



# Raumati Beach School

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## NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back! A special welcome to our new families who have started here at Raumati Beach School. We look forward to welcoming you all at our Powhiri which will be held later in the term. The break has been a busy time for the school with a number of projects nearing completion and some progress with others. The new disabled access spaces in the junior area are almost complete. During the holiday break we were able to remove the corridor hoardings, which mean that you now have access down the junior corridor. The toilet

refurbishment in this area is also mostly complete. The builders still need to construct a roof over the entrance to the toilets which will allow students to access these without getting wet.

We are progressively retrofitting the other toilets with hot water and the first stage of this project should also be completed shortly. The water temperature is set at a level where there is no risk to students.

We have received our final drainage plan. This solution will hopefully alleviate the massive problems we have with storm water around the school. The plan will be implemented in two stages and unfortunately there will be some disruption once the actual project begins. Stage one will concentrate on the area by the front door to the office, the carpark and hall. The plan involves the excavation of old sumps and laying of new drains, a pumping system and development of water storage which could also be used in an emergency. Stage two will see the installation of a large storm water main under the back field. This will draw water away from any back field development as well as run off from Kapiti College.

The project documentation is being prepared and will be sent to the MOE for approval. It is likely given the requirement for a three-month tender process that we are looking at late August for a start. The two stages will run back to back and hopefully will be all completed by September.

The Back Field project, requests for information period has now closed. James Woodward will be pulling these together and

contacting a number of parents who have expressed an interest in assisting. Once these RFI's have been reviewed we will let you know what the next step in the process will be.

### **New Messaging System**

We have 66 families who have taken the opportunity to sign up for this. There is no cost to you and it takes approximately two minutes to sign up. The alerts you receive are broken up into categories which you can opt in to. This is another way we can get information out to you quickly in the event of an emergency or cancellation of an event etc.

If you would like to sign up for alerts, please follow this link:

[www.messagingmyway.com/code/blt9w](http://www.messagingmyway.com/code/blt9w)

Different people like to communicate in different ways. Some check their emails regularly; others Facebook or Twitter. Some prefer a phone call, others like texting, or Facebook Messenger.

MessageMyWay will allow us to send you both **urgent and non-urgent messages**. For example, in the event of an emergency we can immediately notify parents who have signed up to the system about what is happening. Schools have found this to be extremely useful, especially in the event of such things as Police Lock Downs, fire, evacuations etc.

### **Road Safety**

We have had concerns raised by parents about students on scooters and how these are being ridden on the way home. One of the concerns involves students blocking the footpath and forcing both pedestrians and other scooter users out on the road. Please talk with your children about riding their scooter safely. There have been a number of near misses with students darting across roads and between cars. With the construction going on in the area this makes the potential for an accident even greater.

### **Parking**

As you are well aware there is a substantial decrease in parking available while KCDC do the construction at the front of the school. The Kapiti College Car Park is available as well as areas by Weka Park etc. Unfortunately, a number of parents are now parking in the drop off zones at Kapiti College to wait as well as parking on the grass verges by the car park. We ask that you please do not do this as it is causing

congestion as well as making the pickup and drop off area more dangerous for students. If this practice continues the college will be forced to take other actions. Your assistance in this would be most appreciated.

### **Ka kite ano**

Mike Farrelly  
**PRINCIPAL**

## ***SCHOOL NOTICES***

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Sheena and Matthew Mear on the birth of their son Luka. We wish them all the best.

### **WEST WING PARKING**

Please do not park on the driveway beside the West Wing. This area needs to be kept clear for West Wing students who are being picked up or dropped off.

### **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

Student Led Conferences will be held on Thursday 25 May, 3.20pm-5.40pm. A student-led conference is a conversation between a student and their parents/whanau, which is focussed entirely on the student's recent learning. The conversation is led by the student. Booking forms will be available from Monday 15 May outside classrooms for you to book your time.

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

If you have any spare plastic bags or ice cream containers you would like to donate, please drop them in to the office. Thank you.

### **NURSING STUDENTS**

This term a group of Year One Whitirea students will be visiting school as part of their Bachelor of Nursing paper. The students are required to spend half a day in a school setting, doing some general observations of children's activities. The aim of the visit is to develop awareness and knowledge of child development and child behaviour in an educational setting. This will include observing and making notes on an individual child as well as a group of children. Students and lecturers will keep all notes made on the children confidential,

using pseudonyms. If you DO NOT wish your child to be observed, please notify the class teacher. If you have any questions about this visit, please do not hesitate to contact Janet Collier-Taniela at [clinical@whitirea.ac.nz](mailto:clinical@whitirea.ac.nz) or 237-3103 extn 3735.

