

**Remember to call or email the Office on (04) 939 0186 or office@rewarewa.school.nz (can be via our website) when your child is away.**

**If your child needs medicine at school, this MUST be delivered to the Office by an adult and a consent form completed (with details for administering).**

### A note from the Principal...

We've had many visitors to our school during this term and the recurring theme has been people noticing how kind our students are towards each other and that the school feels warm and inviting – well done everyone. It takes a whole community to make this happen - keep up the great work and continue to show that you care about everyone in the Rewa Rewa School team.

Keep your eye out for new families – have a chat and get to know each other in the playground and at school events, such as school assemblies, which are held fortnightly. This Friday's assembly is at 2.15 pm. Well done Carol Fitzgerald and Whero for organising such a superb turnout of parents and grandparents at our last assembly – ka pai.

**Jan Otene**  
**Principal**

### Happening in Our School...

#### Save the Date - Celebration of Learning "Matariki" - Friday 22 June, 6 pm

All students will be inviting their parents/caregivers to join them at this evening of celebration and learning. There will be opportunity for families to stop and chat, so please bring a light supper to share. More details will be sent out next week.

Each Friday our students have been working in mixed-class level groups. Learning about Matariki, Te Reo and Kapa Haka waiata have been the key learning areas. Thank you to our teachers who are doing a stunning job to develop this Māori cultural aspect of our programme. We welcome any community expertise or support, including the opportunity to learn about the many other cultures represented in our school. Please let us know if you have any great ideas or can assist in any way.

### Cross Country Events

Our congratulations to all participants in our recent school cross country. Everybody did their very best and received a certificate to acknowledge their effort. For those who managed to place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their year level, we congratulate you on your achievement.

	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>Yr 1 Girls</b>	Emily	Clara	Miki
<b>Yr 1 Boys</b>	Izak	Brennan	Hammad
<b>Yr 2 Girls</b>	Kyrah	Kayleigh	Boots
<b>Yr 2 Boys</b>	Gino	Benjamin	Eddy
<b>Yr 3 Girls</b>	Matilda	Cyra	Brooklyn
<b>Yr 3 Boys</b>	Alex	Muhammed	Riki
<b>Yr 4 Girls</b>	Esha	Mary	Nylah
<b>Yr 4 Boys</b>	Tyler-Jae	TJ	Dylan
<b>Yr 5 Girls</b>	Maxine	Nina	Christina
<b>Yr 5 Boys</b>	Aston	Camden	Ivan
<b>Yr 6 Girls</b>	Phoenix	Zephaniah	Christella
<b>Yr 6 Boys</b>	Tony	Luca	Khushal



Good luck to those runners who are representing our school at this week's Northern Zone or Amesbury Meets. Thank you to all parents who are helping with transport and supervision, as well as to Charlotte Hills for her wonderful organisation behind each of these events.

05 June 2018

**BOT**

The Board met with urgency last week in an attempt to finalise the outcome with regard to the proposed RTLB merger/school upgrade. We will keep the community informed of the decision reached as soon as we have this news.

**Background**

For those new to our school or who may have missed previous communications, for the last 6 terms our school board (BOT) and the Ministry of Education (MOE) property team have been involved in ongoing negotiations with regard to the Ministry's intention to house the Wellington RTLB cluster (Learning Resource teachers) on our school site.

This came about primarily because our school was identified by the Ministry as having "property surplus to requirements" with all surplus buildings (3-4 classrooms) possibly being removed off site by early 2020 if the roll did not meet the required funding level. The school therefore entered discussions with the Ministry to look at finding a solution that would work for both parties.

Moving the RTLB onsite would have both benefits and compromises for the school. The Board has campaigned vigorously to gain the very best outcome for both the school community and its property. We have informed the school community through school newsletters and parent meetings held last year, where architectural plans for the proposed development were shared.

Funding for this venture was applied for by the Ministry last term. However, this was underestimated and more funding applications/cuts have been needed, causing further delays to a decision being made.

The school's stance has always been that for the project to proceed, the school's ability to operate and function as a school must be protected, financial risk identified and managed, buildings modernised to facilitate an attractive, purpose-built Modern Learning Environment and room for future roll growth must be assured. Urgent meetings are continuing this week with the expectation that a decision, one way or another, will be made before the end of term.

Kind regards

Mark Williams  
*BOT Chair*

**H&S Parent Committee**

It was so heartening to have a great turnout last week of enthusiastic helpers for the first meeting of the term.

We are very excited about the support offered by this group of mums and dads to help to make a difference in our school - e.g. new Adventure Playground, shade sails and disco. Making connections with others in our school community is a great way to start feeling that you BELONG, so join us at our next meeting (date TBC) or contact Naomi (shaunandnaomi@xtra.co.nz), if you'd like to know more.

