Rewa Rewa School



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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...

Hurry up summer — I think everyone is 'over' the wind, cold, rain and flu! Thank you for keeping your children at home when they have been unwell, it does help us to stop these winter bugs from spreading. We are holding a Zoning meeting for our parents tonight at school which you are all very welcome to attend (see details further in the newsletter).

Jan Otene Principal

Happening in Our School...

STAR STUDENTS

Well done to Cullen, Khushal, Nina and TJ for representing our school at the interzone swimming competition – an awesome achievement.

Our huge congratulations to the Mathswell team - Khushal, Aston, Andrew, Tony, Tennyson and Cullen (Reserve - Ivan) - who came 4th in the Plate and 14th overall out of 25 teams in the Wellington region. What an achievement. There were some very proud parents that evening!



Patrols Team – thank you to all of our patrollers who work hard each week to keep our students safe. We hope you



enjoyed the Orange Day Parade last Friday – your school banner looked amazing! Representing Rewa Rewa were: Anahera, Andrew, Aston, Ava, Conor, Cullen, Khushal, Kingston, Luca, Maddox, Maxine, Nina, Owen, Phoenix, Ranesh, Tennyson, Tony

and Zephaniah. As always, we need more help with patrol days — please see Charlotte Hills in Kahurangi or email charlotte.hills@rewarewa.school.nz.

ICAS English competition

Our congratulations to the following students on your results in this very prestigious competition:

Participation: Esha, Luca

Credit: Khushal

Distinction: Ivan

Artsplash (Monday 17 September @ 5 pm) and Kapa Haka (Monday 24 September @ 10 am) festivals are coming up soon and we are thrilled to have so many students participating in these events where they will be performing in front of 100's of people. Buy your tickets for Artsplash now (see top of page for details), sales are brisk, so be in quick!

We know that many of our students are involved in lots of out of school activities such as music exams and sports teams – remember to share your successes with us so that we can put these into the school newsletter.

Johnsonville Christmas Parade

This year, Rewa Rewa school is joining in this awesome event on Saturday 1 December. In order to have a great float, we need plenty of volunteers. Do you have Christmas decorations you can donate? A stereo for playing carols? Artistic flair to help decorate the float? We need kids for the float and to march in the parade, so please encourage your children to take part. Please email Megan Williams on megsjwilliams@gmail.com if you can help in any way. A planning session will be set up in October to start the float planning and decorating.

Watch this space!





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CURRICULUM NEWS

Learning Centred Spaces (LCS) Culture

Recently we gathered student voice to measure the difference being made to developing the thinking skills of all of our learners. You may have heard your child talking about Think Crews, Turn and Talk and Idea Ideas. The data is stunning – our students from yr 1-6 are confidently able to articulate what they are learning and how it helps with their thinking. The next stage of our journey is to further develop learner agency skills, so expect to hear about Bronze Level learners soon!

Healthy Heroes Programme

At last week's Healthy Heroes assembly students shared the challenges that they and their families have been undertaking. These activities range from riding a bike with the family to making a meal at home and identifying who our friends are whom we can go to for support. To celebrate the last 3 weeks of achievements the Wellington City Council have very generously donated a single-entry free pass to their swimming pools for every child in our school. We have decided to use these to take the whole school on a celebration trip on the last day of term to Tawa Pool. So, save the date, as we'd like as many parents as possible to join us for this special outing.

The next Healthy Heroes assembly will be 11am, Wednesday 26 September – families are welcome to attend. This will be a Healthy Heroes Costume Day, so we encourage you to start talking and planning with your child to make something appropriate for this.

At this assembly, children will receive (an age-related) book generously 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 free swimming lessons at Keith Spry Pool, Johnsonville. This reward, generously donated by the Wellington City Council, will be presented by our very special guest, Olympic Ambassador and NZ rowing medalist Peter Taylor.

Thank you to all those parents who have been so encouraging about this programme and for your positive feedback about the HH homework challenge sheet. If you would like a term 4 'themed' homework sheet which encourages you to work together with your child at home, let us know and we will see what we can create.

