Rewa Rewa School



Newsletter 11, Week 10, Term 2 04 July 2018

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A note from the Principal...

Where has the term gone? Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this an awesome 10 weeks – we wish everyone a very safe and happy break with their families. If your children are playing in the school grounds during the holidays, please make sure that they are accompanied by an adult. Any suspicious behaviour or vandalism can be reported to our school caretaker or the police.

Jan Otene Principal

Happening in Our School...

Farewells & Welcomes

This week we farewell Diane Griffith from Whero, who is entering semi-retirement. A personal letter was sent home with all Whero students on Monday of last week. If you would like another copy of this, please contact the Office. We have appointed Jess Teaz to this jobshare position with Heather Guitry until the end of the year. Both teachers will be teaching full days. We also welcome Vanessa Janes as a fixed term teacher providing DP Release time to Charlotte Hills. Many thanks to Pauline Leverton for filling this position during Term 2.

Thank You



Thank you to every family who made it to our Matariki evening. We were bursting at the seams, with people flowing from the Hall onto the outside porch — thank heavens it was a spectacular night! All of our students felt very special as you each applauded their efforts — it is so important that our children have the

opportunity to be presenters and to feel success with their achievements.

Thank you to the parents who are helping to make a difference around our place. The H&S group manned a BBQ last Saturday to raise funds for the Adventure Playground. The day before, they ran a very successful disco which was well-supported by our parents

managing lighting (Darryl Pearce), decorations and organisation (Jenni Pethig the chief organiser) and baking by many.







The next H&S meeting will be early Term 3 @ 6 pm in the staffroom – please come and join us there!

Naomi Godfrey, Chairperson

Paid Union Meeting

Thank you to every family who helped to make the afternoon cover far easier to manage. It was also a great way for us to test aspects of our emergency preparedness by having every child who left prior to 3pm signed out by an adult. Our systems worked well and we didn't 'lose' any children!

Emergency Preparedness

We listened to our community feedback the last time that we needed to contact you and have made a further improvement. As well as notifying parents via email, twitter and on our website about emergencies such as school closures, those of you who prefer to receive a text can now access this using a free App. To download this onto your phone please follow these instructions:

Recently, Rewa Rewa School brought on board School Loop as a quick way to push out emergency messages to parents. This app is free to download to your smartphone. The Skool Loop App was developed to meet a rising demand for a user-friendly, feature-rich, smartphone calendar for all New Zealand schools and their community. The Skool Loop App is a great alternative to paper notices, using today's technology to reach out to the school community. So, if your child has a paper-eating monster at the bottom of their bag or you don't always have access to emails, School Loop is your solution!



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Reminders

Year 4–6 Mid-Year Reports will be sent home THIS Friday with your child. Bookings for Meet the Teacher report interviews (Wed 8 August and Thursday 9 August) will be available soon via our website. It is very important that you take this opportunity to meet with your child and his/her teacher so that their next learning steps for the rest of the year can be discussed. Please note: some year 4s who reached their 120 weeks at school between February and now have had their first report and interview for this part of the year, so will not need to make another booking with their teacher.

Concerns or Complaints

Just a reminder that if you have a concern that involves another child, please bring this to the attention of either your child's teacher or the Principal, so that this can be investigated. We often find that there is more than 1 side to the story that needs to be listened to and for this reason it is not appropriate to approach other people's children. Likewise, complaints should follow our school's policy guidelines - i.e. go the classroom teacher first, the Principal next and then the Board if required.

ASC Holiday Programme

Places are still available for this term's holiday programme, but be in quick. Half-day sessions are available most days. So, if you need a break, book your child in!

Term 3 Curriculum Topics

Thank you for your response to our recent online Health consultation. Attached to this newsletter you will find

the results from this survey, as well as our Health Statement for 2018-20.

This term, every child in our school will be involved in a health programme designed to spark an interest in ways that can keep you fit and healthy, both physically and mentally. The purpose is to help educate our students to consider making positive lifestyle choices as they move into their teenage and adult years. The following is an overview about support that the programme receives from the local Johnsonville Rotary club:

Healthy Heroes" is a 9 week programme designed to improve the health and well-being of our young children, whilst safeguarding them against the threats of overweight, obesity and type 2 diabetes. The Programme consists of 5 challenges; 3 physical, 1 mental and 1 social / emotional. "Healthy Heroes" will be launched for all students in our school early in term 3, 2018. The programme, which will be managed for us by the Rotary Club of Johnsonville, features a number of neat incentives and rewards (at weeks 3, 6 and 9) for all participating children. The rewards are fruit packs donated by New World Newlands (week 3), swimming pool passes for Keith Spry Pool (week 6) donated by Wellington City Council, and books donated by the Rotary Club of Johnsonville. (week 9). An 'Olympic Ambassador' will visit the school for the final assembly to make a special presentation where one lucky student will receive a voucher for a term's worth of free swimming lessons at Keith Spry Pool. There is no cost to the school or participating families. For more information visit www.healthyheroes.co.nz or ring William Nobelen, 0800 333 309. More news here soon.

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Upcoming Events...

