

Children should arrive at school from 8.30am onwards

unless it is absolutely necessary for them to arrive at 8am (they will be in the Hall, unsupervised).

Construction workers are moving heavy vehicles in and out of the playground at that time of day (while children are not at school), and your child is at serious risk of harm if they are in the wrong place at the wrong time!

A note from the Principal...

Kia Ora and welcome back. The busy start to term 4 as we prepared to shift children and resources into their new learning environment this week has been made so much easier by very kind gestures of homemade baking from our community - thank you. Our teachers are incredibly excited about the shared teaching opportunities that lie ahead and we look forward to working with our families to continue to make Rewa Rewa School simply the best!

Jan Otene
Principal

Happening in Our School...

Māori Hui @ Rewa Rewa School

A group has been meeting to discuss ways of developing our school's kaupapa and building connections within our community. We need YOU to be involved. So, no matter what nationality you are, we will be inviting you to attend a hui this term to share what matters to you and to listen to the ideas that others contribute. A flier will be sent home shortly with details - everyone will be welcome, including grandparents and whānau.

Curriculum Term 4

This term our focus will be to develop the Oral Language skills of our learners through fun activities such as plays, active learning sessions, speech writing, collaborative play-based learning and performing in front of an audience. A theatre group will be performing at our school later in the term and senior students will participate in a prepared speech competition at NIS.

The end of term outing for the whole school will be a trip to Wellington Zoo on Wednesday 12 December, as we explore our Wellington community. Keep this date in your calendar, as we'll need parent help.

It is very important to gauge how our students feel about themselves as learners and what they are

interested in learning about. This term we have used several ways of gathering this information including the NZCER online WellBeing survey, ALiM maths and writing questionnaires. We will be using this information to inform our 2019 programmes of learning.

Swimming

Easyswim swimming lessons for our school this term are on every Monday. Swimming lessons are heavily subsidised by Easyswim and Kiwisport, so our families are very fortunate to have this financial support. Please pack your child's togs and towel each week so that they can get the most out of this programme. The pool may also be used for recreational swimming during the week, but individual class teachers will notify you of these times.

We would recommend that families continue with lessons out-of-school. When swimming at Tawa Pool last term we noticed that our year 3-4 students, in particular, have a long way to go to before they could be called competent swimmers. We must do our best to keep those drowning statistics in NZ down!

Athletics

Athletics trials are underway for yr 4-6 athletes. Successful students will be competing at the Northern Zone competition on Monday 29 October.



We welcome Acaysa, Carter, Ethan & Oliver and their families 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.

EPro8 Technology Challenge

Last week two Yr 5 & 6 teams competed in the EPro8 Challenge at Tawa Intermediate. We were incredibly proud of our students as they problem-solved to complete some very challenging tasks. Connecting electrical circuits - a first for most - and constructing a tower with lifts that could stop at each floor was just one of the challenges. We will definitely be competing in 2019 as the Active Learner Skills, Competencies and Qualities that we are now building in our students will improve our capabilities to actively meet these challenges. Congratulations to Andrew, Camden, Khushal, Nina, Luca, Owen, Ranish and Tony on a job well done (absent - Cullen). Thank you Charlotte Hills and Vanessa James for your mentoring.



Term 3 Healthy Heroes Programme

Thanks to the Wellington City Council our entire school of 100 students went to Tawa Pool on the last day of term 2 to celebrate a wonderful term working together. The school's gift was to pay for buses, hire out the entire complex and have inflatables in the pool.

At our final assembly in term 3 each child received a brand new book from The Warehouse, proud sponsors of Healthy Heroes. Our overall Healthy Hero winner of the WCC 10-ticket swimming lessons pass was Izak – well deserved.



Our lucky winner Izak

Tawa Pool treat

Olympian rower visit

Our thanks to William Nobelen and the Johnsonville Rotary club for organising this amazing programme for our students. We'd also like to congratulate Milly Mackey, our year 13 honorary Healthy Hero role model, who has just won Sportswoman of the Year at Newlands College – ka pai Milly!



