

**Holiday Programme available 15-26 April (weekdays, except statutory holidays) - book now!**

**Term 2 starts 9am, Monday 29 April—enjoy the holidays!**

### A note from the Principal...

Last week I was fortunate enough to attend the 2019 Wellington Principals' Conference. A common theme was how to look after your own wellbeing. One of the keynote speakers, Gilbert Enoka (All Blacks motivational coach), was very inspiring. Quoting from his website, this is what he has to say about re-energising yourself...

"Find small 10 to 15 minute activities, which can be as simple as reading a book, having a cuppa, or going for a walk, to schedule deliberately into your day. These are 'Triple A Batteries'." They're like pit stops in a race where you just go in, to fill up energy. They must be activities people can do wherever they are and not depend on anyone else. The 'Double A Batteries' are longer activities to be scheduled a couple of times each week, such as a movie, a catch-up with friends or a gym session. The 'D Batteries' are the biggest batteries – think weekend away or family outing – to be scheduled a few times a year. As you move into the holiday break, remember, as parents, to feed your own battery. Ka kite anō – see you all in 2 weeks' time for another fun-packed term of learning and togetherness @ Rewa Rewa School.

*Jan Otene*  
Principal

### Happening in Our School...

#### Curriculum

We continue to develop kawa/protocols, which are important to our school. If you have visited during school hours, you will have noticed evidence of this in so many ways – each day we begin with our karakia and waiata; every week kapa haka is where together, we learn waiata that are meaningful to our school community; a pōwhiri held to welcome visitors onto our marae and where our students adeptly used their karanga and haka skills. Why do we value this learning? Through this shared kawa we are able to connect with each other and learn to value what being a New Zealander means. It is inclusive, it does not matter what race or creed we are, these protocols bind us together. When our children travel the world, they will know who they are, they will be able to proudly sing waiata that

say 'This is who I am, this is where I come from'. My thanks to our teaching staff, led by Charlotte Hills, kaumatua Todd Wano and to our Māori community for your ongoing support and knowledge. Next term we continue to build our kete of knowledge by making connections with our local marae Ngā Hau e Whā o Paparāangi.

Outdoor Education is such a valuable learning tool for our tamariki/children. It gives them the opportunity to try new experiences, to connect with the world around them through the bush and ocean, and above all, challenges their learning. Our senior class had an amazing week last week at Forest Lakes Camp building campfires, kayaking, horse riding and catching eels (which they then released back into the lake). Our junior and middle students learned how to launch rockets, improve their water confidence skills and about how they can make a positive difference towards helping the sea creatures that live in our local coastline. A huge thank you to all parents who took time away from work/families – we could not have offered this comprehensive curriculum without your support. Our thanks to Easyswim for donating their time, instructors and the use of their pool equipment.

### Board of Trustees

At our last board meeting we looked at how the teaching team is developing how they assess students, as well as how they report to parents. Year 1 – 2 parents will notice changes in your child's written reports this year, including those due to the Ministry of Education removing National Standards. Please complete and return the simple tick-box survey that you will receive with your child's first report - your voice is an important part of this ongoing review.

The Principal's Report presented to the board at their last meeting updated the progress being made towards meeting our new Charter and Strategic Plan goals. It is heartening to see the positive impact of the work being undertaken to develop our learners, teachers and community. Make sure that you know what a Bronze Learner is and how this can also be applied at home – very useful when it comes to getting chores completed!

10 April 2019

You will notice that property upgrades are still being undertaken. New fibre was trenched across the quad last week to support faster online connections. The electricians caused a slight commotion with a flood last week in the walkway, but the heaters are hopefully now ready for the winter months ahead. We are working hard to have the junior internal toilets up and running by the start of term 2.

A reminder that board elections will be held next term on Friday 7 June. Our Returning Officer, Susan Trembath, will be overseeing this process for our community, which includes gathering candidate nominations, sending out voting forms and informing the community about the elected board members. There are 5 positions on our board of trustees and we encourage our community to be actively involved.

