



Newsletter #19 - Te Pānui o te kura o Rāwhiti: 16 December 2024

E ara ake ana i te ūruhi
Rising Above The Ordinary

From The Principal - Te Pū kaea a te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou,

This Wednesday brings to a close our 10th year as a school! Where has that time gone? Rāwhiti School officially came into existence on January 27th, 2015, and our first day with students on site was February 3rd, 2015. We think it is definitely worth celebrating all that has been achieved in the last 10 years and so we will be having a 10th birthday party event here at school on Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, from 5.00pm to 7.30pm. Further on in this newsletter you can see everything that will be happening on the night. Please bring along a picnic tea and join us in celebrating this special milestone.

There is still plenty happening here at school before we finish up at lunchtime on Wednesday - so here is a final rundown of the week for you.

Monday Dec 16th:

- Showcase Assembly 1.00pm
- 2025 Information envelopes coming home including studio placements, stationery lists etc
- Year 8 Dinner



Tuesday Dec 17th:

- Leavers' Assembly 6pm - all children expected to attend

Wednesday Dec 18th:

- Poroporoaki in each Learning Studio, 11am
- School finishes at 12.00pm



DECEMBER 2024

- 16 Showcase Assembly, 1pm
- 16 Y8 Dinner, 6pm
- 17 Leavers Assembly, 6pm
- 18 School Ends, 12pm

JANUARY 2025

30&31 Goal Setting Meetings

FEBRUARY 2025

- 3rd First day of instruction and Mihi Whakatau
- 6th SCHOOL CLOSED—Waitangi Day
- 7th SCHOOL CLOSED



From The Principal continued ...

Please bring your children to the Leavers Assembly tomorrow night at 6pm. 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. Having seen many of these students start school as new entrants here at Rāwhiti, it's very satisfying to see how all of them have developed into fine young people, matured and prepared themselves for their step into secondary education. The usual running time is 1 hour.



All of our staffing arrangements for 2025 have already been announced in a previous newsletter. I would like to acknowledge some of the amazing people who stepped into roles in our release team this year - Kimberley Savage, Kim Lister, Laura Gasson, Willie Mous and Belinda Thomas. We are so fortunate to have such reliable relievers who know our children very well. Isaac Murray - McGregor is also finishing up in his TA role.

**And Finally.....**

I want to take the opportunity to thank all those who have supported our school throughout this year. In particular our Board of Trustees whose work is often unnoticed but nevertheless is extremely important, especially dealing with all of the legislation and regulations that schools must comply with.

Thank you also to our energetic and very caring PTA. Their enthusiasm knows no bounds and the work they do not only raises money for the extras for our tamariki, but they also have a focus on fun and community.

Thank you to all our volunteers. Schools are always reliant on partnerships with whānau to make them work. We'd like to thank all those parent volunteers who have supported the school throughout the year. This is a large group which includes sports coaches, team managers, those who have helped with camps and class trips, experts who help with units of work and class activities, and those who have supported the school financially - to name a few of the roles we rely on whānau to help with. Your help does not go unnoticed, so thank you from the whole team here at Rāwhiti.

And, a huge thank you to all of our Rāwhiti staff for their professionalism, for caring about ākongā and their families and whānau, and for their seemingly unlimited energy. What a team!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Meri Kirihimete, kia haumarū te noho, e hoa mā

Liz Weir, Principal



Butterfly Books

Butterfly Books is a non-profit organisation that generously donates pre-loved books to communities just like us! Last week, every tamariki in our kura was able to choose a book to take home for the holidays. Ngā mihi nui, Butterfly Books - Thank you so much for our new books!



NAU MAI TAUTI MAI
PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Rāwhiti School's 10th birthday

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY
5PM - 7:30PM

Bring your own picnic tea
and join us to celebrate
this special milestone.

RELAYS

PASS THE PARCEL

MUSICAL CHAIRS

KARAOKE

TREASURE HUNT

OUTDOOR GAMES

CAKE

FACE PAINTING

PHOTO BOOTH

SACK RACES

MURAL UNVEILING

AND MORE ...

Year 8 Dunedin Camp





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Rumbustification Photo Booth 2024

