



Newsletter #17 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 21st November 2024

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, As we head into the last four weeks of the school year it is hard to tell if we are 'winding down' or 'winding up'! In this newsletter you will find the details for all of the usual end of year events and happenings, and also the approved term dates for 2025.

The Junior 'Run Jump Throw' event last Wednesday was a huge success. Thank you to all of the parents and supporters who came along to provide encouragement, and thanks also to the PTA for organising the coffee cart to be on-site for the afternoon.



On Wednesday next week 16 of our elite athletes in Years 5-8 are heading to the Canterbury Athletics Championships and our best wishes for a successful day goes with them.

It is a busy time of the year for our performance groups. Last Thursday I attended the annual Sau Ia Festival at the Town Hall to see our Pasifika group in action. Well done to Ryleigh and Kingston who both had solo parts and represented themselves and Rāwhiti so well.



This weekend it is the turn of the Kapa Haka group when they compete in the annual Tūhono Kapa Haka Competition. This group have been working hard for the last term and have put in an enormous amount of after school and weekend time to make sure their performance is up to the required standard for this prestigious competition. Huge thanks has to go to Travis and Racheal Cooper for all of the work they do to prepare this group.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

NOVEMBER

- 22 PTA Xmas Raffle Mufti Day
- 23 Amplify Music Concert 1&3pm
- 24 Tuhono Kapa Haka, 1pm
- 27 Canterbury Athletics
- 27 Children's University Graduation, 6pm start
- 28 Te Ara Tuhura Cultural Festival, 5pm

DECEMBER

- 2-6 Y8 Dunedin Trip
- 9 BOT Meeting, 5.30pm
- 11 Lights Camera Action Learning Celebration, 2pm
- 11 Lights Camera Action Movie Night, 5.30—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 ...

Then on Thursday of next week our whole Kapa Haka group will be performing at our Te Ara Tūhura cluster Kapa Haka Festival. This event was a huge success last year, with the Rāwhiti group being the stand-out performers of the evening. See the poster further on in this newsletter for the event details.

Please support the **PTA Non-Uniform Day this Friday** by sending along suitable hamper items for their annual Christmas raffle i.e. non-perishable food items, or a gold coin donation.

Staffing Changes

At the end of this year two of our foundation staff members will be making a change to their working hours. Kathy Lumley and Sharon Robertson will both be stepping out of their studio teaching roles and joining the part-time release team.

Kathy and Sharon both came to Rāwhiti from Central New Brighton School in 2015 when the three local schools merged. Both were long term staff members at CNB and I know there are more than a few Rāwhiti parents who have themselves been taught by Kathy and Sharon! Fortunately, we are not losing their significant teaching experience, or their wisdom.

Courtney Hodges is expecting her first baby at the end of December and will be taking maternity leave in 2025.

Helen Parata has won a Teach NZ Study Leave Scholarship and will be taking leave to complete her Masters Degree next year. Helen Hogarth will be taking up the role of Acting Deputy Principal for the year.

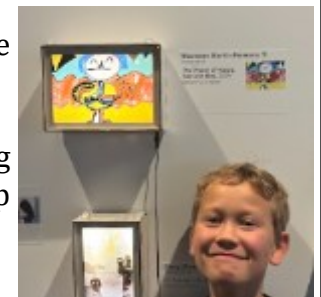
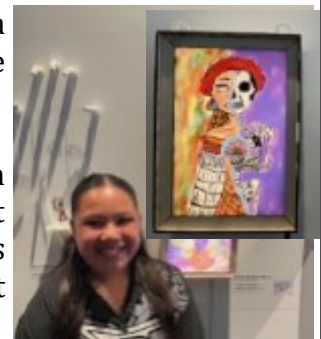
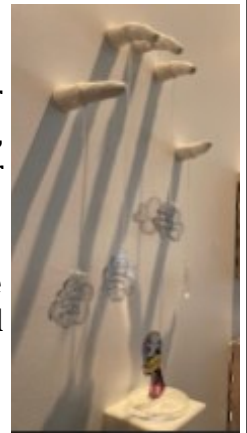
The board has completed the appointments for 2025. We are delighted that Amy Hurst has secured a permanent position with us, as has Lou Nu'uali'itia who joins us from West Spreydon School. Both Erica Viedma and Kate Powell will be starting their teaching careers with us in 2025, and Islay Harley will be returning for 2025 having spent Term 3 of this year teaching in Ata Hapara.

In the next newsletter we will share with you all the 2025 teaching teams and Learning Studio composition.

2025 Class Placements

As you can imagine, putting together classes is time consuming and complex. Thanks to those of you who provided information via the google form. We can not guarantee that we can cater for all of your requests. The children will be given an opportunity to say what friend they might like to be with, and teachers also provide a significant amount of information about achievement and combinations of students, which we also take into account.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Liz Weir**



Te Ara Tūhura

KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

28th November 2024

All schools will be performing:

5.00pm Welcome

5.15pm Te Rito Harakeke Marshland

5.30pm Pūtahi Belfast

5.45pm Mairehau Primary

6.00pm New Brighton Catholic

6.15pm Te Maire St Francis

6.30pm Rāwhiti

6.45pm Mairehau High School

7.00pm Te Ara Tūhura



St Francis of Assisi
School Field,
370 Innes Rd,
St Albans, Chch
Thursday 28th
November



Come for a night of
our cluster's Kapa
Haka celebration!
Bring your whānau,
blankets, chairs, kai etc.
Food trucks & sausage
sizzle will also be
available on site.

