Coming Soon

Our Year 8s will be putting together a raffle soon for fundraising and here is a wee snippet of some of the prizes that will be put in hampers.



School Photo Orders

Photolife have sent out emails with your keycode to access your child's school photos.

If you have not received this, please contact Kim in the office and she can let you know what it is.

If you order before Sunday 27th October delivery is free. Orders can be placed after this date but you might be charged a delivery fee.

For any queries, please contact Photolife by email: enquiries@photolife.co.nz