

APRIL HOLIDAYS— SCHOOL CLOSED THIS FRIDAY 13 APRIL - SUNDAY 29 APRIL

See you back 9am, Monday 30 April!

A note from the Principal...

What a term – everyone keeps saying how quickly it has passed by, so this must mean that we are having fun! Our students have definitely been tuned into their learning – monarch butterflies have been hatching in Kowhai, a papier-mâché whale is swimming happily in Whero and Kahurangi students are completing their exterior art masterpieces. We wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday and look forward to see you all back on Monday 30 April ready for another term of exciting learning. Our huge thanks to all of our adult helpers this term for your support with both classroom programmes and the activities that help to make our school an exciting learning hub.

Jan Otene
Principal

Happening in Our School...

Onesie/Wear Blue Day - Autism Awareness Day

All of our classes wore their onesies or blue clothing last week to show their support that it is alright to be unique and to be aware that sometimes we just need to slow down and ask how we can help others when they look as if they need a hand. Thank you to one of our parents who suggested this great idea to foster community spirit and acceptance of others.



Kahurangi proudly pose for their Onesie photo

Peer Mediators

Our 16 year 5 & 6 Peer Mediators are making such a difference in the playground as they support other students to help themselves to find solutions to their own problems when playing with others. Last week they analysed term 1 data to check out whether our

hunches, such as, “Is it the Year 3 & 4 boys who have the most disagreements when playing games?” and “Do more incidents occur on Fridays?” They are using this information to help them understand how best to support all students in our school to play with others and enjoy their company.



Classroom Learning Environments

Our classrooms are all about learners understanding how they learn best. Here in Kahurangi you can see that some students enjoy choosing to work on the floor, others sit at lower tables whilst others prefer a traditional chair and table. Once our new classroom spaces are completed we will start to purchase furniture that supports these different learning styles.



In term 2 our focus school-wide will be to continue developing our Learning Culture initiative. In term 1, Stage 1 “TALKING” was rolled out. You may have heard your child talking about “Think Crews” and 4 Corners. These are some of the strategies being taught to help children work collaboratively in groups and to share/listen to others’ ideas. Term 2 introduces Stage 2 which looks at developing “THINKING” skills. Each class will be introduced to the characters Ida Ideas (finds solutions/new ideas/invent/imagine) and Benny Sunshine (looks for good ideas/reasons why things will work/strength in ideas). These will assist learners in developing their creative thinking and problem-solving skills. Students will have opportunities across the curriculum to apply their learning strategies, but in particular through Technology opportunities.

The Maori celebration of Matariki occurs during term 2 and we will be holding a community Celebration of

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Learning evening where students can share their learning with their families – keep Friday 22 June FREE!

Please see the link on our website for further information.

Wasps

There seem to be a number of wasps hanging around our playground area and some children have been stung. This is a timely reminder to make sure that you have provided us with up to date medical information for your child - such as “allergic to stings.” Our usual procedure for stings is to apply an ice pack, administer an antihistamine and if required, liquid paracetamol.

Garden Club

Thank you to Lynnda Bouzaid and her merry band of gardeners who have had a great season cultivating monarch butterflies, weeding and eating treats such as sweetcorn and cucumbers!

School Holidays

Remember to keep a watch over our special school. Please report any suspicious behaviour to the police or ring our caretaker Al (027 282 3105), if you see something that needs urgent attention.

ASC Holiday Programme

Bookings are still open and places are filling quickly. Remember, we offer both half and full day options.

Upcoming Events...

Monday	30 April	9am	Start Term 2
Friday	04 May	9.45am	Pōwhiri to Welcome New Students & Families
Friday	22 June	Time TBC	Celebration of Learning

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

Term Dates 2018

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We welcome Ananyaa and her family to Rewa Rewa!

Farewell to Zyva, we wish you well in your future learning—you and your family will be missed!

Our roll has grown to 92, which is very very pleasing. We expect to reach 100 students in the first few weeks of term 2.

Pōwhiri - 9.45am, Friday 04 May

There will be a formal pōwhiri to welcome new students and families to Rewa Rewa on the first Friday of Term 2. Current Rewa Rewa families are welcome to attend and asked to bring a plate of food to support this occasion, which will be followed by morning tea.

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 - do not ask children to notify us or rely on 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.

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How much fun can you take?

Fun, interactive music sessions for preschoolers and their parents or caregivers to enjoy together, followed by morning tea and playgroup in a relaxed social setting.

Children will develop motor skills, language, imagination, maths and pre-reading as well as socialise with others. Each mainly music is run by volunteers from a local church.

Wednesdays 10am
 Newlands Baptist Church
 5 Horokiwi Rd
 \$4.00 pr family pr session
 \$5.00 caregivers with a group pr session
 email info@nbc.net.nz for more information



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