

## Reminder: 3-Way Interviews TODAY & TOMORROW!

### A note from the Principal...

So many things to celebrate – happy learners, new families joining our whanau and an amazing adventure playground about to open. Beautiful surprises just take your breath away. At the end of a long evening at school, staff were approached by a neighbour in the carpark. She presented us with a beautifully wrapped gift of 2 Rewa Rewa tree seedlings that she had been growing for our school – how special is that!



*Jan Otene*  
Principal

### Happening in Our School...

#### Playground Opening

It's happening! We cordially invite all those in our school community to attend the official opening of our new Adventure Playground this coming Monday 4 March @ 10 am. Our students are itching to get onto the new equipment. However, we will be using a carefully managed approach as we introduce them to the new challenges ahead.

#### 3-way Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences TODAY AND TOMORROW

A reminder that individual student meetings are being held this week. Of all the meetings that we have, this one is the most important for EVERY parent/caregiver to attend and we expect 100% turnout. Together with your child's teacher, parents will help to set the scene for their child's learning for the year ahead. For those who may be unable to attend this week, please see your child's teacher to arrange a meeting in the near future.

#### Meet the Teacher Evening

Our teaching staff and Board of Trustees were thrilled to make connections with so many of our families at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening held recently. Many parents have commented on how much they appreciated the thoughtful class presentations from our teaching staff.

Our thanks to Lynnda and Tony for running the sausage sizzle, with proceeds going towards the Yr 5/6 camp. We also thank Easyswim who supported our community by opening the pool for swimmers to enjoy. Some interesting stats from the evening:

#### Parent attendance:

Whero (Yr 0 – 2) 66%

Kowhai (yr 3 – 4) 69%

Kahurangi (yr 5 – 6) 69%

Overall school-wide attendance: 68%

European / Other 76% Maori 50% Pasifika 29%

#### Panui #3 Building Genuine Partnerships

This newsletter was sent home to all families last week - we hope you found it informative. Included in the edition was a copy of our Strategic Goals for 2019 – 2021, the document that guides your child's education at Rewa Rewa School.

#### Teaching and Learning @ Rewa Rewa School

Each Friday all children are participating in a variety of programmes that support The Arts. Students work in mixed year groups (across Years 1-6), to experience the 4 Arts strands - music, dance, drama and art. This is a fantastic opportunity to introduce learners to these disciplines, as well encouraging friendships between all ages.

Each student has also been developing their mihi and pōwhiri protocols this term. We have been working hard to develop our Rewa Rewa school tikanga so that when we welcome people onto our school marae we have a unified sense of who we are.



We welcome Niveshwar and Nithika, along with their families 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.*

## Newsletter 2, Week 3, Term 1

### 13 February 2019

This week our teaching staff have attended a workshop with Mark Treadwell, a NZ leader in education. Our school has been accepted onto a 3-year pilot scheme as we work to create a school curriculum that is meaningful for our learning community.

#### Board News

##### NZE! Paid Teacher Meetings

Meetings will be held in March for all primary teachers and principals. Our board has chosen to split sending our staff to local meetings over two afternoons, so that we can keep the school open with minimal disruption for students. The dates for these meeting will be Tuesday 19 and Thursday 21 March from 1.30 – 3.00 pm. Thank you for your support of our teachers as they strive to obtain better conditions for teaching and learning in the future.

##### Kāhui Ako / Community of Learning

Principals and lead teachers from our 6 local Newlands schools are excitedly working in the background to develop our own equivalent of a Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning). We look forward to sharing these ideas with our communities as they evolve.

##### Board of Trustees Elections 2019

Elections for Board of Trustees members will be held Friday June 7 this year. The Returning Officer will be calling for nominations by Friday 10 May, so please consider offering your time and expertise towards the governance of our school. Being a Trustee can be hugely rewarding and makes a genuine difference to how effective our school community can be.

##### RTLB Update

The RTLB teachers are expected to be moving onsite on Friday 22 March, but this date will be confirmed closer to the time. We will be holding a pōwhiri, as well as blessing our new upgraded buildings – a flier will come home soon with more details and requests for help.

##### Keeping Ourselves Safe

We received an alert recently from another school about children being approached in the local shopping area. This is a timely reminder for families to discuss safety with their children and how to respond if they are approached by strangers or feel unsafe. A tip that we promote is having a 'key word' that only your family use – if a stranger has no knowledge of this word, then that is a definite sign for not trusting them. Walking

home with others is also a good idea if parents are unable to accompany their children to and from school.