The IT Breakfast Club

This group presented their "Scratch" work to our teachers last Wednesday. They are definitely learning new skills with their coding work – Stuff media shared an interesting article about a group of young girls in a NZ primary school who have created an anti-bullying app by using their coding skills – follow this link to read more: https://www.stuff.co.nz/taranaki-daily-news/news/106877311/primary-students-

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create-app-to-combat-bullying-for-tech-competition. Our huge thanks to our parent volunteer, Kirk Jackson, for turning up every week to lead this new learning with our students – you are awesome!

Early Arrivals

We are noticing an increase in the number of children arriving extremely early. A reminder that children should not be at school before 8.30am. The Hall is available for unsupervised shelter prior to this, only for those few for whom it is absolutely necessary.

BOARD NEWS

Zoning

Our Zoning meeting is being held tonight at 6pm in Kahurangi class for those who would like to know more about how zoning in the Newlands area will operate and the effect that this will have on you and your family. All are welcome. Submissions close 21 September, please place these in the drop box at the school office.

School Policy Reviews

Policies due to be reviewed this term are Complaints and Behaviour Management. It is important that we have parent voice when reviewing our school policies and it is a very easy process. Please contact office@rewarewa.school.nz for login details for our SchoolDocs site if you would like to submit your suggestions.

Building Progress

Building work is on schedule for our 5 classrooms and is going well. Carpets and wall coverings have been chosen and will be fitted soon. Al, our caretaker, is working hard in the background to upgrade our Hall kitchen and storage areas ready for ASC to move into as their permanent home, as from the school holidays. A treat for our ASC students will be the purchase of 2 Chromebooks just for ASC use.

Vehicle Drivers

Please DO NOT drop off your children in the staff car park area or across the driveway - park on the roadside so your children can use the footpath. Vehicle number plates of all drivers who are not using safe practices will be reported to our local traffic patrol officer.

New Enrolments

Thank you for spreading the word about our great school. Ideally we would like our roll to be 101 at the start of each year. We welcome prospective parents to come and visit us in action anytime. Although our zone will be in place by 1 January 2019 we expect to have a number of out-of-zone places available in the first ballot.

Working Bee—Saturday 6 October

Families are invited to participate in a working bee to be held 10am—12pm, Saturday 6 October. There will be some gardening work involved, so please bring tools. Morning tea will be provided. Please help keep our school looking great!

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Health - Nits

This seems to be a never-ending problem. Please remember to keep treating your child's head for at least 1 week after spotting the last little nasty bug, as the eggs need to be all cleared away as well. An interesting natural remedy has come our way which we thought parents might be interested in trying:

NO MORE NITS In-Salon Treatments or home care products www.nitsypixies.co.nz 0800 NitsyPixies (648 797)

Assembly Award Congratulations!

Kowhai	Tyler	Always helping others and being a good role model.
Kahurangi	Nina	Developing her mathematical skills and applying this knowledge to her Otago
		Maths questions.
Kowhai	Shane	Writing a very good recount.
Kahurangi	Ivan	Fully participating in the lead up to the Mathswell Competition.

Upcoming Events...

Monday	17 September	5pm	Artsplash	
Monday	24 September	10am	Kapa Haka Festival, Newlands Cluster	
Saturday	06 October	10am-12pm	School Working Bee	
Monday	22 October		Labour Day Public Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Monday	01 November ti	ll 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.



Gymnastics, Tumbling, Trampoline, & Free Running classes in Tawa! Bigair Gymsports has a vast range of exciting classes for children aged 3 – 15 years, for all abilities! From beginner to intermediate we have <u>GRAVITY BUSTERS</u> classes, to our more advanced <u>TEAM EXTREME</u> and <u>TUMBLING</u> classes. Children will learn extensive personal skills, including increased self-confidence, self-reflection, listening skills, persistence, self-pride, increased self-esteem, all while building strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness, plus some pretty amazing skills that kids can be proud of. Bigair Gyms Term 4 Classes, plus fun & active <u>SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME</u> are open for bookings NOW! For more information, please call us on 04 232 3508, email us <u>office@bigairgym.co.nz</u>, or visit our website <u>www.bigairgym.co.nz</u>