ICAS Mathematics

Our congratulations to the following students for their wonderful ICAS results:

Participation: Yr 4: Esha; Yr 5: Maxine; Yr 6: Tony

Merit: Yr 4: Mary; Yr 5: Aston

Credit: Yr 5: Ivan

Distinction: Yr 6: Khushal

Traffic and Parking

We have been working with the WCC to help keep your children safe. You will notice yellow lines have been extended over the carpark entrance to stop cars stopping across this entrance and to discourage U-turns. Please be aware that parking in Padnell Crescent will be at a premium this term with swimming and music lessons, as well as the dental clinic van and building contractors in the staff carpark – please be patient and be prepared to park a little further along the street. Your children will thank you for this.

ASC Morning Care

We have had one or two queries lately about whether an early-morning childcare service could be offered at our school. A flier will be coming home shortly to determine whether there is enough interest to take this idea further, so we would appreciate your feedback if this affects you – thank you.

Home & School Parent Committee

We are planning to have a Christmas raffle to support the building of our new Adventure Playground and news about our final grant application is due by the end of November. All going well we hope to get this project underway over the Christmas holidays.

We are organising a float for the Johnsonville Christmas Parade this year – Saturday 1 December. This is a great marketing tool for our school, as well as being good fun. We need your help though - please contact Megan Williams (027 442 3364), the first meeting is tonight at 13 Ceres Cres, Newlands – everyone welcome.

The next H&S meeting will be at school on Tuesday 30 October @ 6.00 pm – come and join us!

Naomi Godfrey, H&S Chair

24 October 2018

Eco Friendly Environment

All students are strongly encouraged to take home the waste from their lunchboxes. We particularly ask that families cut down on the amount of plastic that is sent to school – chippy packets, plastic cheese packs and yoghurt containers are swirling everywhere, making our school look like a tip. Our teachers will be focussing student attention on how to reduce waste. So, be prepared to have these conversations with your child.

Parent Noticeboard - Volunteers

A huge thank you to Dan (Amelia's dad), for his time spent during the holiday break getting the pool changing rooms completed. We need volunteers to help us run the school effectively and we're starting a new idea; very soon, a parent noticeboard will appear in our new walkway.

This is where we will advertise when we need YOUR help. This could include property work, such as building, fencing, gardening, assisting teachers in classrooms, transport & trip supervision, keeping the workshop/kitchen area tidy, cooking with children, library support, washing uniforms etc. or general availability during the day (e.g. to shift resources - weekend volunteering to transfer the contents of the storage container).

Overdue Reminder:

If you have not yet paid your 2018 Activity Fees, please do so NOW! These payments are used to enable school trips to Tawa Pool and the Zoo. Remember, families agree to make these payments when they enrol their children at school and it is important that everyone meets this responsibility.

After School Care fees are due weekly or fortnightly unless prior arrangement has been made and payment in full is required Friday 7 December. Please contact us **urgently** if you will have difficulty meeting this commitment.

Rewa Rewa School
Learning for Life Together

Planning Meeting
Johnsonville
Xmas Parade

Wed 24 Oct, 6.30 pm
Contact Megan, 027 442 3364
13 Ceres Crescent, Newlands

Come & help!

Upcoming Events...

Monday	29 October		Northern Zone Athletics
Tuesday	30 October	6pm	Home & School Meeting
Thursday	8 November		NIS Speech Competition
Monday	01 November till Fri 09 Nov		Bee Healthy Dental Service Onsite
Friday	16 November		NIS Yr 6 Orientation Day
Thursday	29 November		Helpers Thank You Morning Tea
Monday	10 December		Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday	12 December		School Trip to Wellington Zoo
Thursday	13 December		Term 4 ends (School closes at 1pm)

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

Term Dates 2019

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

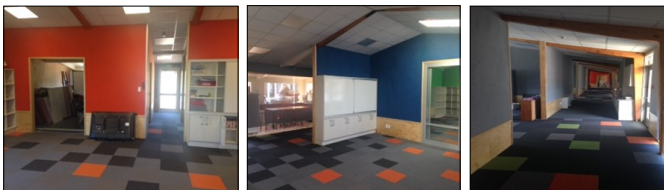
Stages 1 & 2 - Upgraded Classrooms

We're very excited that our students have moved into their new learning environment this week. Thank you to all parents who have assisted us on this journey.

An official blessing and pōwhiri will be held upon completion of the full upgrade in Feb/March 2019.

In the meantime, we plan to host a family Open Day & Evening this term, possibly with our pool open and with BYO bbq/picnics – watch this space!

