

### Term 3 ends 3pm this Friday 28 September.

We look forward to welcoming you back **9am, Monday 15 October.**

#### Term 4 Reminders:

- All children must wear full-brimmed sunhats at school when playing outside – hats can be purchased from The Warehouse for less than \$10.
- Swimming lessons with Easyswim start on the first MONDAY of term 4 and will be held each Monday during the term—pack your child's togs and towel in their school bag NOW!

### A note from the Principal...

What a whirlwind fortnight we've had – Artsplash, Kapa Haka festival, construction developments, an American researcher visiting our school and preparing for our final Healthy Heroes assembly. Flu & other nasty viruses have affected many of our staff and families, BUT we're all still smiling as we celebrate the final week of a very successful term. We wish our families a very restful term break – recharge those batteries ready for an exciting term ahead.

On a funny note, the construction being undertaken at the moment seems to be having a flow-on effect on our children... budding builders, engineers and architects of the future.



**Jan Otene**  
Principal

### Happening in Our School...

#### TEACHING AND LEARNING for Term 4

Swimming lessons with Easyswim begin on the first day of term 4 and will be held each Monday throughout the term. Swim caps and goggles are a great idea. If you can help with the junior programme in the afternoon please let teachers know. Lessons provided are valued at \$140 per child and your child is getting them free. We expect ALL children to swim EVERY week – no excuses – either a written note or verbal contact with the class teacher is expected for all non-swimmers. If anyone has spare

children's togs that we can offer to others, please drop these off to the Office.

In term 4 classes will be rounding off their term 3 technology inquiries. Kahurangi students have been investigating how to reduce plastic, Kowhai students are inventing ways to encourage people to put their litter into rubbish bins and Whero students have completed several mini-challenges, such as making their own Healthy Heroes costumes.

In term 4 our emphasis will be on building Oral Language skills through opportunities such as public speaking, puppet plays, assembly presentations and interviewing people.

Our end of year school trip will be a visit to Wellington Zoo, a very popular request from our students.

#### Building a Caring Community

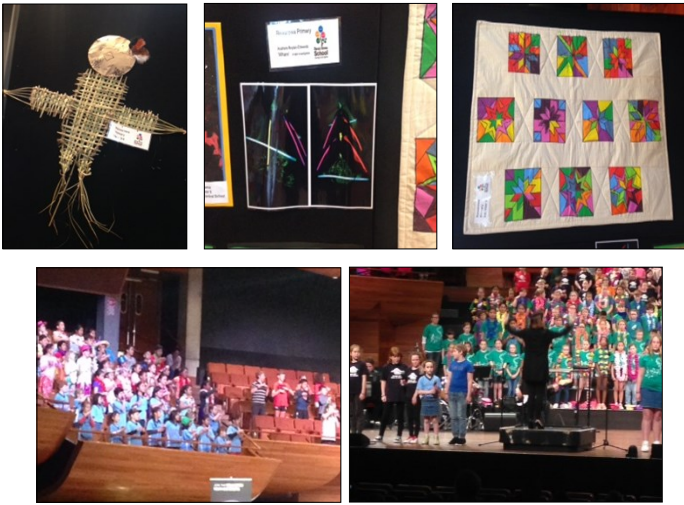
We have very kind-hearted parents in our school who offer their help in many ways, with no fanfare needed. At times, due to many reasons, such as rushing to school late, some children have not had time to eat breakfast or pack their lunch. An idea that has been proposed is that we stock a few basics, such as Weetbix and milk, so that when we move into our new area students can help themselves, no questions asked. We are looking for a small team who would 'slip in and slip out', keeping the kitchen area clean and tidy and monitoring food use by dates. Food preparation and serving would not be required. If this sounds like something you would like to organise, we would be keen to hear from you. Please call the Office to speak with Jan.

## Newsletter 16, Week 10, Term 3

### 26 September 2018

#### ArtSplash

A huge thank you to Carol Fitzgerald for working all term with our 17 choristers who participated in last week's ArtSplash festival at the Michael Fowler Centre. Our students rocked and swayed with joy to the music and there were some very proud parents (and Principal!) in the audience. Congratulations to Matilda for having a starring role as one of a group of soloists. Our art work looked great in the foyer – a big thank you to Heather Guitry for organising our school's display.



#### Home & School Parent Committee

This busy group of parents is beavering away in the background trying to get the Adventure Playground completed within the next 6 months, all going well with grant applications. Expect a Xmas raffle fundraiser in term 4, which will be used to instal shade sails over the Adventure Playground.