### **POWHIRI**

Raumati Beach School Powhiri for Term 2, 2017 for all new families and children will be held on Thursday 1 June. Please meet at the school library at 9.00am. You will be guided through a brief ceremony, in the school hall, followed by a light morning tea. Your child or children will need to go to their class first to be signed in. They will be brought to meet you before the ceremony begins.

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Lucky Book Club brochures went home last week. Orders need to be handed to the office before 9am Friday 19 May. Payment is by cheque (written out to Scholastic Book Club), correct cash or credit card details placed in a sealed envelope please. You are also able to order books online at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz), however, this option is only available for payment by credit card. If your purchase is a gift please write "GIFT" on the order and we will phone you when it arrives. Thank you for your support.

### **KINDO UPDATE**

Thanks to everyone who is using Kindo - we are finding having less paper permission slips great!!

There is no charge to use Kindo. There are three different ways you can make payments, you will not be charged for Account2Account or Bank transfer but you will be charged to use a credit card. See information below:

- **Account2Account (A2A)** - access your NZ bank account securely through A2A to top up funds for immediate use. No surcharge. You will need your internet banking login details. Available for all major banks.
- **Debit & Credit Card** - Visa and Mastercard available. Small surcharge applies (2% + 50c). You may opt to securely save your card details during this process, making your next top up even faster. Note that only partial card details are saved - your full details are securely saved within your bank to ensure your safety.

- **Bank Transfer** - These will be manually processed. Please allow 2 days for deposits to arrive in your account.

### **2017 Yummy Sticker Promotion**

Yummy Stickers = Sports Gear! Please start collecting individual Yummy apple stickers and Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers). There is a chart in your child's class to stick stickers and labels. Yummy apples are available from New World, Pak'nSave and participating Four Square stores. The more we collect, the more sports gear we can get, so start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

### **40 HOUR FAMINE LEADERS DAY**

On Tuesday May 2, four Year 8 students attended the 40 Hour Famine Leaders day. They got really involved and came away with some great leadership skills and ideas for running the famine in our school. Watch out for these leaders of the future!



### **LOST**

A sleeping bag went missing at the Year 3/4 sleep over last term. It is black with the words ORB written on it. If found please return to Room 25.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

After 5 years of training, colour belt gradings and competitions Thomas Meyer has passed his Black Stripe grading in Taekwondo. He now commences his training for his Black Belt and will grade for this qualification in late 2018. Thomas will also attend the 2018 World Cup being held on the Gold Coast, Australia. Congratulations Thomas!

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

We have a good supply of quality second hand uniform for sale in the uniform shop. Shop hours are:

Tuesday: 8.30am-9.30am  
Wednesday: 2.30pm-3.30pm  
Thursday: 8.30am-9.30am

### **TOUCH RUGBY TOPS**

Please return all Touch Rugby tops to the office as soon as possible.

### **MOVIN'MARCH**

Last term our school took part in Movin'March. This initiative is run by the Greater Wellington Regional Council to celebrate active travel to school. The organisers of Movin'March would like to gather parent feedback with a survey. All participants will go in the draw to win one of two \$100 Prezzy cards. You can find the survey here:

<http://inform.gw.govt.nz/parentfeedback2017.aspx>

The survey should only take a few minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by Friday 12 May.

### **WAREHOUSE STATIONERY**

When you make any purchase at Warehouse Stationery, just mention Raumati Beach School before you complete the transaction and 5% of your purchase comes back to school! Thank you for your support.

### **PITA PIT LUNCHESES**

Pita Pit lunches are available every week on Fridays. Choose from Chicken, Ham, Beef or super veg. Pick any 2 fillings, and a sauce for \$4.50. Pick another 2 fillings for \$1, or add a Pit Pack (apple and juice pouch) for \$2.50. Cookies or Gluten Free bread are also available for \$1.50 each. Order envelopes are available anytime from the office.

### **2017 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The 2017 Entertainment Book is now on sale through the office. Once again you can choose either a hard copy book or a digital membership. You can order your book or digital membership at:

[www.entbook.co.nz/10512h4](http://www.entbook.co.nz/10512h4) - 20% of the purchase price will go to our fundraising for items students have identified.

Books are \$65 each and will be sent home with Years 3-8 students early next week.

### **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Hi we're from the Student Council, we are just giving you an update with what we are working on.

In 2017, the Student Executive's goal is to get as much student voice around the school as possible, so we can make positive change that all students want.

Our first project is to spend some of the money raised from the Christmas Carnival on developing the area where the old playground used to be. We are working on the hill next to the playground. We want to put some cool new things up there, we have already got bean bags, which are being used by students in the learning street. We gathered the student's ideas and came together and shared them.

The new carpark entrance was looking a bit bland until John, the caretaker, spent the holidays creatively planting the area. We can't wait to see what is going to evolve. Keep an eye on it! We also gathered ideas from the school like putting an arch way there, a new sign and more, to make it look way more AWESOME. Every student executive has a buddy class, which means we get ideas from the whole school.