There are still areas to complete in our teaching areas, such as the second toilet block and library, but we are making good progress towards completing these. We encourage all students to bring smaller schoolbags to school, as storage space is minimalistic in a modern ILE – expect that things may look a bit messy over the next week or so as teachers find ways to efficiently store their resources. The new staffroom/resource room is still under development. So, if you are looking for our teachers at lunchtime, they will be in the Hall.



This refurbishment will allow each classroom to either work as a single cell or in a connected learning area, with an internal walkway linking all classrooms - great for keeping parents warm and dry at 3 pm. There will be an easily accessible library and a kitchen area, as well as opportunities for teachers to work together. Initially, things will remain the same for our tamariki (such as names of classrooms, having the same teacher, similar routines etc.), so that they feel supported through this change.

The Adventure Playground and exterior painting of the school are expected to be completed within the next 6 months. We hope to begin developing a junior playground in the near future also.

Construction workers will be onsite until February/March completing the RTLB rooms and carpark, after which we will officially welcome the Learning Resource teaching team onto their new, shared site with Rewa

School – an exciting partnership for both entities.

Enrolment Scheme

The first ballot for term 1, 2019 will be advertised in next week's Independent Herald (Wednesday 31 October). This ballot is for out-of-zone students and closes 1 month later on 30 November. If you live out-of-zone and have a child who will be starting with us in term 1 you must complete and return your enrolment form within this timeframe or your child will have to wait until term 2 to start at school.

We only have up to 29 places open for the year, including places for in-zone enrolments. In-zone enrolments can be accepted anytime, but we need to know if your child is coming so that we can make good decisions about how many out-of-zone placements to accept.

There will be 4 ballots during 2019, one for each term. Our ideal maximum roll size is approximately 120 – 125 students, as this will allow us to keep our unique character of a small school with a large heart.

Strategic Plan & Charter 2019 – 2021

Community Consultation

Our BOT, Principal and teachers have been working on the 2019-2021 Charter and Strategic Goals which outlines the vision for the future. A single page draft outlining our vision, values, goals, initiatives and 3-year success outcomes will be sent home as part of our Pānui #2 edition next week when we will invite feedback from our community.

This document outlines the exciting future direction for Rewa Rewa learners and your voice is VERY important – do we share the same vision for your child? Once responses have been gathered, and amendments made, this guiding document will be ratified, ready to lead us into the future as from the start of next year.

SchoolDocs – School Policy Reviews

We invite our community to submit their reviews for the following policies:

- Harrassment
- Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori

Please email office@rewarewa.school.nz for login details.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the term; we look forward to meeting you at our Open Day & Evening.

Kind regards



Mark Williams

Board Chair

Board Members:



Lynnnda Bouzaid



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DP, Staff Rep



Ambresh Kapoor



Jan Otene
Principal



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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 (3&4 yr old and 5-15yr old classes), Trampolining, Tumbling, Parkour!** We have classes to support children of all levels and interests. These classes are designed to increase children's strength, flexibility, balance, co-ordination and fitness. Children also learn increased self-confidence, determination, listening skills, persistence, increased concentration, self-reflection & pride as they achieve!

Do you love Dance, Gymnastics & Tumbling? If so, Cheerleading is for you!

Bigair Gymsports annual Cheerleading Trials are in November, so if you are interested please inquire today!

Book your **FREE** Trial today at Bigair Gym Tawa on 2323508 or email office@bigairgym.co.nz

OLYMPIC JUNIOR ATHLETICS - GRENADA NORTH. Registration is now open for the summer season. Club night, Mondays 5.30-6.45pm for children 3-6 years old and 7-14 years, starting Nov 5. For full details visit www.olympicjuniors.nz.



**SUNDAY 18TH
NOVEMBER 2018**
9AM - 2.30PM

START AND FINISH AT KHANDALLAH SCHOOL

Are you up to the challenge?

The Kid's Kaukau Challenge is a fantastic, kid focused event that your whole family will enjoy!

The 'challenge' is a fun run (or walk) up to the top of Mount Kaukau with a prize giving, participation certificates and some really great spot prizes.

Whanau, parents and siblings can follow along up the mountain* or just join the kids for the food fiesta, games, wellness activities - and loads more that are waiting at the bottom of the Mountain!

* (children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult)

For more information - and to register your kids for this awesome event - go to khandallah.school.nz and follow us on Facebook @ Kids' Kaukau Challenge



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