#### School Gardens

Lynnda and Tony Bouzaid have been working hard on the carpark garden entrance and are making a huge difference, planting out the area with new seedlings, including those donated by the Wellington City Council. If you can help out in the weekends or during the week with this work please give Lynnda a call on 021 596 632. Remember the **School Holiday Working Bee on Sunday 6 October, 10 am-12 noon** – morning tea will be provided, but please bring your own gardening tools!

We would also like to start planting shade trees/trees that attract birds such as tui in strategic places, to offer our students shade from the sun. If you have expertise in either landscaping, gardening or landscape design and can help us, please contact the Office ([office@rewarewa.school.nz](mailto:office@rewarewa.school.nz)).

#### ICAS results

##### English

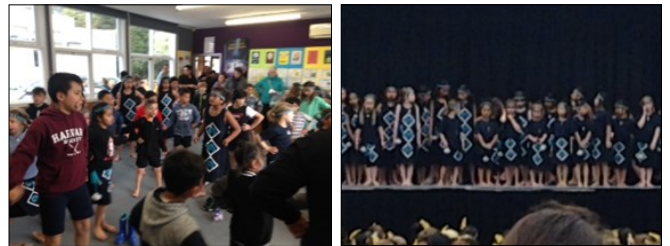
Participation: Esha (Yr 4), Luca (Yr 6)

Credit: Khushal (Yr 6)

Distinction: Ivan (Yr 5)

#### Newlands Kapa Haka Festival

52 of our students performed in this year's Newlands Kapa Haka Festival for Rewa Rewa School. Our year 1-6 students performed their waiata and haka with true passion and pride, to a very enthusiastic audience. We were noted as the only group who had no guitar accompanying them to help keep the rhythm - quite a feat! Well done to Ezekeil, Phoenix, Tiare and Zephaniah for your amazing leadership skills. Our huge thanks to Charlotte Hills for taking on the challenge of training our group this year and for the amount of time she devoted to this. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and to Sala, one of our parents, who supported us by organising the moko designs for our children.



#### Overdue Reminder:

**If you have not yet paid your 2018 Activity Fees, please do so NOW!** Only 62% of these fees have been paid so far and we rely on these for events such as school trips. An automatic payment of \$5-10 per week could still see this paid before the end of the year.



We welcome Hanzala and his 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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## Assembly Award Congratulations!

Whero	<b>Luisa-Lee</b>	For improvement in reading and recall of letter names and sounds.
Kowhai	<b>Muhammed</b>	Making sure everyone in your group is included and listened to.
Kahurangi	<b>Tennyson</b>	Mentoring a team of learners on how to code using HTML.
Kowhai	<b>Danny-Lee</b>	Focusing on your learning, sharing some really good ideas with your group.
Kahurangi	<b>Owen</b>	Sharing his thinking with others in a thoughtful way.
Kowhai	<b>Malachii</b>	For showing growth mindset and staying focussed when working on your puppet script.
Kahurangi	<b>Zephaniah</b>	Developing her te reo Maori skills and sharing them confidently with her peers and on Seesaw.

### Upcoming Events...

Saturday	06 October	10am-12pm	School Working Bee
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

<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 23 July—Friday 28 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 15 October—Thursday 13 December ( <b>School closes at 1pm</b> )
	Monday 22 October—Labour Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

**Please note: After School Care is also unavailable when school is closed.**

### Term Dates 2019

<b>Term 1</b>	Tuesday 29 January—Friday 12 April
	<i>Wednesday 06 February—<b>Waitangi Day, School Closed</b></i>
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 29 April—Friday 5 July
	<i>Monday 03 June—<b>Queen's Birthday, School Closed</b></i>
	<i>Tuesday 04 June—<b>Teacher-Only Day, School Closed</b></i>
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 22 July—Friday 27 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 14 October—Friday 13 December ( <b>School closes at 1pm</b> )
	<i>Monday 21 October—<b>Labour Day, School Closed</b></i>

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### Professional Learning

Our Board members take their governance role very seriously and, as such, it is important that they upskill themselves. Professional development that we have undertaken over the last 12 months with NZSTA has included: Your Community—Engagement, Concerns & Complaints, Effective Financial Governance (Part 1), Chair Residential 2018, Vulnerable Children Act—Ensuring the Health & Wellbeing of Our Children, Student Achievement—The BSchool Strategic Goals & Annual Plans Review

Our teachers have shared in-depth, mid-year data with us this term in reading, writing and maths and we are pleased with the overall progress being made by our students. The Board has also read reports about the programmes that support learning and teaching, such as the SHINE project (literacy) and ALiM (maths). Our teachers are putting many hours into upskilling themselves to enable the delivery of high quality programmes at our school.

