

Scholastic Book Club Orders close 9am, Tuesday 15 May - place your order online or return to the Office now!

A note from the Principal...

Thank you to everyone who helped to make last week's powhiri so welcoming for all of our new families. This is a very important school event as it allows us to officially acknowledge our new students and their families, as well as give our school community the opportunity to celebrate together. My huge thanks to all staff who stepped up to help out - especially with the morning tea - Charlotte Hills who oversaw the programme and our students, many of whom took on their first leadership roles at a powhiri. As our school motto says "Learning for Life Together", we are all definitely doing this.

Jan Otene
Principal

Happening in Our School...

Classroom Learning

It was very humbling to walk through our classrooms last week to hear evidence of such high quality teaching and view the switched-on engagement of our learners. Listening to senior students confidently articulate their responses about coding and the websites that they are developing was mind blowing. In every classroom, our students are becoming more aware of the skills that they each need to enhance their learning, such as listening to other people's opinions. Ka pai!

eLearning @ Rewa Rewa School

We have a year 6 group being project lead to develop advanced coding skills, which will enable them to create their own webpages. This week another group of students is working with a parent to develop basic coding skills. Remember that your Yr 3-6 child's individual/class blog is always available for you to look at their learning. If you are unsure how to do this, please speak to your child's teacher.

The school has also just won 50 hours of professional development on the new Digital Curriculum, so our teachers will be accessing this soon. Rewa Rewa School

is most definitely keeping our students and their families fully abreast of technological advancements.

Board of Trustees News

We have 99 students with our 100th child arriving next week which is very exciting, as last year we didn't reach this number until the end of term 4. Our two job-share teachers will begin undertaking fulltime hours as from the start of term 3 for the rest of the year.

Following NZSTA guidelines, the Board advertised its recent vacancy and has now selected a candidate. We are thrilled to announce that Ambresh Kapoor (dad to Eddy, Esha and Eashan), will join us. It is wonderful to have someone who can bring his experience to the table and also be a voice to represent the growing number of Asian and Indian families who are choosing to belong to our school community. Just out of interest, here are our current stats re. ethnic groups at Rewa Rewa School.

We have 15 ethnic groups of whom Maori (28 students) and European (26 students) form the largest groups. These are followed by Indian (11 students), Chinese (8 students), Filipino (6 students), Samoan (5 students), as well as 1-4 students from each of the following groups: Malay (3), Tokelauan, Fijian, Japanese, South Korean, Croatian, Chilean, British and Pakistani.

We have spoken to some of our international families and there is interest among these families to meet at school one evening to look at how our school might best serve them. Watch out for an invitation in the next few weeks. We firmly believe that by celebrating our diversity, we will ALL be the richer for it.

Solar Power Panels

Our solar panels were installed during the holidays and are now generating power for the school. We are conducting tests to see how much it actually costs us to heat the pool and we will be sharing data with classes as we start to reduce our electricity power usage. Our huge thanks to Electrotech 2011 Ltd for installing the panels, Al, our Caretaker, for initiating this project, parents Chris Turnbull and Naomi Godfrey, as well as Johnsonville Pub Charities and Hutt Mana Trust for their very generous community sponsorship.

Life Education Trust Programme

Harold and the Life Education Trust van visited us last week to deliver the Life Education programme about Friendships and Self-Management skills. This is an extremely valuable

programme that supports our Health Programme and makes learning memorable. The cost for these lessons comes from each child's activity fee, so this is a timely reminder to ask those parents who have yet to settle their accounts, to please do so as soon as possible – thank you.

Other payments we have also made this term include Easyswim subsidised lessons, Hapara & Seesaw Blog fees (connecting home and school through IT), and additional resources, such as reading kits for the PTP programme.

Extracurricular Opportunities @ Rewa Rewa

Although we are a small school, it is absolutely crucial that our students are still able to access a wide range of academic and sporting opportunities that larger schools may offer. This term your child may be involved in some or all of the following events.

Kapa Haka Performance Group -**Newlands Cluster Festival, Monday 24 September**

All yr 0-6 students have the opportunity to choose to belong to our school Kapa Haka performance group. A letter has been sent home for you to discuss this with your child. The main attributes are that students have enthusiasm and a commitment to work hard throughout the practices so that on performance day they can each SHINE. Parents who can assist with this programme are welcome to approach Charlotte Hills, our Deputy Principal.