Friday 06 July Midyear Reports Going Home (Yr 4-6)

End of Term 2

Tuesday 31 July ICAS English Exam
Tuesday 14 August ICAS Maths Exam
Wednesday 8 August Mid-Year Interviews
Thursday 9 August Mid-Year Interviews

Monday 20 August School Photos

Monday 24 September Kapa Haka Festival, Newlands Cluster

Monday 22 October Labour Day Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 01 November till Fri 09 Nov Bee Healthy Dental Service Onsite

Term Dates 2018

Term 2 Monday 30 April—Friday 6 July

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.





Theatre for Children Inc
The Producers of 'Badjelly The Witch present:

"Jessica BoPeep!"

Written by Amalia Calder Directed By Shannon Friday When: 7th July – 20th July 2018. Monday - Friday 10am & 11:30am 10am shows only on Saturdays!

Throw on your woolly jumpers these school holidays and join KidzStuff for an adventure of discovery. Jessica has not only lost her sheep, but whilst out trying to find them, she has now lost herself too. How can she protect her sheep? Will anybody help her? Do you remember the way home? And who is that strange kid with the tail? Bo Peep is full of fun characters, silly songs, valuable life lessons and did we mention a talking dog? So, polish your hooves and clippity clop all the way to the Tararua Tramping Club to help *Jessica Bo Peep* - find her sheep

Tickets \$10.50 pp, Children under 2 Free \$7 Special Opening Preview, Saturday 7th July 2018! Bookings: www.eventspronto.co.nz/KidzStuff

BIGAIR GYMSPORTS TAWA

Cartwheels, Walkovers, Flips, Kongs, Handstands, Barrel Rolls, Handsprings - it's all here at Bigair Gym! Kids love learning a vast range of skills in **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour and Cheerleading!** We have classes to support children of all levels and interests, and these classes are designed to increase children's strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Children also learn extensive personal skills from Bigair Gym Classes, including increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, increased self-esteem and so much more! These skills are so important for our kids to learn! Bigair Gym also offers **Birthday Parties** & an active, fun **School Holiday Programme!** To find out more, call Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz Bigair Gyms Term 3 class bookings open 18th June - Classes fill up fast, so don't miss out!

Health Programmes Community Consultation 2018



Term 2, 2018

Dear parents / caregivers

We emailed 119 individuals from our parent list. Thank you to the 39 (32%) (28 respondents in 2016) respondents who contributed your ideas to this bi-annual Health Consultation survey. The following is a summary of the key points from our community. The highlighted sub topics received a rating where 76% or more felt that this topic was <u>very</u> important to be included in our programme.

Main Topic	Sub topics	Combined % Important + Very Important categories 2016	Combined % Important + Very Important categories 2018
Physical Activity	Movement skills	96%	96%
	Applying skills in game situations	100%	86%
	Daily fitness	90%	97%
	Participation in after school sports	n/a	70%
Body Care and Physical Activity	Personal body and hygiene	100%	99%
Food and Nutrition	Making healthy choices	100%	99%
	Exercise and personal wellbeing	100%	99%
	Positive body image	100%	99%
Mental Health	Personal identity and self worth	100%	99%
	Personal relationships	100%	96%
	Dealing with conflict	100%	94%
	Discrimination and stereotyping	96%	88%
	Developing strategies to cope with new experiences	100%	96%
Sport Studies	Managing co-operative and competitive environments	96%	91%
	Identifying technology in sports e.g. equipment	85%	68%
	Social and cultural significance of sport	89%	68%
Sexuality Education	Puberty Education	93%	90%
	Keeping Ourselves Safe	100%	99%
Outdoor Education	Overnight experiences	96%	94%
	Personal and group safety	100%	99%
	Challenge and risk management	96%	99%

This feedback will be used to design a statement about the content being delivered in the Health Curriculum over the next two years at Rewa Rewa School. The school board will view this at their next meeting and then share this with our community.

Kind regards Jan Otene (principal)

Health Programmes Statement 2018 - 2020



Schools consult their communities on a 2 yearly cycle about Health programmes to ensure communities understand and support the Health programmes offered, and that the school is offering the programmes that the community wants.

The Health curriculum is closely linked to the Physical Education curriculum. Health Education covers:

Personal health / Hauora (well-being) / Mental health

Physical development

Relationships with other people

Food and nutrition

Sexuality education

Attitudes and values

Healthy communities – students contributing to healthy communities



We have an integrated curriculum approach at Rewa Rewa School, meaning that most health topics such as personal hygiene are taught either as part of our inquiry learning or through a unit of work. Using the 2018 community feedback, we will now ensure that we include a "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme is taught at least once within the two year timeframe.

Our school values of R.I.D.E. (Respect, Integrity, Diversity and Empathy) are taught and modelled every day at our school by both students and adults. Classroom programmes are used to teach strategies such as how to deal with conflict and manage relationships as a part of this daily programme. We expect that everyone in our community will demonstrate these values.

Some of our topics are offered by outside providers such as the Healthy Heroes programme (Rotary) and Life Education Trust. We will continue to choose programmes from these providers which link to those identified as being of high priority by our community i.e. Making Healthy Choices.

The year 5 & 6 puberty education programme and outdoor education (EOTC) are included in the Health programme on a two yearly cycle. The EOTC week is held for all years, however only the yr 5 – 6 students will participate in an off-site camp.

Jan Otene Principal