The Board resources professional development, as it keeps our team up-to-date with current educational trends. This year members of our team have been developing their skills and knowledge in a range of areas, including Mind Lab (IT), the Springboard Trust Leadership Development, Te Reo and Kapa Haka performance, Play-Based Learning and ALiM (Accelerated Learning in Maths), to assist target students in Maths, SHINE project (lifting achievement in literacy), LCS (Learning Centred Spaces - developing thinking skills and student agency), coding and IT blogs.

### Panui #1 ILE (Innovative Learning Environments)

It is becoming increasingly important that as education evolves and changes, our parents are kept informed as to how children learn and understand how quality teaching is being delivered. We hope you enjoyed last week's first newsletter designed to help you understand where education is heading and what this means for Rewa Rewa School. This can also be found on our website under the newsletter tab.

### Online Surveys

We will be rolling out a series of important surveys over the next term as we try to capture parent voice – what do you want as parents for your children? What do you value being included in programmes? We hope that as each survey is rolled out, we get a HUGE response to help inform us to deliver the very best! There will also be the chance to win \$20 vouchers as a way of saying thank you for your participation.

### Meet the Team

We've updated our website to include pictures of our Board members to help you identify us in the school

grounds.

### School Policy Reviews

All of our policies can be viewed by our community online using the SchoolDocs website. We encourage parents to access this site regularly and to participate in the end of term reviews – please email [office@rewarewa.school.nz](mailto:office@rewarewa.school.nz) for login details. This site is particularly good if you have a complaint or issue that needs to be resolved, as it outlines the process to follow. In brief:

1. Share your issue with your child's teacher.
2. If you are not satisfied with this response, speak with the Principal.
3. If, after working with both the class teacher and the Principal, resolution is not found, a letter can be sent to the Board Chair to respond to.

### Property Upgrade

The construction project is moving ahead of time at the moment, which is great! You may have noticed some more changes over the last week or so. Our After School Care programme has a new home in the Hall and the refurbished kitchen looks fantastic (thanks to Al, our caretaker), as well, new laptop chrome books have replaced the old desktop computers.

Next to move will be Kowhai class. They will spend 3 weeks based in the hall during Term 4 so that their old classroom can be converted into the new staffroom and resource area. Meanwhile, the staff are now calling the Hall kitchen their staffroom. All going well, we hope to have all of our classes rehoused in their new classrooms in week 4 of next term. We are looking forward to having an Open Day so that parents can have a look through our new school block. This will be the completion of Stage 2 of a 4-stage process. We have tenders out at the moment to have the exterior of the school painted during the January holidays.

The carpark on the field is being marked out with stakes. So, please stay away from this area. Emptying the large container bin, moving resources from the Hall to their new space, upgrading the toilets, rehousing our musical instrument collection and setting up a fully-functioning library will form the final stages of the move, as far as the school is concerned. Construction of the RTLB offices will continue until February/March 2019, when we will hold a formal welcome for our new housemates!

**From the team:** Mark Williams (Board Chair), Jan Otene (Principal), Charlotte Hills (Staff Rep), Lynnda Bouzaid, Naomi Godfrey, Ambresh Kapoor & Angela Schleif (Board Members).





These holidays the Pantaloons present their hilarious version of Aladdin at BATS Theatre. Oct 9-12, 10am & 11.45am. Tickets only \$12 from [www.bats.co.nz](http://www.bats.co.nz)

#### Newlands Rugby Club - Touch Rugby Monday afternoons - Term 4 2018

Register your interest - <https://www.sporty.co.nz/newlands>

Registrations close on the 15th of October, and we let you know your team by the 18th of October.

The season is from 29th Oct to the 3 Dec 2018, 6 weeks. We play Monday nights from 4pm.

There will be teams for combined years :Years 1 & 2 ( this is a new grade) Years 3 & 4, Years 5 & 6 and Years 7&8

Sunshine Drama provides a creative and fun learning space for students aged 4 - 13 years of age. Sessions engage imaginative minds, grow confidence & build communication, performance and social skills. For class information or to arrange a free trial class, contact: Jenae 0274380533 or visit [www.sunshinedrama.co.nz](http://www.sunshinedrama.co.nz).



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#### Bellevue Kindergarten is celebrating 40 years



Bellevue kindergarten, 50 Link Road are celebrating their 40th along with a blessing of the new entrance way on Saturday 24 November 2018 at 2 pm.

The kindergarten will be open for current families, ex students, whanau, teachers, committee members and any other interested people to come along and join in the celebrations and have a look through the kindergarten and the grounds.

Light refreshments and anniversary cake will be available.

Please RSVP to 04 4776764  
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or message on our face book page.

