

A note from the Principal...

Well done to all those parents who attended their child's 3-way conference last week. This is an extremely valuable way of ensuring that home and school are in sync right from the start. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you in the year ahead. Our roll is really starting to look very healthy and we are expecting to reach 98 students within the first few weeks of term 2, which is at least a term ahead of where we were this time last year. As the roll increases it allows us to access more staffing, so **it is really important that if you have a 5 year old starting this year, that he/she is enrolled ASAP.**

Jan Otene
Principal

Happening in Our School...

Rewa Rewa School Property Upgrade - WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

We require dads, granddads, uncles, cousins & friends who can assist with loading furniture and equipment into a container. We are doing this on Sat 24 March starting at 9 am and aim to be finished by 12 pm. We need volunteers who are able to:

- Help lift heavy items such as fridge, stove, piano (and who may also be able to bring trolleys for this purpose)
- General volunteers who can help to lift and shift resources to different spaces

Some of our teachers and board members will be there also but we need more help. If you are able to assist **please call the school office urgently** – thank you.

School Fees/Donations

Thank you to those who have already paid your school fees and donations – we really appreciate this, as the bills are already coming in (e.g. online student charges for using Hapara & Seesaw). Some of you may have read about the government subsidising these costs, however, the advice that we have received is that the earliest that this might happen could be 2019. Therefore, schools are being advised to invoice as usual, until advised otherwise.

Mathletics Payments

All students who have paid the \$10 fee are able to access this programme for the rest of the year. Payment will be accepted at any time during the year and logins given once this is received. Those children with no access will be able to use free online programmes at school. However, they do not offer the comprehensive programme that Mathletics is able to provide. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in looking at their child's site. Our thanks to the staff who are still fundraising to subsidise this programme by 50% to support our families.

Rewa Rewa School Curriculum – Building Active Learners

Our Teacher-Only Day workshop on 19 February with Bek Galloway was very timely. From this, the key areas that our teachers are developing in their classrooms are learning strategies. These encourage our students to be active learners by building a culture for learning. The first 4 steps of this work focus on talking, thinking, questioning and collaborating. We have also been following the work of Mark Treadwell, a leading NZ educationalist, who has developed The Global Curriculum (based on understanding the learning process and teaching concepts & ideas, rather than themes, such as "dinosaurs"). Some schools in Auckland are already 3 years into this curriculum and we are investigating their progress.

Easter Raffle

Our huge thanks to every family who has sold tickets and/or donated items – please return your tickets (sold or unsold) to the Office before Friday this week, as we want to draw the raffle prior to Easter. We still welcome more donations, as we are trying to make 3 baskets for 3 lucky winners! Thank you.

Our project this year is to upgrade the adventure playground. If you have any ideas about ways to raise money for this and you'd like to help, please contact us. Latest quotes put this work at \$50,000+!!!

Naomi Godfrey, H&S Chair

Parent Skills IT Workshops

Last week Charlotte Hills, our Deputy Principal, ran workshops to upskill parents in navigating student

Newsletter 4, Week 7, Term 1

14 March 2018

blogs, so that we can work more effectively together, supporting children's learning at home. It is very heartening to see parents showing that they also, are open to new learning! We may offer these again in term 2 – please let us know if you're interested.

Online Community Voice - IT/Maori/Pasifika surveys

We have just completed our first 2 community surveys – thank you to everyone who took the time to complete these. We will publish key points from these surveys once they have been compiled and presented to the Board at their next meeting, later this term.

Parking In Staff Car Park

With the weather now turning cooler, some parents are driving into the carpark to drop off/pick up their children. We ask that you do not do this, as this is an OUT-OF-ZONE area for students to be walking through. We also ask that parents do not park across the driveway or close to the pedestrian crossing. Thank you for your co-operation.