The Student Executive is Entertaining, Courteous, Confident, Encouraging, Helpful, Positive, Role Models, Understanding, Hard Working, Friendly and Trustworthy leaders. We are going to model these attributes as often as we can and encourage all students at Raumati Beach School to be positive towards their learning.

Some ideas we have to help raise money for our group to develop our ideas are to have ice block sales, sausage sizzles and bake sales.

*By Student Executives Cooper Dickey RM 21 and Mikayla Macilquham RM 18.*

## ***FROM THE CLASSROOM***

### **The Looker On**

And the cool breeze blows through my hair.  
And the blazing hot sun rests on the back of my neck.

And the distant sound of beeping horns and strange noises from down below.

And the view of the busy city packed with people rushing to places.

And me on top of this lovely hill, lying on this fresh green grass relaxing with my best friend.

This is the only place I ever want to be.

*By Esther Roberts, Rm19*

**FROM ROOM 19**

Here lies Captain Pale  
 Ruler of the seven seas.  
 Until the day a whale  
 Smashed his ship in three.  
*Frankie Armstrong*

Here lies Barry Michael,  
 He tripped on his cycle.  
 Out the blood spread,  
 And now he is dead.  
*Amy Scott*

Here lies the body of Lydia Ross,  
 She always wanted to be the boss.  
 Until one day on a school trip,  
 Someone pushed her off a ship.  
 That was the end of Lydia Ross.  
*Samuel Preston*

Here lies Arabella Duncan,  
 She was always fond of the drink.  
 One day she got very drunken,  
 And dunked her head in the sink.  
 R.I.P  
*Della Gatling*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

18 May	Netsafe Information Evening 7pm
18 May	Out of Zone Enrolments Advertised
19 May	Scholastic Book orders close 9am
25 May	Student Led Conferences
26 May	Out of Zone Applications Close
1 June	Starting School Parent Information Evening 6-7pm
1 June	Powhiri for new families 9.15am
5 June	Queen's Birthday
6 June	School Cross Country
21 June	Y7 Boostrix Immunisations
23 June	Teacher Only Day

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### In the Footsteps of the Marines - Sunday 28 May 2017

This Kapiti Joggers and Walkers organised event provides a unique opportunity to run or walk a Marines route march. The 13.2km course includes sealed and unsealed roads, bush, shingle and clay tracks, and farm roads. The route climbs over 300m in four stages and the high points offer spectacular views of the Kapiti Coast. The second half is virtually all downhill. It is manageable for anyone 12 years and over with a reasonable level of fitness. The venue is Whareroa Farm, MacKays Crossing, north of Paekakariki. Social walkers and slow joggers start at 9.00 am, Race Walkers at 9.30 and Runners at 10 am. Spot prizes and hot soup with a bun to follow. The entry fee is \$25. Participants can register at: [www.enteronline.co.nz](http://www.enteronline.co.nz) - just scroll to In the Footsteps of the Marines. Late entries on the day \$30. Donations will be made to a range of local charities and groups.

### Tutoring for College Kids

Does your college kid need help with Chemistry and Biology? Experienced postgraduate (and Raumati Beach School mum) is available for one-on-one tutoring for NCEA Chemistry and Biology levels 1-3. Assistance with year 9 and 10 Science is also available. Please contact Angela on 0274-738 299.

### Kids After School Clay Workshop- Ceramic Wind-Chimes.

Tuesdays 16th and 23rd May, **TIME:** 3.30-5pm **COST:** \$65 For Kids 6yrs+. Bookings essential. E:[kayebustin@rocketmail.com](mailto:kayebustin@rocketmail.com)  
[www.kayebustinstudios.com](http://www.kayebustinstudios.com) Cell: 02102720716

### School Music Lessons

House of Sound is back for another year of in-school group lessons. We teach Mean Beats (Drum program), Six String All-Stars (Guitar program), Cool Key (Keyboard. Only available at selected schools), and Star Finders (intro to music years 2 and 3). 2017 sees the introduction of our very own standardised music curriculum taught in schools across the Kapiti Coast and Horowhenua. To enrol your child visit: [www.houseofsound.co.nz](http://www.houseofsound.co.nz). If you require any further information, please email: [info@houseofsound.co.nz](mailto:info@houseofsound.co.nz)

### Annette's Place

Annette's Place offers one-on-one weekly teaching in a quiet place with the parent present. Just right for those children who require special care in order to learn or just need a bit of extra teaching time. This service is available for children aged 4 to 8 years. They may have a diagnosis, such as dyspraxia or autism, or may be prematurely born, or may just be having some difficulties with learning or fine motor skills. Annette has had many years' experience and is well qualified. She offers a free initial consultation. Contact her by phoning 021 2997 456 or emailing:

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