



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 kāea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou, there has been so much going on this week that we have postponed our Whole School Assembly till **Monday 11 November at 9:15am**. Please join us after drop off, if you have the time.

Progress and Achievement Test (PAT) Results in Hero

From next week we'll be publishing the Term 4 PAT Maths (Years 3-8) and Reading Comprehension (Years 4-8) test results in your child's Hero profile. You may well have sat these tests yourself when you were at primary school.

A Progress and Achievement Test (PAT) is a standardised test that we use twice a year to measure student achievement. Each student receives a stanine grade. A stanine is a way to convert a score into a simpler code, using a scale of 1 to 9.

PATs are the way that the Ministry of Education intends to measure children's progress against the revised curriculum, and they will be compulsory in schools from 2026. However, as part of our involvement in the Manaiakalani Outreach Programme, we have always administered these tests on a twice yearly basis, and we analyse the data to look for both progress trends across the school and gaps in learning for individual students.

We know that receiving your child's test results can bring up a mix of emotions, from pride to concern, and it is important to keep a few things in mind:

- **One Piece of the Puzzle:** Test scores reflect just one part of your child's learning journey. They show performance on specific tasks at a specific time and don't capture everything



NOVEMBER

- 11 Whole School Assembly
- 13 Jnr Run Jump Throw 1pm
- 13 Sau Ia Festival, 6.15pm
- 14 SCHOOL CLOSED—
Teacher Only Day**
- 15 SCHOOL CLOSED—
Show Day**
- 22 PTA Xmas Raffle Mufti Day
- 24 Tūhono Kapahaka festival
- 27 Children's University Grad
- 28 Te Ara Tūhura 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, 5.30—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 ...

- **Room for Growth:** If scores are lower than expected, don't worry—this can highlight areas where your child may need additional support, and we're here to help! Learning is a process, and strengths can develop over time.
- **Varied Testing Conditions:** Factors like test day stress, sleep, and concentration can all affect results. A lower score doesn't necessarily mean a lack of understanding but may reflect the conditions on that day.
- **Focus on Progress, Not Just Scores:** Celebrate progress, not just final scores! Improvement over time shows that your child is learning and growing.

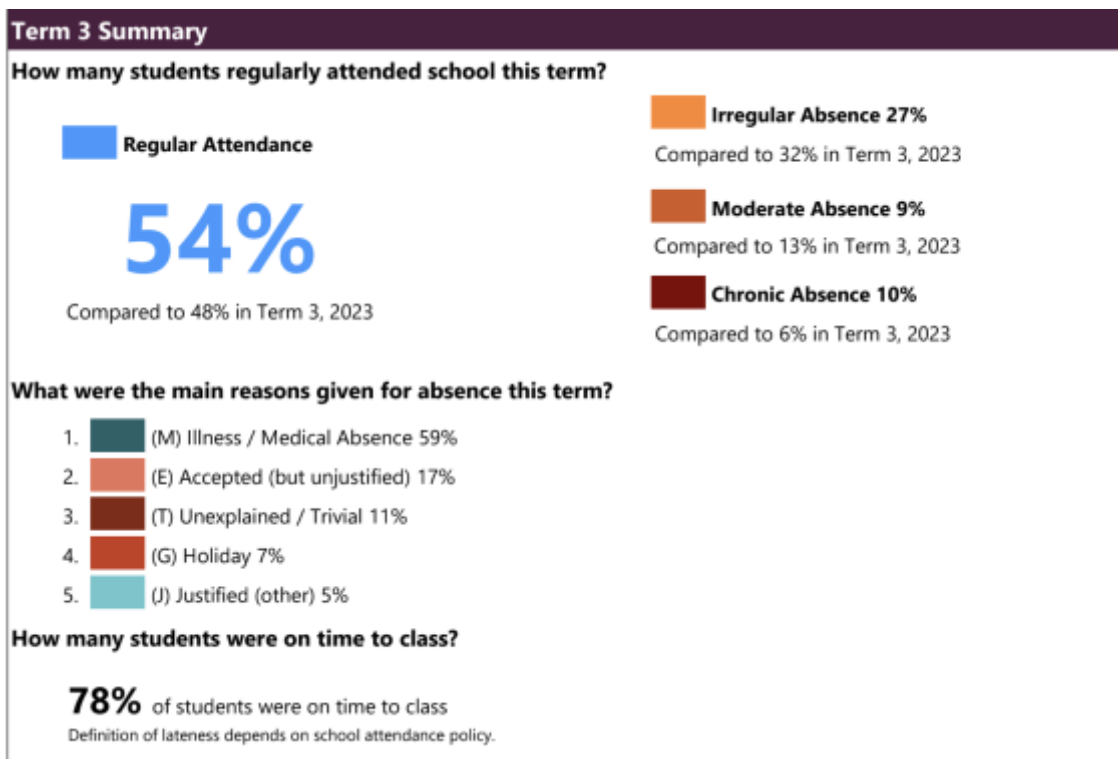
Feel free to reach out to your child's teachers if there is something about the test results that you would like clarified.

Attendance

Four Student Attendance Categories have been developed to help schools understand how frequently each student attends. These categories give us a way to monitor the progress we are making in supporting students to attend regularly.