Helping Others

For a range of reasons, sometimes some families need a bit of a hand. If you can help with any of these requests please let us know:

- Spare raincoats that we could give to families for their child to keep
- Offers to collect students by car in wet weather, so that they can attend school
- English support group helpers – some of our new parents struggle sometimes, to understand how schools in NZ operate. We need people who are fluent in languages such as Mandarin, Korean, Japanese and Tagalog, who can offer to be 'first contact' people who can be rung for help/offer help. If you are able to do this, we'd love to hear from you. We also wondered whether some of our families, where English is a 2nd language,

might like to meet up at school one evening to meet each other and share support – let us know if you would be interested in this.

Health Care

We have a number of students who have recently been affected by nits/kutu. Apart from sending home fliers about this when we know there is a problem, we need to have a more proactive approach from you, our parents, if we are to get on top of this.

As well as using special shampoo/spraying with lotions designed for this purpose, it is important that at least once per day, each head is thoroughly combed (using a nit comb), to get rid of eggs before they hatch. Other habits that may assist with your child keeping nit free include them wearing a swimming cap when in any swimming pool, not sharing hats and not touching head-head with other children.

I think it would be fair to say that every parent would really appreciate everyone making an effort with this ongoing issue. Thank you.

Upcoming Important Dates

Please check the page 3 calendar in this newsletter (and every newsletter), to ensure you are aware of all upcoming events and school holiday dates. Easter holidays are fast approaching (Fri 30 Mar-Tue 03 Apr), please make arrangements for this. After School Care is not available Fri 30 Mar, Mon 02 Apr or Tue 03 Apr, as the school is closed on these days. Look out for Holiday Programme brochures for April holidays, coming soon!

Football Tournament Alex Moore Park, Tuesday 13 March — go Rewa Rewa !



14 March 2018

Assembly Award Congratulations!

Kowhai	Cyra	Being kind and helpful to your classmates.
Kowhai	Reuben	For using your initiative and going on Hapara independently to finish your

What to Do When Your Child is Sick or Away

If your child is unwell and not coming to school, please notify the Office before 9am **every day your child is away**.

Telephone 04 939 0186, **email** office@rewarewa.school.nz or use the automated absence email on our **website**
<http://www.rewarewa.school.nz/report-an-absence.html>

We must hear from a parent/caregiver, so please do not ask children to notify us or rely on classroom teachers to pass on a message.

Please be aware, if your child has vomiting or diarrhoea, they must be kept away from school for 48 hours following the last episode to avoid infecting others. They will not be able to swim in the school pool for 14 days following the last episode; this is public health policy.

Upcoming Events...

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

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

Keep this page on the fridge for easy reference or check out www.rewarewa.school.nz



Dear Past Students and families of Newlands Kindergarten,

After 18 years of service to the Newlands Community, Janine is leaving to begin her new job in Masterton West Kindergarten, commencing term 2.

We would like to invite you to farewell Janine on her exciting new journey to share cake, coffee/tea and memories on Thursday 12th April 2018 from 6.30pm at Newlands Kindergarten.

We ask that you bring a small plate of sweets/cake/biscuits to share and look forward to seeing you again.

There will be no parking available in Church carpark, so families will have to park in nearby streets.



JACK 'n' JILL
PORTRAITS

**10x13"
PRINT OF
YOUR
CHOICE!**

**NEW
BOOK
ONLINE**



\$10 PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

EVERYONE WELCOME

Newlands Childcare

has arranged for a professional photographer from Jack 'n' Jill
to take photos of children, family and friends.

At:
Newlands Childcare

When:
Saturday, 07 April, 2018

Contact:
Lisa on 973 1169

Book Online:
<http://jjportal.com/book/10581>

Terms and conditions: One \$10 sitting per family/household. The \$10 portrait must include a child under the age of 18 years. To qualify for your 10x13" photo, you can't have had a sitting with Jack'n'Jill in the last 6 months. The 10x13" photo can only be chosen at the pre-arranged viewing day by you, if you fail to attend for whatever reason the \$10 print is null and void and a \$10 credit will be applied to a future purchase.