##### Student Absences

We are spending a lot of time lately calling parents in the morning because they have not contacted the Office to let us know their child/ren will be absent. Please make sure you are meeting your responsibilities as follows:

1. Call or email the Office (not classroom teachers) before 9am each day your child is away (ensure there is credit on mobile phones at all times/plans are current)
2. Answer your phone when we call
3. Provide current phone numbers - if your number changes, tell us

In accordance with Ministry requirements, if we are not able to contact you to find out why your child is absent, they will be marked truant. After a number of unexplained absences this will be referred to the Truancy Officer at Attendance Services.

##### Camp 2019 Payment

A reminder to all Yr 5 & 6 parents that with camp only 5 weeks away, payment is due by Thursday 14 March. Payments should be made to the following account over the next 2 weeks:

*Rewa Rewa School BOT*

*03 0525 0270118 00*

*Reference: [Child's Surname]*

*Details: Camp 2019*

Please let us know if you need any kind of support in order to help your child experience this amazing outdoor education programme.

##### Home & School Parent Committee

This is a great group of parents who get together once or twice a term to discuss ways to support our school. This can mean fundraising, but at other times it may be helping at discos or triathlons or showcasing our school to the community. Coming up, we'll be running an Easter Raffle, applying for shade sails grants and looking into new sports uniforms and school sunhats. From helping to prepare food for important occasions such as pōwhiri, gardening in the school grounds or touching base with new parents - whatever your interests, we'd love you to join us to help build a stronger community in our school.

Date: 14 February 2019

Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service visited your school last year and completed annual dental examinations of the children enrolled in the service.

Here is a summary of the dental examinations completed at your school:

Number of children examined	Number of children with tooth decay	Percentage of children examined with tooth decay
90	29	32

How tooth decay affects children:

- Pain
- Infection
- Orthodontic problems
- Days off school
- Learning & school performance
- Speech
- Eating and nutrition
- Overall health & wellbeing
- Self esteem

Research has shown that children with oral health problems are more likely to have lower academic achievement and school attendance. One of the simplest and effective ways to reduce rates of tooth decay is to replace sugary drinks such as fizzy drinks, energy drinks, sports drinks, fruit drinks and juices, flavoured milks and waters, powdered drinks and cordial with water or plain milk.

The Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Hutt Valley and Capital & Coast District Health Boards encourage all schools to become water-only. This means making sure that water (and plain reduced fat milk) is the only drink at your school. Creating a school environment that promotes and supports oral health can help your students reach their full potential and stay healthy. By adopting a water-only policy, whereby water and low-fat plain milk are the only drinks available at your school, you can take a positive step towards improving the health and behaviour of your students. Schools that have moved to being water-only have seen the immediate benefits to student health, behaviour and learning outcomes.

If you wish to learn more about the water-only in schools initiative you can speak to your School Health Nurse, contact our colleague, Rukhsana Ali, School Health & Immunisation Group at Regional Public Health at [Rukhsana.Ali@huttvalleydhd.org.nz](mailto:Rukhsana.Ali@huttvalleydhd.org.nz) or visit the Water-only Schools page on the Regional Public Health website (<http://www.rph.org.nz/public-health-topics/schools/water-only-schools/>) for more information, to read testimonials from local schools that have made the switch to water-only and/or to register as a water-only school.

Sincerely,

Bee Healthy Regional Dental Service





## Upcoming Events...

Wednesday	27 February	3.10-8pm	3-Way Interviews (Parents/Student/Teacher)
Thursday	28 Feb	3.10-6pm	3-Way Interviews (Parents/Student/Teacher)
Monday	4 March	10am	Adventure Playground Official Opening
Thursday	14 March		Deadline for Payment of Yr 5/6 Camp
Tuesday	19 March	1.30-3pm	Paid Teacher Union Meeting
Thursday	21 March	1.30-3pm	Paid Teacher Union Meeting
Friday	22 March		RTLB Move Onsite
Friday	10 May		Nominations Open for Board of Trustees Elections
Friday	07 June	12 noon	Board of Trustees Elections Close

## Term Dates 2019

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

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



## Northern United Junior Hockey Club Official 2019 Season runs from start of Term 2

**Years 3-6:** 6-a-side

**Years 7-8:** 11-a-side

**Online registrations now open for the 2019 season (May-Sept)**

**Have a Go Hockey:** 4 no-obligation sessions for beginners all ages:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, \$5 per session

**Pre-season training:** 25 Feb, 4, 11 & 18 Mar

**11-a-side Trials at Elsdon (For kids in years 7 & 8 in 2019):**

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2 – 5pm
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2 – 5pm
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2 - 5 pm

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