# Rewa Rewa School



# Newsletter 14, Week 6, Term 3 29 August 2018

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**Buy Artsplash Tickets Now**—\$5.00 per person (limited to 4 per family). Must be ordered by Friday 14 September. Please make online payment to the following account:

Rewa Rewa School BOT 03 0525 0270118 00

Reference: Child's Name

Details: Artsplash x [number of tickets]

Enveloped tickets will be sent home via your child once payment is received. If paying in cash, correct payment must be made, as no change is available at the Office.

#### A note from the Principal...

Our new classrooms are starting to take shape and they're already looking fantastic. Moving-in date is expected to be mid-Term 4 and in preparation for this our teaching team is hard at work designing ways to make this transition as smooth as possible. However, we have to remember the physical ILE (Innovative Learning Environment) is just one piece of the jigsaw when it comes to providing effective opportunities, so that quality learning can be nurtured.

Education is transforming at an ever increasing rate – how you and I learnt at school is very different from how our students of today need to learn in order to be successful in their world. It is therefore vitally important that we continue to work together - more closely than ever before - to prepare our children as successful lifelong learners. Building genuine partnerships between home and school will be key if our learners are to have success.

Coming up shortly we will be inviting you to contribute your ideas about the hopes and dreams you have for your children from this point onwards. What do you value? What should we keep/remove/add to our kete of learning? We urge you to share your voice at every opportunity so that we have a shared pathway mapped for our future direction — very exciting times ahead! Remember, new learning is hard because it challenges us to think and be open to new ideas. Be brave and prepare to challenge and be challenged!

#### Jan Otene Principal

#### Happening in Our School...

#### **BoT NEWS**

#### **Zoning Responses**

Thank you to everyone for returning your forms. We now have a very clear picture as to where our current students live

and can forecast with accuracy when future siblings will be arriving. As we predicted, 2/3 of our students live within our new zone with 1/3 residing out of this area. All current students will be able to remain at our school, regardless of where they live — thank goodness! A very large advert was published in last week's Independent Herald outlining the next step of the process of consultation for all Newlands primary schools. Families have 1 month to forward submissions to their Boards of Trustees.

17 of our families have indicated that they would like to attend a zoning meeting at our school. We will advise details of this meeting as soon as they are available. We will try to have Ministry representative at this meeting also.

Our teaching staff have been sharing mid-year student progress with the Board in key curriculum areas. It has been very heartening to hear of the great work that our teaching team are putting into making a difference for all of our learners. It has been interesting to hear about initiatives such as SHINE and ALIM, which are supporting our target learners in maths and literacy. Thank you to all teachers and support workers for the caring, professional work that you undertake with our children.

Mark Williams, BOT Chair

#### **H&SNEWS**

Our parent committee has been successful in gaining our first grant towards upgrading our Adventure Playground - \$69,000 from The Trusts Community Foundation will go a long way towards funding this project. We are working hard to secure a second grant for the remaining balance required – watch this space. Even better, come and join this fun team at our next meeting 6pm, Tuesday 11 September in Kowhai room. See you there!

Naomi Godfrey, H&S Chair

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#### **Healthy Heroes**

We hope your family is enjoying the variety of home challenges. It is great to see the positive feedback on our school's Facebook page! It has been fantastic to see our school being so positively promoted in two fantastic Independent Herald write-ups as well. Our huge thanks to Johnsonville Rotary, Wellington City Council, Newlands New World and Milly from Newlands College for their generous sponsorship and support. Next week's Healthy Heroes assembly is on Wednesday 5 September @ 11 am.

#### **Road Users**

1 car has recently been reported to the NZ Police traffic department for inconsiderate driving outside our school. Our patrol parents are constantly amazed at the thoughtlessness of some drivers, some of whom are from our own parent community. Thank you to our patrol parents — your diligence is helping to make our roads a safer place for our children.

Worst problem at the moment – drivers turning into the school park, blocking the footpath as they collect their children and then backing out as other people's children walk behind their vehicle – this has to be the MOST DANGEROUS, inconsiderate practice. You will be reported to the traffic authority– no exceptions.

Parents, please have a chat with your children about the route they walk to and from school – are they crossing at the school crossing or further up the hill on a blind bend? You might be surprised!

#### **Volunteers**

To help us with our plan to beautify our school environment, the Wellington City Council has donated 50 plants for the carpark bank area. We will need volunteers to bring their spades & gardening tools to help plant these, as many hands make light work. Watch out for the working bee date email alert and join in with the fun!

In the meantime, there seems to be a member of the public who is 'helping' the school by doing jobs - such as cutting down trees and spraying chemicals. If you see anyone on school property in the weekends working around our gardens (and you don't recognise them as belonging to our parent community), could you please note things such as a car registration number or even ask them their name/phone number and let us know. It is a little bit disturbing, as they are not always targeting what we want done!

Patrol and PTP volunteers – we'd love to have more people on these teams, as it helps both our students and teachers in so many ways. Please let the Office know if you can help. 15-60 minutes a week is just a little part of your time, but it is like gold to us!

#### Year 6 NIS Enrolment 2019

A reminder that Newlands Intermediate enrolments for 2019 should be made online by 31 August. If you would like to know more about the school or have questions, please contact one of the NIS Deputy Principals, Lena Meinders (<a href="mailto:lena.m@newlandsint.school.nz">lena.m@newlandsint.school.nz</a>), or Simon McAtamney

(<u>simon.m@newlandsint.school.nz</u>). The school's number is 04 4788195.

#### **ICAS Results**

The latest results for our ICAS students have just arrived. Our congratulations to:

#### Writing

Yr 4	Esha	Participation
Yr 5	Ivan	Participation
	Maxine	Credit
Yr 6	Khushal	Participation
	Luca	Credit

#### **Spelling**

Yr 5	Ivan	Credit
Yr 6	Khushal	Credit
	Luca	Distinction



#### **Mathswell Competition**

For the first time, a group of six capable mathematicians will be representing our school at this prestigious competition to be held at Karori West School tonight – our best wishes to Andrew, Khushal, Aston, Tony Tennyson and Cullen. So great to see our boys excelling!

#### **Interzone Swimming Meet**

Our best wishes to Khushal, Cullen and Nina who will be representing our school at this swimming competition this Friday.

The next "Healthy Heroes" Assembly (Week 6) will be held 11am, Wednesday 5 September. At this assembly, children will receive a voucher for a free swim at Keith Spry Pool. Vouchers have been generously donated by the Wellington City Council. This reward reflects the 'regular exercise' component of the programme.

The final assembly (Week 9) will be 11am, Wednesday 26 September and children will each receive an agerelated book kindly donated by The Rotary Club of Johnsonville. This reward reflects the 'stretch your mind' component of the programme. Also at this assembly, one lucky student (selected by the teachers) will receive a very special reward - a voucher for a full term of swimming lessons at Keith Spry Pool. This reward, generously sponsored by the Wellington City Council, will be presented by our very special guest, Olympic Ambassador and NZ rowing medalist Peter Taylor.

Families are warmly invited to attend these assemblies.



#### **Upcoming Events...**

Tuesday 11 September 6pm Home & School Meeting

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

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.

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Newlands Paparangi Tennis Club invites you to a Love Tennis Open Day at <u>26 Black Rock Rd</u>, Sunday 9 September 1 – 4pm. All ages and abilities welcome to come along, give tennis a go, and have a sausage from the BBQ.

For further info contact Mary on 021 166 2342 or see our website www.sporty.co.nz/nptc

