# Rewa Rewa School

## Newsletter 12, Week 2, Term 3

## 01 August 2018

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## Johnsonville Christmas Parade!

More volunteers are needed in order for our school to take part in this awesome local event. The parade is the first weekend in December, and we need lots of help so we can participate! Please contact Megan Williams <u>megsjwilliams@gmail.com</u> to volunteer or for any questions.

## A note from the Principal...

Welcome back to a very busy term! As you will see, this week CHANGE is upon us as we begin our property upgrade. We expect our classes, all going well, to be in their new area mid/late term 4.



School zoning in Newlands is another hot topic – we are asking our current families to return their information by next Friday 10 August to the School Office so that we can start making plans about how we can accommodate all of our current families whilst we also grow our school roll.

Jan Otene Principal

## Happening in Our School...

## Mid-Year 3-Way Interviews (Parent/Student/Teacher)

Please book your child's interview online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz (follow the link on the front page of our website), using booking code 7k22g. Parents of students in year 0 - 3 need to check with their child's teacher as to whether their interview falls within this cycle. If you are unable to make an online booking, please ask your child's teacher for assistance. We expect all students to be at these interviews for all or part of the time. If you arrive between 3.10-6.00 pm Kahurangi and Kowhai families are welcome to wait in the hall to keep warm - Whero parents will be able to use the locker corridor area. For those who arrive after 6.00 pm the ASC room will be available, if required. Unfortunately, we have no staffroom available currently and the hall is booked for use after 6.00 pm.

## Message from the BOT

## Teacher Union Strike Day – Wednesday 15 August

The Board of Trustees has been advised that a full day teacher strike has been notified by NZEI for Wednesday 15 August. The Board will be making a decision this week as to whether our school will remain open on this day. In the meantime, it is recommended that families think ahead as to how they will organise care for their children if they need to be supervised on this day. Please be aware that if the school is closed, After School Care will also be affected.

## RTLB Update

All rooms from the staffroom to the music room are now out of bounds. Fencing, a shipping container and building materials have arrived onsite this week. Please ensure you do not park on school grounds over the next 2 terms or you may find yourself blocked in by construction vehicles.

#### Healthy Heroes



Our opening assembly for the Healthy Heroes programme was a huge success. We welcomed 8 guests, including William Nobelen (Rotary), Jill Day (Northern Ward Councillor and Deputy Mayor of Wellington),

Peter Gilberd (Northern Ward Councillor), Greg O'Connor (MP for Ohariu), Laury Sinclair ("Healthy Heroes" Trustee), Ross Jordan (Johnsonville Rotary) and Milly Mackey and her mum (Newlands College). Our guests were extremely impressed at how well behaved and attentive our students were. Everyone was full of praise for our students and our year 2 & 3 compères, Matilda and Kyrah, who led the whole assembly. We are growing our leaders of the future every day!

## Lost Property

With space at a premium, resources are being spread around the remaining rooms. Lost Property can now be found in the Hall. We will be displaying this at each assembly to try to get owners to claim their belongings!

## Home & School Committee

Our parent group have been very busy over the last term making applications for funding and getting plans prepared for a new Adventure Playground. Thank you

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to all parents who recently helped with the Saturday sausage sizzle at Bunnings – many hands made light work and every dollar is going towards making a difference to our school facilities. If you have any other great ideas for making money, please let us know!

We welcome all parents at these meetings – the next one will be on Tuesday 11 September in Kowhai classroom.

#### **Tech Club**

Wednesday morning Tech Club members are working passionately on their computers learning about coding and how to make a robot move where you want it to go! Our huge thanks to Kirk Jackson for the personal time he is spending to assist our students each week.



#### NIS 2019 Yr 7 Students

Newlands Intermediate has asked that we share the attached letter with all our families who currently have a year 6 student at school.

#### **Recognition of Achievement**

**PTP**: Anthony, Boots, Brooklyn, Cole Cyra, Dylan, Enrico, Hassan, Lah-Trell, Malachai, Seborah, Shane, Soleil, Yozahna.

