Rewa Rewa School



Newsletter 11, Week 10, Term 2 03 July 2019

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A note from the Principal...

It has been a fantastic term, with lots of learning and we've already started planning for term 3. Teachers have gathered student voice as to what they are interested in learning and the results have been fascinating: science topics are very strongly represented in areas such as astronomy and natural phenomena, such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes; Arts, including dance and languages, such as Te Reo, have also featured strongly. We will be trying to incorporate as many of these ideas into our programmes as we can because an engaged learner is an active learner. Have a very restful and safe holiday break and we will see you bright and early on Monday 22 July. If you have never attended a pōwhiri welcome at Rewa Rewa School, I strongly urge you to take time out of your busy day to join us at 9.30 am to welcome new families and staff you will be blown away by the skill level of our Kapa Haka students.

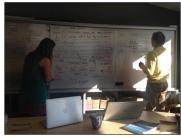
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Happening in Our School...

Reporting to Parents

Unless your child began at our school very recently, all parents should now have received a written report for their child/ren. Please see your child's teacher if you have not received a report and think that you should have. Interview evenings for year 1-4 students have been undertaken over the last 2 terms, with just our year 5-6 interviews to be held early next term. Thank you to all parents who have given us feedback about the new reporting format and content, we expect that this will be a work in progress over the next year as we continue to refine these.

Curriculum Developments



Miss Hills working with Mark Treadwell on the Concept Curriculum

During this term our teachers have continued to attend professional development aimed at helping us to deliver top quality programmes to our learners. This has included trialling the new Digital Technology

curriculum, developing our curriculum to teach our learners key ideas (rather than just knowledge and skills), learning from play in the yr 1-2 classroom and developing competencies in our children, such as self-management skills, to equip then to be successful lifelong learners.

Students Taking the Lead

We love seeing our students making a difference in our school...





DanceSplash auditions

Refereeing lunchtime games



Student Leaders' Library Club

Safety at Rewa Rewa School

This is the grumpy part of the newsletter, but **VERY** necessary, as the behaviours noted are of **GRAVE CONCERN** to us.

SAFETY ISSUE #1 - CAR DRIVERS

Our parents who are on patrol are CONSTANTLY flabbergasted by the large number of our parents who continue to put not only their own children at risk, but also other people's children. Sometimes these are people who are not usually responsible for dropping students off. If you have someone different dropping your children off, you are responsible for telling them where they should park. More often than not, however, it is the regular drivers who are the problem – at the moment it's the dads taking first prize.

Cars are being driven:

- Onto the footpath
- Onto the main pedestrian walkway at the end of the building (see below)

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- Into the staff carpark, so that students have to walk through this out-of-bounds area
- Back onto the pedestrian crossing

IT IS A SIMPLE REQUEST -

PARK ON PADNELL CRESCENT

From this point on, I will be publishing photos of offending cars and number plates, as well as telephoning parents, if names are given to me. In the past we have also passed this information onto our local constable – looks like it might be time to do this again.

Here is the first picture showing you **WHERE NOT TO PARK** – is this you?



SAFETY ISSUE #2 - STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL

How certain are you that your child/ren are using pedestrian crossings (especially on Padnell Crescent and Stewart Drive), and not running across roads, leaving younger siblings behind? How certain are you that your child/ren are LOOKING before they cross? In the last week there have been 2 near-misses on Stewart Drive. If this is the route that your child walks to school, have a word in their ear so that you are not the parent getting a call to say your child has been hit by a car.

Building Local Connections

Last week early childhood education centres, along with local primary school teachers and their principals were invited to a hui at Rewa Rewa School. It was great to have such a huge turnout for this inaugural meeting of those who teach our younger students. We plan to keep meeting so that together we can make a more meaningful transition for children and their families from preschool to school.

H&S News

The disco was well supported by our students and families. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who supported Jenni Pethig in running this event – lighting, food, decorations, music and cleaning up all take lots of effort!

Just a reminder to parents, please make sure that you know when to pick up your children. There were quite a few children who were not collected at 5pm, with parents not expecting to collect them until 6pm — this is not fair on teachers who also gave their time, after a very busy week, to support the organisers running this event.

Please support the Kathryn Berkett speaker event, "Growing Resilient Children". Tickets are available for online purchase—see page 4 for details.



Sadly, we say farewell this week to two of our teachers - **Qariah Omar** (Kowhai teacher) and **Jess Teaz** (Release Teacher). You have both been wonderfully committed to ensuring that the students in your care only had the very best teaching – we wish you both all the very best for your future endeavours. Kowhai and Kahurangi classes are holding shared lunches this Thursday, followed by a school assembly for Qariah 2pm Friday 5 July – parents are welcome to attend.

We also farewell **Kayla-Rose** and her family who are shifting out of Newlands – we wish you all the very best.

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Assembly Certificates		
Week 8, Term 2		
Whero	Sarah	Integrity:Make good choices and always managing herself within the class-room.
Kowhai	Gino	Integrity: Being responsible inside and outside the class and making good decisions for his learning.
Kahurangi	Aston	Diversity: Sharing his thinking with others to support their learning in an inclusive way.
Whero	Lucas	Thinking: Thinking carefully and about his reading sounds.
Kowhai	Kayleigh	Participating & Contributing: consistently being involved in class discussions and stepping up to take the lead in thanking the Zealandia staff on behalf of
Kahurangi	Ben	Participating & Contributing: Taking on the role of referee for football during
Whero	Melissa	Amazing use of accurate language for the purpose of her writing.
Kowhai	Alex	Being excited to learn and actively involved in his learning by consistently questioning to increase his level of understanding.
Kahurangi	Maxine	Taking on more than one role for this weeks' assembly, which required extra focus to meet the agreed outcomes.

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 Queen's Birthday, School Closed Monday 03 June Teacher-Only Day, School Closed Tuesday 04 June Term 3 Friday 27 September Monday 22 July 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.

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Growing resilient children

Presented by Kathryn Berkett Rewa Rewa school hall 18 Padnell Cres, Newlands 6.30-8pm. Friday 16th August

psychologist, Kathryn Berkett, unpack the neuroscience surrounding what it is to be 'emotionally resilient'. You will begin to understand In today's high stress society, children need to have emotional resilience more than ever before. Come and see Educational why our children sometimes 'meltdown', and gain practical strategies to handle these moments in a calm manner.

Learning for Life Together

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Tickets are \$20 and available from eventbrite.co.nz (search growing resilient kids)
All proceeds will go towards our Junior school playground.

There will be baking available for purchase during the evening.



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Newlands Kids Choir



for chil<mark>dre</mark>n age 6-9 Wednesday 4pm-5pm

Community Centre Newlands



The Newlands Kids Choir sings songs from all around the world taught by an experienced music teacher. The songs are accompanied by guitar, ukulele or rhythm instruments children will get the chance to try these instruments. We will perform a concert at the end of the school vear.

The choir starts on 24th of July 2019 at the Newlands Community Centre.

costs per school term: \$100 free introductory lesson

for enrolment please email choir@schmidt.kiwi limited spaces

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