**Christmas Float**

We are aiming to put our name out there in the community by entering a float in this year's Johnsonville Christmas parade – if you'd like to join the group working on this please contact Megan Williams (megsjwilliams@gmail.com).

**Entertainment Books**

This is a great fundraiser for the school – please return unsold books to the school urgently. If you need more books to sell, please email Naomi Godfrey (shaunandnaomi@xtra.co.nz).

**Disco Date - Friday 29 June, 3.10-5.00 pm**

Get your dancing shoes on for the disco coming up - a flier will be coming home closer to the time. We need your support to provide baking and treats to sell on the night. Any offers of help are welcomed (e.g. setting the room up, helping with supervision and game ideas) – please contact Jenni Pethig (jenni.pethig@gmail.com).

A reminder that it will be dark by the end of the disco so **all children must be collected** by a supervising adult, **especially** if walking home. Please be prompt when collecting your child as the teachers and adult supervisors need to clean up and get home to their families after a long day.

Thank you.

Naomi Godfrey  
*H&S Chair*

**Stranger Danger**

Another timely reminder (if you've read recent newspapers), to make sure your children know what to do if approached on their way to/from school. A good idea is to have a family 'password' so that your child can tell if the person is genuine. For children walking to school we encourage you to organise walking groups – find out who your child's local school friends are so they can walk together. To those who collect children from the school gate, please be good role models and cross roads using the pedestrian crossing – the top of the hill near the childcare centre is a dangerous place to cross.

### Help Requested

If there is anyone in the Kahikatea Grove area who would be able to offer assistance to 2 young children walking to and from school each day, please contact the Office.

### Infectious Diseases

The Office needs to be informed immediately of any cases of chicken pox, measles or mumps, as we have students whose health could be compromised if they come into contact with infectious carriers. Remember, in the case of measles, if the school has an outbreak **ALL those who we do not have proof of immunity for (eg. immunisation certificate)**, will not be allowed to come to school for 14 days after the last notified case. Please provide the Office with a copy of your child's immunisation certificate now. No certificate – no coming to school. All teachers and support staff must also follow this procedure as per Ministry of Health legislative requirements.

### Late Arrivals

If your child arrives at school after 9am, they or you must please call into the Office to let us know your child has arrived. Otherwise, expect to receive a phone call to check on absenteeism. It is vital that at all times the school knows where your child is, so that we can keep them safe. Over the last fortnight a lot of time has been spent by the Office Manager trying to track down missing children. Of particular concern are the number of parents who cannot be reached on their phones or who have taken their children on holiday without letting us know.

### School Policy Reviews

This term the policies being reviewed are:

Reporting to Parents  
Protected Disclosure  
Visitors

We actively encourage all parents to review our policies. It is a quick and simple process to access these online using SchoolDocs. Please email [office@rewarewa.school.nz](mailto:office@rewarewa.school.nz) for login details.

Thank you to those who have returned comments on the ASC policies being reviewed this term. We appreciate your feedback and will take these to our next Board meeting.

### Biennial Community Health Consultation (Legislative Requirement)

All families have been emailed with the login details to participate and have your say about our school's Health programme. Plus, all participants who leave their contact details will go into the draw to win a \$50 New World voucher to be drawn at the Celebration of Learning evening later this term.

### Teacher Paid Union Talks -

#### Wednesday 27 June, 1.30 pm

A letter to all parents will be sent home closer to this date. We will not be closing our school as we realise that care is difficult for working parents, but would appreciate parents/caregivers support in collecting children early afternoon, if at all possible, as we will have a skeleton staff operating. ASC will still be operating – please let us know if your child will **not** be attending.



Welcome to Dash and his family.

Our roll is now 100!



Sunshine Drama provides a creative and fun learning space that engages imaginative minds, grows confidence & builds communication and performance skills. Our new Karori evening class for 11-13 years, starts Thursday, 7th June. This is a 4 week block course for \$40. In Term 3, these classes will run for nine weeks like our preschool and junior sessions. For more information Contact Jenae Ryan 0274380533 to or visit [www.sunshinedrama.co.nz](http://www.sunshinedrama.co.nz)

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### Upcoming Events...

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	<i>Postponement Date—Northern Zone School Cross Country</i>
Friday	22 June	6pm Celebration of Learning—Matariki
Tuesday	26 June	Northern Zone Hockey Tournament
Friday	29 June	School Disco
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

### Term Dates 2018

<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 30 April—Friday 6 July Monday 04 June—Queen's Birthday - SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 23 July—Friday 28 September
<b>Term 4</b>	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.**