At this time, I would like to thank our current board parent representatives, who have made an outstanding contribution over the last 3 years. Achievements have included finishing the covered, heated swimming pool; Easyswim swimming programme; 2 years of negotiations to plan the new property upgrade and host the RTLB cluster; exterior painting of the school; reviewing our Charter and Strategic Goals plan; board attendance at many courses on governance, compliance and finances as well as Tomorrow's Schools consultation process. Our huge thanks to Lynda Bouzaid, Naomi Godfrey, Ambresh Kapoor and Angela Schleif.

We ask all parents to ensure that you play an active role in electing your next board of trustees so that we have a strong field of parent representatives to continue the great work that our current board has achieved.

*Mark Williams, Board Chair*

### Year 2 – 6 Student Leaders

As part of their service to their community, this term's student leaders have undertaken many leadership tasks including: welcoming VIP visitors to our school, leading special assemblies, delivering speeches, teaching students how to play the game of KLOP and organising a Bake Sale to raise funds to purchase equipment for lunchtime play. Together they raised \$289.70. Congratulations to Ananyaa, Brennan, Lucas, Michaiah, Nina and Pranesh for helping to make a positive difference in our school. Your skills as leaders have definitely grown and we know that you



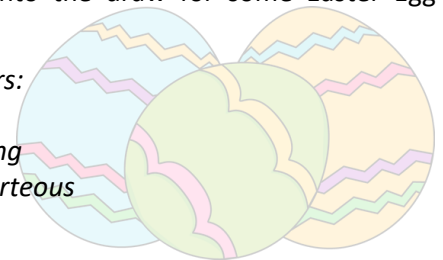
will continue to contribute in the year ahead. New student leaders will be announced at this week's school assembly.

### Home & School

Thank you to everyone who helped to sell Easter Raffle tickets this year, we raised a stunning \$1500 – expect to see new playground markings soon! Students will be voting on the designs that they'd like, although hopscotch is a clear favourite – it's funny how timeless some children's games are! All students who sold tickets also went into the draw for some Easter Egg prizes.

*Raffle Ticket Winners:*

- *Diane Glynan*
- *Donna Conning*
- *Ali & Matt Porteous*
- *Emmett*



Entertainment Books are still on sale, click the link on the front page of our website to purchase.

We have a couple of events coming up later in the year to encourage our parents to meet each other and have fun – watch this space. In the meantime, if you would be interested in hosting New Parents morning tea groups once a term, please contact the office ([office@rewarewa.school.nz](mailto:office@rewarewa.school.nz)).

The next H&S meeting will be 6pm, Tuesday 14 May in the staffroom - all parents welcome.

*Naomi Godfrey, H&S Chair*

### Lost Property Box

If you are looking for your child's clothing, please check lost property in the hall.

### Parent Helpers

Lastly, a huge thank you to the many parents and grandparents who support our school community in so many kind ways. Behind the scenes we have parent reading tutors, swimming support, gardeners, those who donate lunches, bark chips, offer transport to school and clothing, road patrol duty, transport and trips, plates of food for community events and fundraisers. What an amazing community to belong to – we say thank you.

**YOU**   
**ROCK!**

## Upcoming Events...

Friday	10 May		Nominations Open for Board of Trustees Elections
Tuesday	14 May	6pm	H&S Parent Group Meeting (Staffroom)
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.**



# GAME DEV CLUB

Make games & learn code!

Game Dev Club is an After School Programme where you learn about creating your own video games, game mechanics, creative coding solutions and teamwork.

Ideal for 9 to 14 year olds who are interested in games and technology.

"I love how my ideas became a game!"  
Pataka Club Student

**LEARN TO CODE REAL GAMES!**

Game Dev Club students are better prepared to work in the technology industry. Students work with real game industry professionals and solve problems by coding their own creative solutions.

"Aligns really nicely with the Digital Curriculum!"  
Edwin McRae, Educator

Term 2, every Monday or Thursday  
Weekly, 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm  
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