

### A note from the Principal...

Throughout the last fortnight, walking into classrooms has been such a pleasure. To watch your children so enthusiastically engaged in their learning is very special. Our teachers and teacher aides are an incredibly dedicated team of role models with a real spark and passion for what they do best – they want your children to love learning. As parents/caregivers, you are the third part of the cog in the wheel – your input is crucial to your child's success. So, start now - make the time to attend this week's "Meet the Teacher" evening to find out how you can grow your capabilities as a role model for your child.

**Jan Otene**  
Principal

### Happening in Our School...

#### Sunhats, Sunscreen, Water Bottles & Stationery

4 essentials for every child in our school to have to set them up for successful living and learning – *does your child have these?*

#### Meet the Teacher Evening—TOMORROW NIGHT Thursday 15 February @ 6 pm

This is one of the most important events on our school calendar, as it encourages parents to meet each other and also sets your child up for learning for the rest of the year. Teachers will share class routines and expectations, as well as tips that you can use to support your child. Year 3 -6 parents will also be given the online password to access your child's gmail account and find out about how to access class/student blogs. Bring a picnic tea @ 5 pm if you'd like to meet up with other families beforehand!

#### Teacher Only Day, Monday 19 February SCHOOL CLOSED

All NZ primary schools are encouraged to deliver professional development to their teachers. Our school chooses to only use 1 of these days during term-time, as we know this can be disruptive for working parents. Next week's Professional Development Day will be led by Bek Galloway, who is flying down from Auckland to work with our team. This work will set the blueprint for our school's future learning development - Growing Active Learners.

### RIDE Values

#### Respect Integrity Diversity Empathy

We expect everyone in our school community to model our RIDE values. At this time of year it is timely to remind all parents that if you have a problem that involves another child or parent, that the first port of call is your child's teacher. A child can usually only tell their side of the story and by listening to the rest of the story, things can be put into perspective.

We ask you **not to drive into the carpark**, especially at home time – this is to keep all of our children safe. Pre-schoolers in particular, are small, fast and have no concept of out of bounds areas.

#### Message from Kowhai - Plastic Waste

We are trying to reduce the amount of plastic at our school – a simple idea is to use plastic that can be recycled and taken back home in lunch boxes. Our school has too many chippie packets flying round the playground every day!

#### Technology and eLearning @ Rewa Rewa

An enthusiastic group of parents and teachers will soon have some new exciting clubs on offer at our school, including website design, coding and ePro8. Watch this space!

Thank you to those who participated in our first mini online survey this year on eLearning – we will send out the results shortly.

We are offering workshops for parents to upskill themselves so that they can support their children. The first one is on "Seesaw Blogging", 6-7pm Monday 26 February and the second is "How to Create a Gmail Account", 6-7pm Wednesday 28 February. Please RSVP to [charlotte.hills@rewarewa.school.nz](mailto:charlotte.hills@rewarewa.school.nz) if you would like to attend.

#### Online Survey #2 - Maori and Pasifika Voice

The next group we would like to hear from are our Maori & Pasifika families. We will be offering both a hard copy and online option (you can choose which you prefer), to gather your voice so that we can use these ideas to improve both our communication and support.

### Home & School Parent Fundraising Group

#### The Easter Raffle

For our first fundraiser of the year we ask that each family donates an item to include in the Easter Raffle Hampers – chocolate eggs, Easter Bunnies etc. Tickets will be sent home shortly for you to sell – donations are warmly received from those who prefer not to sell tickets. Last year we raised \$1200 towards our Adventure Playground. We are determined to get this upgrade completed this year, but we need your help! Thank you.

*Naomi Godfrey, H&S Chair*

#### Message from the Board

**Zoning** - Primary schools in Newlands are being visited by the Ministry of Education to discuss zoning in our area. With new housing developments, some schools are reaching capacity. We will keep you informed as we find out more about how this will affect Rewa Rewa School.

**RTL B Upgrade** - no start date as yet, so we are not expecting construction to get underway until later this term at the earliest.

**Solar Power** – just \$13,000 to go and then we'll have this project up and running. We are waiting to hear whether 2 grants that we have applied for have been successful.

**Charter, Strategic Goals, Annual Plan and Variance Goals for 2018** have been completed and will be uploaded to our website once they have been submitted to the Ministry on 1 March.

