



Newsletter 8, Week 4, Term 2 23 May 2018

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Got your 200L emergency water tank yet? If not, you can obtain one for \$110 by emailing malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz and collect it in Tawa.

Mention the name of this school in your email, and \$10 from each tank sale will be donated to this school!

A note from the Principal...

Chilly mornings have begun, so it's time to be thinking more about our health. If your child has a health issue that is contagious, it is very important to keep them at home until they are no longer able to share it. We appreciate parents collecting their child quickly once the Office has rung home, as we only have 1 bed available in the medical room. We continue to offer unsupervised care for children in our school hall who need to arrive early between 8-8.30 am. We notice, however, that attendance numbers are climbing and we remind families that the usual arrival time at school should be 8.30-8.50 am. We appreciate your support thank you.

Jan Otene Principal

Happening in Our School...

Community Health Consultation

Every 2 years all NZ primary schools need to complete a biennial community Health Consultation process. Next week a letter about this will be sent home to each household with instructions as to how to complete this online. We encourage all of the adults in our families to give us their feedback about what you would value us including in our health curriculum programme. All those who include their names will go into the draw for a \$50 New World voucher. A paper copy is available from the Office on request.

Matariki and Te Reo @ Rewa Rewa School – Friday 22 June, 6pm

Save the date – we will be inviting you to join with us to celebrate Matariki on Friday 22 June @ 6.00 pm. Our students are working in cross-year level groups each Friday learning about why this celebration is important on the Maori calendar. On Fridays our Kapa Haka performance group have begun their rehearsing their performance for next term, whilst the rest of the school are also immersed in waiata (singing) and tikanga (custom) protocols. We welcome any help that our local community can offer to support us with this learning.

Board News

The Board will shortly be entering discussions with other local schools and the Ministry about zoning in the Newlands area.

The Board is still awaiting the latest update about the Ministry's progress towards the RTLB project and our school upgrade.

Emergency school alerts. We have listened to suggestions from those in our community as to the best way of informing you about whole school events, such as emergency school closures, event postponements etc. Many of you have said that you would prefer a text rather than an email or website announcements. Therefore, very soon we will be using a phone app which is free for parents to download and use .

ASC and Holiday programme

This week you will receive the term 2 ASC policies due to be reviewed. This forms part of our annual review cycle and gives our parents and caregivers the opportunity to submit feedback on these policies which are reviewed triennially.

Our ASC is becoming very popular with the maximum number of 20 students being regularly met. We remind parents that if your child needs a casual placement you must speak to Delwyn at the School Office to check if there is a vacancy available and to make a booking on the date that you require.

Rewa Rewa School Policies

The following school policies are open for review this term using our online site "SchoolDocs":

- Reporting to Parents
- Protected Disclosure
- Visitors

If you would like to review these policies please email office@rewarewa.school.nz for log-in details, so that you can submit your comments. Reviews must be completed by Friday June 22.

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Road Patrol

We'd still love to have more parents on board for patrol duty. It is just 15-20 minutes of your time, but makes such a difference to keeping our students safe. We are noticing a rise in unsafe parent behaviours— allowing your child to exit the car directly onto the road is not a good idea, nor is parking so close to the pedestrian crossing that the patrol team are unable to see approaching vehicles or not using the patrolled crossing to cross the road! With our roll growing it is getting very busy on Padnell Cres — walking just 20 paces further along the road to find a park is an easy responsibility and you will be a great role model to your child.

Garden Club

Lynnda Bouzaid and her wonderful garden club are having a lot of success growing food (and eating it), in the school vege garden. If you have any time or seedlings, or would like to offer tools to help this group, we'd love to hear from you. PS. If you can think of a good way of stopping the local cats from also sharing this space, please pass on your handy tips – killing cats off is not an option!





Home and School Meeting

Date: Tues 29th May 2018 Time: 6pm Where: Staff Room

Tea and coffee provided and we guarantee a laugh!!!

We would really love to see some new faces as well as old friends at our meeting
We are looking for fresh ideas to help us raise \$\$ for our school.

If you would like to attend or just want to have a chat please call Naomi -027 433 1252.

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday	29 May	9.15am	Regional Health Vision & Hearing Testing onsite
Tuesday	29 May		ICAS Science Exam
Friday	1 June till Fri 15 June		Community Health Survey open online
Monday	4 June		Queen's Birthday Public Holiday —SCHOOL CLOSED
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		Postponement Date—Northern Zone School Cross Country
Friday	22 June	6pm	Celebration of Learning—Matariki
Tuesday	26 June		Northern Zone Hockey Tournament
Friday	06 July		End of Term 2
Tuesday	31 July		ICAS English Exam
Tuesday	14 August		ICAS Maths Exam
Monday	20 August		School Photos
Monday	24 September		Kapa Haka Festival, Newlands Cluster
Monday	01 November till Fri 09 Nov		Bee Healthy Dental Service Onsite