Student Categories	Student with	Equivalent to
Regular attendance	over 90% attendance	missing fewer than 5 days across a term
Irregular absence	more than 80% and up to 90% attendance	absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term
Moderate absence	more than 70% and up to 80% attendance	absent for between 10 and 14.5 days across a term
Chronic absence	70% attendance or less	absent for 15 days or more across a school term

Here is the summary of attendance for Term 3 at Rāwhiti School



From The Principal continued ...

Learning Studio Placements for 2025

You have until tomorrow (Nov 8th) to provide us with any information that you think is relevant for us to consider as we make decisions about classes for 2025. Any requests made after that date will not be considered.

[Click here to complete the form.](#)

Asbestos Removal on Teacher Only Day - School Grounds Closed

Next Thursday, November 14th, is the second of our Ministry approved Teacher Only Day in preparation for the implementation of the revised Maths and English curriculum statements in 2025. The school will be closed for instruction all day. Please note that our school grounds will also be off-limits for the day as there will be contractors on-site removing asbestos from one of our school sheds. Our school gates will be locked for the day.

Enjoy the upcoming long weekend. All going to plan, our swimming pool will be operational from Monday, November 18th.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Liz Weir**

Monday Mash-Up

Every Monday in Tāwhirimātea, we start the week with Monday Mashup. Monday Mashup is when we run various activities, and every third week, the ākonga run their own activities for the studio. This week on offer, we had baked potatoes, baking brownies, painting, dragon puppets, Capture the Flag, and Bike Track. The ākonga have to plan and prepare their own lessons to teach other tamariki. It's a great way to start the week, and we all look forward to it.



Mural

Planning is underway for a large-scale mural to celebrate the 10th year of Rāwhiti School. Last term local artists and creatives Reuben Woods, Jenna Ingram and Sarah Ackerly, all parents of current students, ran a session with every studio collecting ideas and thoughts from all students.

This term we have a student focus group working with Jenna, Reuben and Sarah and all of the ideas collected from every student in the school to plan, develop and design the art installation, reflecting our school, community and turangawaewae.

We hope to share more updates throughout the term, with the final painting and reveal to take place in Term 1, 2025.



Sports Uniforms

There are a number of sports uniforms that are yet to be handed back in. Could you please check with your child if they have brought them back following the event/winter sport and if not can they please come in asap. We have a large number of tops outstanding. Thank you for your support in ensuring we have all of our sports uniforms returned.

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

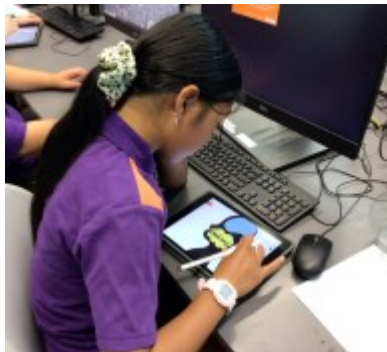
Library closed Wednesday 5th December to Monday 9th December for stocktake. Library re opens for issuing Tuesday 17th December.

Lights. Camera. Action!
 FILM & MOVIE LEARNING CELEBRATION
 WED 11 DECEMBER
 Two Sessions:
 2-3pm
 5:30-6:30pm
 COME ALONG AND VIEW SOME OF THE SHORT FILMS, DOCUMENTARIES AND MOVIES CREATED BY OUR STUDENTS SHOWCASING THEIR LEARNING.

2024 SCAPE Public Art Inside Out competition.

Congratulations to Addison, Jessica, Ryleigh, Thea and Mackson who have had their entries shortlisted in the top 20 for the Inside Out competition. This week they were invited to a CAD (computer aided design) workshop to turn their idea into reality using a variety of technologies such as design software, electronics, 3D printers, vacuum formers, laser cutters and vinyl printers.

Their models will be displayed at the annual SCAPE Public Art Inside Out exhibition at Tūranga library later this month.



School Photo Orders

The cut-off date for free delivery has now closed. Orders can still be placed but you will be charged a delivery fee.

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.

For any queries, please contact Photolife by email:

enquiries@photolife.co.nz

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, 17 December.

Please note that school will be closed on Friday, February 7th.



Eastern Zones Athletics

It was a fantastic effort from our team of 67 students who representing Rāwhiti at the Eastern Zone Athletics Day on Tuesday. It was great to see our students so positive, cheering and supporting each other, alongside the many parents and whānau who came down to NB Olympic on the day.

As well as all of the students giving it their very best, we had a number of students qualify to represent the Eastern Zone at the Canterbury's later this month.

Year 5

- Noah B—long jump
- Millicent—800m
- Nate F—80m & 800m
- Jesse—60m
- Ailia R—high jump

Year 6

- Chelsea—shotput
- James D—long jump & 60m
- Georgia—80m

Year 7

- Daisy-Jaye—long jump
- Vinny—high jump, 60m & Y7 relay
- Archie—1500m, long jump, 60m & Y7 relay
- Max W—Y7 relay
- Joel—Y7 relay

Year 8

- Jessica—high jump
- Noah B—shotput & discus



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.

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

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

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Purchase Bundle includes

	Amount
1. Acer C734 Chromebook	\$520.00 GST inc
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.	

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 Mānuku 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 - second round of orders are now open

All orders to be in by Thursday 21st November. These items will be delivered before school finishes for the year.

If you would like to place an order using a different picture or photo, there is an option on the order page to do so. Follow the instructions below. Above your child's artwork you will see a blue button "Upload Photo", follow the prompts to change the image.

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

Payment can be made over the website. If you have any questions please contact rawhitipta@gmail.com

First round orders will be coming home with your child this week.