

REMEMBER—WIDE BRIMMED SUNHATS, SUNSCREEN & WATER BOTTLES for every child, every day.

A note from the Principal...

Welcome back to school – we hope you enjoyed the summer break, and are ready for an amazing year ahead. Our teaching team have been enthusiastically getting their classroom programmes organised so that your children can be excited about their learning. I feel very humbled and privileged to lead such a wonderful community of learners.

Jan Otene
Principal

Happening in Our School...

2019 Staffing

Principal

Jan Otene

Deputy Principal, Kahurangi class teacher yr 5 -6
Charlotte Hills

Kowhai class teacher yr 3 – 4

Qariah Omar

Whero class teachers yr 0 – 2

Carol Fitzgerald & Erin Moore

Release Teachers

Jess Teaz, Carolyn Collis

Relief Teachers

Diane Griffith, Heather Guitry

Caretaker

Al Pearce

Office Manager

Delwyn Spargo

Librarian

Claire Hermann

Teacher Aides

Claire Hermann, Karen Garrison

After School Care

Shona Atkins, Nazneen Chowdhury, Tonni Wilson

Key Term 1 Dates for Your Diary

Fri 1 Feb 9.30am Assembly to welcome our new families

Wed 13 Feb 6pm Meet the Teacher Evening, followed by camp meeting for yr 5-6 parents

Wed 27 Feb 3.10-8pm 3-Way Interviews (Parents/Student/Teacher)

Thu 28 Feb 3.10-6pm 3-Way Interviews (Parents/Student/Teacher)

Board of Trustees News

Welcome back to 2019. The Board Of Trustees looks forward to working with families to create the best learning environment for our children. Last year our school began its physical transformation, including moving our entire school, upgrading all classrooms, signing a host school agreement with the Wellington RTLB cluster, removing the very tired Adventure Playground, as well as offering our first Enrolment Scheme ballot. This year Board elections will be held and we encourage you to consider joining our team as we work together to make a positive difference.

This year's property upgrades will include: installation of the library, completing the exterior painting of the entire school, upgrade of the junior toilets and installation of the new Adventure Playground. We are investigating creating a junior adventure playground



We welcome Ali, Ben, Bentley, Emily, Isaac, Mathius, Riley & Samuel to Rewa Rewa School, we hope you enjoy your time here.

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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and upgrading fencing, as well as developing shade areas and our overall environment.

We look forward to meeting all of our families at the first Meet the Teacher evening coming up soon.

Mark Williams (Board chair), Lynnda Bouzaid, Naomi Godfrey, Ambresh Kapoor, Angela Schleif, Jan Otene and Charlotte Hillis (Staff Rep)

Adventure Playground

In the last few days of 2018 Jamie Miratana, along with his digger, worked tirelessly to prepare our property for installation of the new Adventure Playground. Our huge thanks to Naomi Godfrey and Leanna Miratana for your tireless efforts in raising grant funding and working together to lead the parent fundraising team and working bees. Thank you to all parents who gave us a hand. The playground is due to be installed in the second week of term on 11 February.

Special Assembly Welcome to Our New Families

We had 8 new students start yesterday and we will be welcoming them and their families at a school assembly on Friday 1 February @ 9.30 am, followed by a shared morning tea in the staffroom. We invite our school whanau to join us in welcoming our new families.

Later in the term, when the RTLB move onsite, we will be holding a blessing for the new classrooms and a powhiri for the 21 RTLB teachers who will be moving onsite. There will be many guests including the Ministry, local dignitaries, our Māori kaiako, the media and those involved with the upgrade. We will be asking every family to provide a plate of food for our guests to enjoy over morning tea for this special occasion in our school's history. Date to be advised.

Curriculum Development 2019

Our teachers attended 3 professional development days over the last week. This upskilling supports our Strategic Plan goals for our learners and teachers (see attached copy). Our goal for our learners is to empower them so that they are able to use their Active Learner skills and competencies to enable them to be successful both now and in the future.

Learning-Centred Spaces (Facilitator: Bek Galloway)

We will be teaching our students to develop their Active Learner skills, which include self-management, actively setting goals and actively taking responsibility for their learning. You will hear your children talking about

Bronze and Silver level learning and see them grow in confidence as they collaborate with their peers.

Digital Curriculum (Facilitator: Lynne Silcock, Core Education)

This new technology curriculum must be introduced in 2020 – we're starting now! Funnily enough, a lot of this learning does not involve using digital devices – it is more about developing patterned and algebraic thinking, which can then be applied to other areas of learning (e.g. coding, creative design etc.).