End of Year Events

Here are some key dates for you to note in your diary:

- Nov 22nd Non-Uniform Day for PTA Raffle Donations
- Nov 24th Tūhono Kapahaka Festival
- Nov 27th Children's University Graduation
- Nov 28th Kapa Haka Performance @ Te Ara Tūhura Cluster Kapa haka
- Dec 2 - 6 Year 8 Dunedin Trip
- Dec 9th Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
- Dec 11th Lights Camera Action Learning Celebration and movie night
- Dec 12th Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- Dec 13th Rāwhiti Rumbustification Day
- Dec 16th Showcase Assembly 1pm
- Dec 16th Year 8 Dinner
- Dec 17th Leavers Assembly 6pm
- Dec 18th Poroporoaki in each Studio 11am
- Dec 18th School Finishes for the Year 12pm

Term Dates for 2025

Term 1: Thursday 30 January - Friday 11th April

* ***Please note that school will be closed on Thursday February 6th and Friday February 7th.***

Term 2: Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June

Term 3: Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September

Term 4: Monday 6 October - Wed 17 December



School Accounts

With just three and a half weeks of school remaining there is still **\$15,000 of outstanding costs** on school accounts for things like sport, touch, camps and trips, uniforms and the take home component of technology.

This is a significant amount of money for the school to cover, and would mean that we will have to cut costs in other areas of school spending.

We appreciate your support in contributing towards your child's experiences at school. You can come into the office to pay by cash or eftpos or you can make online payments into the school account which is 12-3240-0211804-01—put your child's name as a reference.

If you want to view your account details, click on "Finance" in the Hero app. Please contact Cheryl in the office via email on exec@rawhiti.school.nz if you're not sure how to access your account information in Hero or if you would like to know if you owe anything.

Term 3 Technology Awards

Each term Te Aratai College award certificates for students who are placed first in their respective classes. The Term 3 certificates were handed out in last week's assembly.

YEAR 7

Foods - Daisy-Jaye

Robotics - Luca

Hard Materials - Ella

Fabric - Malaya

YEAR 8

Foods - Sophie

Digital Technology - Uanita

Fabrics - Alyssa-Rose

Product Design - Teri

Sau ia festival

A large group of Rāwhiti students joined with 14 other schools from across Christchurch for the annual Sau Ia festival celebrating all Pacific cultures. Our Pasifika group practice each week on a Thursday afternoon with Albany and Noah from Tagata Mai Saute Dance Academy. Our students looked fabulous and performed well in front of the large audience. Fa'amālō atu!



Hero Posts

Across this term your child will have a Mathematics post and a reflection on our learning concept of Action. Students in Years 4-8 will also make their own post about an aspect of their learning this term. PAT Mathematics (Y3-8) and Reading Comprehension (Y4-8) reports have also been shared.

You can find all the posts within the menu on the top left of your Hero app.



Teachers are currently updating goals and soon you will be able to see the current achievement level on their '2024 Report' page.



Mural update

The student focus group met again for their second workshop with Reuben and Sarah. Students are starting to think in simplified shapes and forms and layers! We love seeing all of our students ideas starting to come to life.



SCAPE Art Season

The Christchurch Summer SCAPE Art Season officially opens this weekend. The 20 finalists from the Christchurch schools competition got to celebrate early this week with the official opening of their exhibition at Tūranga on Wednesday night. Addison, Jessica, Mackson, Ryleigh and Thea were all finalists and their work is just amazing. Well done to all of you. A big thanks to Sarah and the SCAPE art team for making this opportunity for our tamariki to realise their creative talents.

Some of our students work is on page 2 of this newsletter, and here are some more examples:



Run, Jump, Throw Photos



Whānau Drop-in

Phillipstown Community Hub
Starting Friday 18 October
Advice on School Attendance Related Matters

Tupuranga Attendance Service will be offering drop-in sessions at the Phillipstown Community Hub through to December.

These 15 minute sessions will provide families with a dedicated space outside of school to discuss attendance-related concerns.

Sessions held at:
Phillipstown Community Hub
Room 4, 39 Nursery Rd, 8011

Drop In Dates: Friday at 1pm-2pm

- 18 October
- 1 November
- 15 November
- 29 November
- 13 December

SCAN TO BOOK IN



Our Co-leads



Makera Hansen-James



Adam Duchac



SHIRLEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

Hosting an International Student can be a great way to bring the world to your home and create connections with people around the world.

Would you like this opportunity?

There are overseas students joining our school throughout the year for both short and long term placements, and we would like them to live within a family home during their time in NZ.

Students from across the globe choose our School and this region as a place to stay, study, and experience NZ.

Host families will receive a weekly homestay payment of \$340 in 2025, as well as support from our International Department for the period you are hosting a student.

If you are interested to know more, please contact Claire Hollobon, International Administrator & Homestay Co-ordinator, by phoning 03 375 7057 Ext 549 or 027 777 2522 or by email to cah@shirley.school.nz or complete our application form by copying this link into your browser <https://rb.gy/a9l63m> or scan the QR code below.



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SHIRLEY BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
Ngā Tama o Ōruapaeroa

CARBOOT SALE

PTA Shirley Boys High School

Scan me to register

Saturday November 23rd
10am-1pm

SBHS 209 Travis Road, New Brighton

Make money for Christmas and clearout clutter!

Shirley Boys High School Uniform Sale - fundraising by SBHS PTA

SBHS PTA will be selling donated SBHS uniform on Saturday 14th December at 10am at SBHS. Entry via main school entrance. Anticipated to last approximately 30 mins -1 hour (till we sell out).

Thank you