#### **ICAS Science**:

Yr 5	Ivan	Credit
	Aston	Participation
Yr 6	Khushal	Distinction
	Luca	Participation
	Tennyson	Participation

#### **Garden Work Group**

We are starting a monthly garden working party to get our school grounds looking great. The last Saturday of every month from 10 am - 12 pm if you have a couple of hours to spare, please bring your own tools and join us at school to help out. We are also submitting an application to the Wellington City Council for some shrubs and plants for our front carpark garden.

The garden club has planted a lot of strawberries in our gardens in anticipation of a good crop later in the year. If you'd like to help with this club please let the Office know.

Lynnda Bouzaid, Garden Club Facilitator

#### Lunches

There is a mountain of plastic and leftover food items filling our bins each day. Please encourage your children to bring home their leftover food and wraps, or even better, use reusable food containers or wraps - a great way to stop plastic waste.

We have noticed some students arriving with no lunches. If you have any long-life food that you would be happy to donate so that we can offer support to those who need it, please bring it to the Office at any time.



We welcome Brooklyn and her family to Rewa Rewa School.

If you have a child who is turning 5 this year, please enrol them as soon as possible, so that school visits can be arranged.

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## Upcoming Events...

Thursday	2 August	Healthy Heroes "Creature Day"
Wednesday	8 August	Mid-Year Interviews
Thursday	9 August	Mid-Year Interviews
Tuesday	14 August	ICAS Maths Exam
Wednesday	15 August	NZEI Teacher Strike Day
Thursday	16 August 6.30-8.30pm	NIS Yr 6 Open Evening
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
Friday	16 November	NIS Yr 6 Orientation Day

## Term Dates 2018

Term 2	Monday 30 April—Friday 6 July
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Term 3 Monday 23 July—Friday 28 September

Term 4Monday 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.



Parenting Children and Teenagers courses starting August 6th at 7pm

Parenting children and teenagers is harder than ever for most parents today. The Salvation Army Johnsonville is offering two courses over five weeks for any parents, step-parents, or carers of children aged 0-10 or teenagers aged 11-18.

For more information please visit our website: <u>www.sajchurch.com</u>, and click on the programmes tab. You'll be able to register online. The courses are presented by industry professionals and practitioners in DVD format, and is followed by discussion in facilitated groups where you can draw on the experience of other parents also.

The course costs \$25 per person and includes a course manual. Dessert and a copy of The Parenting book which are graciously provided free of charge through a grant from the Tindall Foundation.

Spaces are limited so please book early.

## Join the Fun

All girls 5-13 years are invited to join us at Girl Guides.

Current meeting times for units:

\*Pippins (5-7yrs) Saturdays 10.30 – 11.30am at the Baptist Church Hall, Newlands

\*Brownies (7-10yrs) Mondays 6.30 – 8.00pm at Paparangi School Hall or Tuesdays 6-7.3 0pm at the Newlands Community Centre

\*Guides (10-13yrs) Tuesdays 6.30-8.00pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Newlands or Wednesdays 6.30-8.00pm at Paparangi School Hall

Any Queries email sbrockie@xtra.co.nz or phone 0273039159

## **BIGAIR GYMSPORTS TAWA**

If you have a child who loves doing handstands, cartwheels, walkovers, flips, Barrel Rolls, Kongs or cheerleading, then they will love Bigair Gym! At Bigair Gymsports, kids love **Gymnastics, Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour, and Cheerleading!** As children learn new gym skills they will increase their flexibility, balance, coordination, strength, and fitness. The benefits are incredible and include; increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride and so much more! It is highly recommended that children start gymnastics from 3yrs, as it provides excellent preparation for starting school. Once children are at school, gym is beneficial as it replicates the fundamental learning processes which supports children's learning at school, so the advantages and rewards are substantial. Did you know that Bigair Gym also offer Birthday Parties? To find out more, please call our Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email <u>office@bigairgym.co.nz</u>