ICAS Australasian Competition – Terms 2 & 3

Begins this week with Digital Technologies, the first of 6 exams for those year 4-6 students who have chosen to compete in these. Good luck to all of our participants.

Otago Maths Competition – Terms 2 & 3

This problem-solving competition is offered through Otago University in Dunedin for year 6-8 students. We invite year 5 & 6 students who are showing strength in maths to participate in this competition.

Chess Tournament - 20 June @ Johnsonville School

Opportunities that come our way for students to participate in local chess competitions will be offered to those keen to compete at this level.

ArtSplash - Term 3, Date To Be Confirmed

Once again, our art will be displayed at the Michael Fowler Centre and our choir will sing on stage there in term 3. Next year our dancers will have the opportunity to tap their feet across the stage.

School Cross Country - Wed 23 May

Postponement Date 25/05

Northern Zone Cross Country - Tue 19 June

Postponement Date 21/06

All students will participate in our school cross country this term and from this the top runners will be invited to compete in the Northern zone competition.

Paparangi School Swimming Sports Day -**Tuesday 7 August @ Keith Spry**

We have been invited to send representative swimmers to compete in Paparangi School's sports meet in term 3.

Healthy Heroes - Term 3

The whole school will be involved in this Health programme, supported by Rotary and local businesses.

ePro8 Technology Challenge - Term 3

We have entered 2 teams into this year's ePro8 challenge. After competing for the first time last year, we have learnt a lot about what we need to know!

Northern Zone Hockey**Tournament - Tues 26 June**

Students are currently trialling for a place on our hockey team, which will play against other teams in the Northern zone later this term. Our thanks to Carol Fitzgerald for coaching the team.

**Newlands Netball Tournament**

Unfortunately, only 2 students enrolled and paid their fees this year. So, we have been unable to enter the Saturday morning competition. The cost of netball fees may have determined this outcome, so perhaps a parent group might be interested in fundraising during the year (e.g. sausage sizzles), so that in 2019 our children can participate again in the local competition.

Road Patrols Parent Volunteers

We still need help with Patrol duties this term, so would love to hear from you. This is just 15 minutes out of your time, once a week for the next 9 weeks, but such as great service to the school. Please contact Charlotte Hills, our DP if you are able to assist.

Please be extra-careful when patrollers are setting up and packing down—even if you see only 1 sign out, you must stop!

PTP Reading

Our Parent Tutor reading programme has some new vacancies for helpers which we would dearly love to fill. This task only takes 1 morning per week of your time, but creates such an opportunity for each of the readers to build their confidence and skills. Please contact the Office if you are able to assist.

We welcome any suggestions you may have about how you can contribute - e.g. school gardens, language lessons, crafts, wet weather lunchtime club etc.



We welcome Bella, Danny-Lee, Emilia, Hai Na, Leon, Samantha, Sarah & Tiny, and their families to Rewa Rewa.

Our roll grew to 99 on the first day of term!

Upcoming Events...

Wednesday	23 May		School Cross Country Run
Friday	25 May		<i>Postponement Date—School Cross Country Run</i>
Tuesday	29 May	9.15am	Regional Health Vision & Hearing Testing onsite
Tuesday	29 May		ICAS Science Exam
Wednesday	13 June		ICAS Spelling Exam
Thursday	14 June		ICAS Writing Exam
Tuesday	19 June		Northern Zone Cross Country
Wednesday	20 June		Chess Tournament at Johnsonville School
Thursday	21 June		<i>Postponement Date—Northern Zone School Cross Country</i>
Friday	22 June	Time TBC	Celebration of Learning
Tuesday	26 June		Northern Zone Hockey Tournament
Tuesday	31 July		ICAS English Exam
Tuesday	14 August		ICAS Maths Exam
Monday	24 September		Kapa Haka Festival, Newlands Cluster

Term Dates 2018

Term 2	Monday 30 April—Friday 6 July
	Monday 04 June—Queen's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Term 3	Monday 23 July—Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October—Thursday 13 December (School closes at 1pm)
	Monday 22 October—Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

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



Te Māhuri is an after school group for tamariki and their whānau to practise and extend their knowledge of te reo Māori in a relaxed and fun environment, through games, waiata and other activities.

Group members organise and run sessions.

When: Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm (followed by brief tidy up) during school term