

### A note from the Principal...

Due to two short weeks in a row, it is a brief newsletter this week. Firstly, a huge thank you to our families and Board of Trustees for your support over the last two weeks as you rearranged childcare for your children during the NZEI National Teacher Strike day last week and our Teacher-Only Day yesterday. We are very aware of the impact that these circumstances have on our families and it was bad timing that the strike action was called so close to the timetabled Teacher-Only Days being held at schools within the Newlands community around Queen's Birthday weekend.

**Jan Otene**  
**Principal**

### Happening in Our School...

#### School Closure Days

A few of our children arrived for school on Teacher-Only Day, despite the **numerous** reminders which had been sent out over a period of time via a range of methods, including: [school newsletter](#) term dates, upcoming events, articles and banner heading, [Skool Loop app](#), [website](#) front page, reminder [emails](#), class teachers' [verbal reminders](#) to children and parents, as well as our school's [Facebook page](#). The situation was further compounded by at least two families who were unreachable via their emergency numbers.

It is **every parent's responsibility** to ensure that they use **at least one** of these communication systems to regularly check-in on school events AND that they can be contacted **AT ALL TIMES** during school hours, particularly if we have an actual emergency to deal with. In times when you may have no money on your phone, you need to have a way where you can be contacted.

The board will also be undertaking a whole school emergency evacuation drill later this year to test that all students can indeed be safely evacuated.

#### BOARD NEWS

##### Board of Trustees Election News

Congratulations to our successful candidates, all of whom were re-elected unopposed. Thank you to our community who recognise the great work that this team has undertaken over the last 3 years in their governance role.

##### Teacher-Only Day

Starting at 8am, our teachers undertook a comprehensive review of some very BIG PICTURE topics pertaining to our school and its curriculum. They used this day to:

**Reflect** on Rewa Rewa School's curriculum, school practices and learning partnerships – the key areas that we have identified for ongoing development include:

- Learner agency, including student voice – we want our children to be thinking critically and talking about how and what they are learning
- Teacher inquiry into best practice – continuing to promote innovative, well-researched programmes and strategies that support learner outcomes
- Developing effective partnerships with parents & our community to support our learners

**Evaluation Indicators** – we reviewed our current practice against key indicators (all 35 pages of them!), in preparation for our next ERO review, due this year. The new board will undertake a similar exercise this term.

The MOE has produced a series called **Local Curriculum** (Local Curriculum / Assessment / Community Partnerships), to guide schools in their review of how they can be more effective.

#### Rewa Rewa School Board of Trustees' Election Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was fewer than the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

*Mark Williams Naomi Godfrey Angela Schleif Ambresh Kapoor*

#### Rewa Rewa School Board of Trustees' Election Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, there was one valid nomination received. I hereby declare the following duly elected:

*Charlotte Hills*

This journey will begin by us exploring what a more localised curriculum could look like for Rewa Rewa School. Our community will be invited, over the coming months, to help us frame the curriculum that we would like for our school's learners. Our last community review of curriculum was undertaken in 2017, so it is definitely time to look at this again.

Thank you for giving our teaching team the opportunity to undertake a day of in-depth review – it will definitely go a long way towards helping our teachers to focus on **what really matters** for our learners and their families.

#### Website update

Those who have visited our website lately will see that it is under review – Stage 1 is to undertake an extensive update of its content. Stage 2 will be to upgrade the platform. We'd love to hear your feedback / ideas of what you'd like to see on our website, so feel free to let us know.

#### Home & School Parents' Group

Lots of things happening at the moment:

- Junior Playground proposal made to the Board of Trustees – thank you Ali for your support
- Adventure Playground matting repairs being undertaken
- Disco on Friday 28 June - if you can help with baking for this, it would be most appreciated - contact Jenni Pethig (027 448 5797)
- Parents' evening fundraiser – "Building Resilience in your Child", Friday 16 August in our school hall – tickets only \$20. Limited tickets available, booking details will be advertised shortly.
- Thank you to Rochelle for organising the bulb sales

We had an amazing turnout at our last meeting, with at least 9 mums and dads. We invite you to come and join us at our next meeting 6 pm, Tuesday 11 June in the staffroom.

*Naomi Godfrey, H&S Chair*

#### Community News

##### Communities of Learning/Kāhui Ako

Principals and lead teachers from all of our Newlands schools continue to meet regularly, with the intention of forming a cohesive Newlands 'package' that will support all of our learners. Once we have more clarity over what this will look like, teachers and the community will be invited to add their ideas to this – exciting times ahead for our entire community!

##### Volunteers

- School Patrol – it doesn't take much time out of your week, but it is an invaluable service that you offer – 15 minutes!
- Thank you to those reaching out to others – donations of food, clothing and offers of transport to/from school are very much appreciated.

##### Reporting to Parents

For junior students who have just received their next report, Parent Interviews take place this Thursday after school. Families of those students have been contacted by teachers to make a booking.

##### Hearing & Vision Testing

Regional Health Hearing & Vision Testing will take place on Monday 10 June for junior students new to our school. Other parents can contact the school to have their child checked. However, we cannot guarantee that this will be undertaken.



19<sup>th</sup> Wellington Girls' Brigade is looking for new members! We are an interdenominational youth organisation for girls aged 5-17. We hold weekly meetings on Thursday evening's providing fun and educational activities based around our four badge subjects of physical, social, educational and spiritual. For more information or to arrange a visit please contact us at [johnsonvillegb@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonvillegb@gmail.com)

## Assembly Certificates

### Week 4, Term 2

Kahurangi	Joe	INTEGRITY: Independently applying teacher feedback from the previous week out in the playground.
Whero	Kelcie	Thinking: thoughtfully accurately answering questions on how to programme the BeeBot
Whero	Ollie	Relating to Others: showing kindness by asking others to join in his play
Kowhai	Matilda	Respecting others, inside and outside the classroom
Kahurangi	Christina	RELATING TO OTHERS: Consistently including others and being a good friend
Whero	Dash	Improving fluency in reading
Kowhai	Alex	Always ready to learn and showing initiative by encouraging others to do the right thing
Kahurangi	Ben	Learning alongside and supporting his peers during the week, and showing his R.I.D.E. values to visitors in the class



### Upcoming Events...

Monday	10 June		Regional Health Vision & Hearing Testing at School
Tuesday	11 June	6pm	Home & School Parent Group meeting (Staffroom)
Wednesday	19 June	2.30-3pm	Focus Group Meeting
Friday	28 June	3-5pm	School Disco

### 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.**