

**Raffle Tickets are now overdue—please return all tickets (sold or unsold), with money to the Office IMMEDIATELY!**

### A note from the Principal...

*As-salamu alaykum.*

Whilst walking through the local mall in Lower Hutt on Sunday, a teenage girl and her mother approached myself and others and gave each of us a home-grown rose – a purely random act of kindness. If nothing else, I believe the events of the past week and a half in NZ have highlighted the importance of showing kindness and acceptance towards others at all times –kia kaha.

**Jan Otene**  
**Principal**

### Happening in Our School...

#### Helpers Needed

With our senior students away this week, we need parent help on the patrolled crossing outside our school. If you are able to assist either before or after school, please let the Office know. Please let your children know that the usual patrol signs will not be used, so cross all roads with extra care.

#### Curriculum News

##### Learning Outside the Classroom

This is an exciting week as our senior class headed off to Forest Lakes Camp on Tuesday and our Yr 1 – 4 classes are participating in a wide range of outdoor education activities designed to challenge skills and abilities, encourage team work and promote learning outside the classroom. A huge thank you to all parents and grandparents who have taken time out of busy schedules to be with our students during this week – we could not do this without your support.

#### Reporting to Parents

Since the removal of National Standards last year, we have undertaken a review of our assessment procedures and how we report to parents on their children's learning. Written Reports for those with year 1 – 2 children have been quite radically overhauled, as you will see when your child's report is sent home on their anniversary date. A letter will accompany the first report to explain the changes that have been made. We will also be seeking parent feedback as we continue to make modifications. If you are unsure when your child's first report is due, please see Erin or Carol. The year 3 –

6 Mid-Year Reports will be sent home, as per usual, at the end of term 2.

#### Home & School Parent Committee

The idea to have a Coin Trail to raise money for Christchurch relief came from this parent group and our community rallied behind. Together we raised \$180, which was handed to the local Newlands Masjid Mosque. Well done Rewa Rewa School - we are a community that cares. Our school also joined with the rest of NZ for 2 minutes of silence last Friday afternoon.



Easter Egg donations have been phenomenal. We have enough to make 4 lovely baskets, as well as for student draws at the next school assembly. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser for playground improvements. All tickets & money were due on Monday and MUST be returned this week. Lucky winners will be announced next week.

A slide has been purchased for the Adventure Playground and we hope to have this installed shortly.

#### Bulbs Sales

Orders must be returned to the Office by 9am this Friday 29 March. Credit card or cheque payment is preferred and cheques must be made out to Rewa Rewa School. Cash payments may be made in a sealed envelope (please note, no change will be given). There is NO FREIGHT charge on orders, as Home & School will cover this cost. Orders will be delivered to school for distribution, but if bulbs cannot be supplied by the end of term, may be sent to home addresses.

*Naomi Godfrey, H&S Chair*



We welcome Kelcie and her family 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 5, Week 8, Term 1

## 27 March 2019

### Board of Trustees News

The Powhiri held last week to welcome RTLB staff onsite and Rewa Rewa new families left those who attended speechless. Some shed a few tears of pride as our students excelled in their tikanga skills. The girls who called the visitors onto our marae with their karanga (Mary, Anaanya, Brooklyn, Maxine, Michaiiah, Matilda, Kayleigh and Jessica) along with the boys who performed their haka (led by Ezekeil) were stunning. The whole school undertook their waiata (led by Charlotte Hills and their teachers), with absolute pride. Our thanks to kaumatua Todd Wano for assisting us with both the powhiri and the blessing of our workplace buildings.



A huge thank you to every family who contributed food towards the morning tea and helped with serving it. This was an amazing example of community effort, particularly from our new families. If you were unable to attend this powhiri, please keep watch when we have our next one, as they are an incredible way of uplifting community mana and pride.

### Upcoming Events...

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.**

### School Policy Reviews Term 1

The following policies are under review this term:

- School Swimming Pool
- Alcohol/Drugs and Other Harmful Substances
- Legislation and Admin

Reviews are submitted online at [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz)  
Please email [office@rewarewa.school.nz](mailto:office@rewarewa.school.nz) for login details.

### Construction Work

Minor works are still being undertaken on school property to complete the upgrade. This week you will see a trench has been dug in the playground for fibre cabling, painting has been completed in the carpark, trucks are moving equipment into the RTLB rooms, as well as there being assorted technicians onsite for data, alarms and security. **Please help by staying out of the carpark area and parking on the roadside - well away from the patrol crossing.** Camp transport cars may also be in the carpark on Friday.

### Board Elections – Friday 7 June 2019

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a school board of trustees member, please email [mark.williams@rewarewa.school.nz](mailto:mark.williams@rewarewa.school.nz) – it is an incredibly rewarding position to hold!

*Mark Williams, BOT Chair*



Got your 200L emergency water tank yet? If not, you'll have a chance to buy one (or more) between 11.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday 30 March. Northern Ward councillors will be selling them for \$110 each outside Newlands New World. To ensure one is reserved for you, pre-order and pre-pay by emailing [malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz) Mention the name of this school in your email, and \$10 from each tank sale will be donated to this school."

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