*Mark Williams, BOT Chair*

#### Leadership Roles

At Rewa Rewa School we grow leaders and this year we have been overwhelmed by the number of students who have volunteered to be leaders and role models in our school. Our congratulations to:

#### Student Leaders

Andrew, Cullen, Maxine, Nina, Tennyson and Tony

#### Peer Mediators

Andrew, Ava, Conor, Cullen, Ivan, Joe, Khushal, Maddox, Maxine, Owen, Phoenix, Ranesh, Tennyson, Tiare and Zephaniah

#### Sports Captains

Conor, Khushal and Luca

#### Free Swimming Lessons – every Monday

Make sure your child has their togs!

#### Parent Helpers

We'd love your help with PTP reading, writing, Eco garden squad, patrols, trips, class readers, art, cultural dance etc. Please let us know at the Office if you have both the time and a skill that you can offer.

#### School Fees and Donations

We rely on these so that all students can benefit from school trips, extracurricular programmes such as TOM, Life Education and ePro8, online programme fees for Hapara and Seesaw, resources such as junior readers, PE gear and maths equipment. Fortnightly automatic payments are a great option for those who prefer to make it easy and pay throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

#### Powhiri Photos To Share With You...



## Assembly Award Congratulations!

Whero	<b>Gino</b>	Always being a role model for our Respect value.
Kowhai	<b>Raffy</b>	Being kind and thoughtful when teaching Year 3s how Kowhai runs. Thank you.
Kahurangi	<b>Ranesh</b>	Respecting other in a group by demonstrating good listening skills.
Whero	<b>Melissa</b>	Moving up to Yellow Level 6 in reading.
Kowhai	<b>Madison</b>	Showing a growth mindset when working in groups and by yourself. Well done.
Kahurangi	<b>Dwaine</b>	Developing new connections with his peers in Kahurangi.
Kahurangi	<b>Luca</b>	Giving every task a go, supporting others and being a good role model for his peers.

### Upcoming Events...

Thursday	15 February	5-7pm	Meet the Teacher Evening
Monday	19 February		Teacher-Only Day—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	27 February	6-7pm	Parent Skills—Workspace (Yr 3-6)
Wednesday	28 February	6-7pm	Parent Skills—How to Create a gmail Account
Thursday	1 March	6-7pm	Parent Skills—Workspace (Yr 3-6)
Friday	2 March	6-7pm	Parent Skills—Seesaw Blogging (all ages)
Monday	5 March		3-Way Interviews
Thursday	8 March		3-Way Interviews
Friday	30 March		Good Friday—SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	02 April		Easter Monday—SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	03 April		Easter Tuesday Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED

**Please note: After School Care is also unavailable when school is closed.**

### Term Dates 2018

<b>Term 1</b>	Monday 29 January—Friday 13 April
	Monday 19 February— <b>Teacher-Only Day, School Closed</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 30 April—Friday 6 July
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 23 July—Friday 28 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 15 October—Thursday 13 December



#### BIGAIR GYMSPORTS TAWA

If you have a child who loves doing handstands, cartwheels, walkovers, flips, or cheerleading, then they will love Bigair Gym! At Bigair Gymsports, kids love **Gymnastics, Trampoline, Tumbling, Parkour, and Cheerleading!** We have classes to support children of all levels and interests. As children learn new gym skills they will increase their flexibility, balance, coordination, strength, and fitness. The benefit for our children is that they learn extensive personal skills from Gym, which includes; increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, and so much more! It is highly recommended that children start gymnastics from 3yrs, as it provides excellent preparation for starting school. Once children are at school, gym is beneficial as it replicates the fundamental learning processes which supports children's learning at school, so the advantages and rewards are substantial. Did you know that Bigair Gym also offer Birthday Parties? To find out more, please call our Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz)

#### RAROA MUSIC CENTRE ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Although many of our classes are full, we still have some places available for trumpet, clarinet and choir.

To enrol enquire or please visit our website at [www.raroamusic.org.nz](http://www.raroamusic.org.nz).

Come and explore our Playcentre!

Join in the fun and see what we have to offer your family.

At Newlands-Tamariki Playcentre we provide early childhood education from birth until school age. We are a parent-run cooperative, so you can be part of your children's play and learning.

During our open week only there is no need to arrange a visit. Just pop in to see our sessions in action.

134 Newlands Road

Tuesday 6 March – Friday 9 March

9.30am – 12.00pm

Wednesday is our te reo bilingual session

If you would like more information please contact [04 970 5381](tel:049705381) or [newlandstamariki@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:newlandstamariki@playcentre.org.nz).

#### Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club runs diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Adult training sessions). Try something new - visit our website and come along for a 30min Trial Lesson! After-school sessions available on Tues/Wed/Thursdays and we cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive.

For more information, please visit our website [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.