

NZEI Teacher Strike Friday 16 November (tomorrow)—SCHOOL CLOSED!

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A note from the Principal

The blustery, wet weather of last week definitely threw us straight into problem-solving mode; we can see that developing an area for storage of wet coats will be a high priority before next winter! Apart from that, the first few weeks in our new classrooms have been fantastic – our learners and their teachers look as if they have been there forever, they are so settled! It has been a busy week for community consultation activities, including Māori hui, draft Strategic Plan 2019-2021 and Before School Care survey. Your voice is SO important, thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their opinion – it is very much appreciated.

Jan Otene
Principal

Happening in our school...

Message from the Board of Trustees

A reminder that this Friday 16 November, due to NZEI teacher strike action, our school will not be able to offer school tuition or after school care. We apologise for any inconvenience to families. However, we support our teachers as they strive to achieve better conditions for all of our children.

Open Day & Evening @ Rewa Rewa - Wednesday 28 November

We are holding an Open Day so that families can look at our new classroom environment in action. This will be held on Wednesday 28 November followed by a picnic tea evening at 5.30 pm. If you are visiting during the day, please go to the Office from where our student leaders will take you on a guided tour. Our Home & School parent committee will be running a sausage sizzle and it will be a great time to catch up with others from your child's class. The school pool will be open for

swimmers from 5.30 – 6.30 pm. There will also be a \$2 raffle for you to purchase tickets – profits going towards the 2019 Year 5 & 6 Camp - see you there! We will be holding a blessing and welcoming pōwhiri next year once the RTLB move onsite. We expect that this will be held in February 2019.

Enrolments for Term 1, 2019

Enrolments for all out of zone students starting at our school in term 1 must be received at the School Office by 30 November, 2018. If there are more enrolments than places available, then a ballot will be held. We would appreciate all in-zone enrolments being brought to the Office as soon as possible, so that we can arrange school visits. This is particularly important for all New Entrants, as it definitely makes starting at school a far more positive experience with routines and friendships being established.

Ministry of Education – Curriculum Development

Our teachers have begun their Digital Technology Curriculum professional development, a new addition to the Technology Curriculum which is due to be implemented by 2020. We are excited to learn what this will mean for our learners and that it is far broader than just students working on devices, a lot of the learning will be integrated into other curriculum areas such as maths and music.

The Ministry of Education is currently undertaking a very comprehensive review of the NZ curriculum and is consulting with many members of the community. You can check out <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/> to gain a better understanding about the areas that are under review. Assisting schools to create their own localised curriculum, engaging communities and overhauling our assessment system (now that National Standards are no longer with us), are just three of the areas under consideration.

Policy Reviews

The following policies are due to be reviewed by week 8 of this term. Please email office@rewarewa.school.nz for login details to submit a review and have your voice heard.

- Improving Educational Outcomes for Māori
- Harrassment

Children Using IT Devices

Do you know what your children are up to on their devices? We have noticed an increase this term in anti-social verbal and physical interactions towards others in the playground, such as 5 year olds using the 'loser' sign. Students seem to be mimicking the online game "Fortnite" (recommended 13 yrs +). It is important that as children become more technologically savvy, parents keep an eye on what they're actually viewing and doing. Last year we ran some IT workshops for parents and if there is enough interest, we would be happy to do this again next year to upskill parents in what to watch for. In the meantime, we would highly recommend that students at our school do not play this particular game – in particular, older siblings need to think about being great role models to our younger children.

Gardens

If you would like to donate a swan plant (often cheaply available at The Warehouse or garden centres at this time of year), we would love to plant it into our school garden. Children and adults alike love to see Monarch caterpillars growing into butterflies on these plants. Please hand in plants to the Office and we will pass on to our Enviro Garden club. Thank you Lynnda and Tony for planting donated plants in the quad area and killing off weeds in the carpark!



PTP (Parent Tutor Reading Programme)

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the team who have worked so hard to help our readers this year. Our thanks to Lynnda, Barbara, Beryl, Beth, Brenda, Frances, Glenis and Jules - you have made such a difference to so many students this year. We would like to invite all of our helpers to a Thank You

morning tea on Thursday 29 November – invites coming home shortly, so save the date!

Early Arrivals

Remember, only those who really need to arrive at 8 am should be at school at that time. Everyone else needs to wait until 8.30 am to come onto school grounds. Personal devices must not be used during this time. A reminder that students who need to bring a mobile phone to school are expected to hand these to their teacher for safekeeping during the day.

Before School Care Survey

Thank you to all who responded to our recent online survey where we gathered information about whether a paid, before school care service was supported by our community. The Board has reviewed the analysis and reached the conclusion that there is not enough interest for the school to be able to offer this service at this time.

2019 – 2021 Strategic Plan

There is still time to offer your feedback. Please complete the online survey (links have been emailed to all families), to have a say about the vision we have for your child's future at Rewa Rewa school.

Home & School – Johnsonville Christmas Parade

A notice was sent home last week inviting all students and their families to join our school group in this parade. Responses are due before Friday 16 November - tomorrow - if you would like your child to participate in this fun event. This is a great opportunity to showcase our school, if you can contribute Christmas decorations/tinsel please contact Megan Williams (027 442 3364).

NIS Speech Evening

Our two Year 6 representatives at this year's speech evening were Luca and Andrew and we were so proud of them. They worked hard to perfect the content and delivery of their speeches and we know Angela Lowe, NIS principal was suitably impressed. She is really looking forward to having these two students, who are both articulate and confident, at her school.

Northern Zone Athletics

Our congratulations to the 9 athletes who very ably

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represented our school at this competition last week: Anahera, Aston, Camden, Cole, Esha, Khushal, Mary, TJ and Tony. Our big thanks to the parents who assisted with transport and our teachers Jess Teaz and Charlotte Hills. Aston has been selected to represent our school at the Interzone competition in sprints, which we are very proud about – good luck Aston.

Upcoming Events...

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)

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Term Dates 2019

Term 1 Tuesday 29 January—Friday 12 April

Wednesday 06 February—Waitangi Day, School Closed

Term 2 Monday 29 April—Friday 5 July

Monday 03 June—Queen’s Birthday, School Closed

Tuesday 04 June—Teacher-Only Day, School Closed

Term 3 Monday 22 July—Friday 27 September

Term 4 Monday 14 October—Friday 13 December (School closes at 1pm)

Monday 21 October—Labour Day, School Closed