Collaborative Teaching Teams (Facilitator: Mark Sweeney)

Together with 15 teachers from Paparangi School we unpacked what Innovative Learning Environments (ILE) look like when teaching teams are working effectively as collaborative and skilful communicators. Our families will be the best judges of whether this is happening over the year ahead!

Community Pānui

Last year I began sending home Pānui newsletters. The purpose of these is to upskill our parents in the latest educational research and findings which apply to NZ primary schools. Pānui #3 "Building Genuine Partnerships with Parents" is due to be published this term. Previous newsletters* can be found on our website for future reference. Please let me know if there are other topics that you are interested in hearing about.

**Pānui #1 Innovative Learning Environments*

Pānui #2 Shaping our Vision

We have just received the government's blueprint for education for the future ("Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together") – there are many BIG changes ahead. Submissions need to be made before 7 April 2019 – to view a copy please ask at the Office.

Reducing Waste at School

ALL plastic and uneaten food in lunch boxes will be sent home. Please help to reduce plastic waste by putting your child's food into reusable containers. If your child has an item that needs cutlery, please provide this from home.

Parent Workshops

We will be holding workshops to upskill parents e.g. using online tools to access their children's learning & how you can assist your child in maths throughout the

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year. Please let us know if there are other topics you would be interested in learning about.

School Environment

Thank you to Lynnda and Tony Bouzaid for working during the holidays to garden and spray our weeds. The school gardens are starting to look better already. If you would like to offer your help, we would love to hear from you – particularly if you are good at getting rid of gorse and dead trees! Please contact the school office.

School Community Volunteers

The staff and board cannot do everything – we need your ongoing help. The volunteers who helped to dismantle the Adventure Playground in the holidays, or who have undertaken building work and raised funds through sausage sizzles and raffles are making such a difference! If you have time, we would love to have you on board, even if it is just for a short block of time – everything helps! Please let the Office know if you are keen to help.

We Need Volunteers Right Now For:

- Road Patrol (please see Charlotte Hills or contact the Office)
- Scholastic Book Club orders
- PTP reading programme tutors URGENT (9 – 10.30 am timeslot)
- Technicraft/Cooking area – keeping it clean and tidy
- Lost Property
- Home & School Committee – parents helping to make a difference in our school to facilities for all children
- Netball coach and manager

Upcoming Events...

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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	

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

REWA REWA SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN 2019 – 2021



Our Vision: Learning for Life Together **Our Values:** R.I.D.E. Respect Integrity Diversity Empathy

Our Strategic Goals	Our Initiatives	Our 3 Year Success Outcomes
<p>Goal 1</p> <p>Empower lifelong learners.</p>	<p>Learners will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Understand and apply the Active Learner Skills to develop their agency as learners. Confidently demonstrate the Active Learner Competencies that enhance collaborative learning within an Innovative Learning Environment (ILE). Strengthen their engagement in learning by developing the Active Learner Qualities. 	<p><i>Our learners are able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulate and take responsibility for their own learning. Apply the skills and attitudes of successful Active Learners. Collaborate, reflect and learn from their mistakes. Monitor their own achievement and ongoing success. Be innovative and curious learners. Successfully contribute to the communities in which they belong. Competently demonstrate their citizenship and R.I.D.E values.
<p>Goal 2</p> <p>Build a collaborative and innovative teaching team.</p>	<p>Teachers will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake professional learning to enable the implementation of the Active Learner Skills school-wide. Teach the Active Learner Competencies within a responsive Innovative Learning Environment (ILE) to support learners to achieve to their potential. Strengthen teacher capabilities through inquiry to develop the Active Learner Qualities in learners. Implement innovative initiatives to progress target learners, including Māori and Pasifika. 	<p><i>Our teachers are able to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trial and promote learning opportunities that support our learners to achieve ongoing success within a collaborative Innovative Learning Environment (ILE).
<p>Goal 3</p> <p>Strengthen genuine partnerships with our whānau and community.</p>	<p>Together we will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen connections and relationships with our parents to enable them to more effectively support their children as learners. Develop active engagement and commitment from those within our school community. Foster a strong 'Sense of Belonging' by enhancing the connections between ourselves and our wider community. 	<p><i>Our community is able to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively engage in 'Home and School' partnerships that support children to be successful learners and that promote active participation to help our school community thrive.