

ALERT: We received notification yesterday that Newlands Intermediate School is holding an **Open Evening TONIGHT for families of 2020 Yr 7 students. This will be held in their school hall 7-8.30pm.**

A note from the Principal...

We are busy, busy, busy! One week down and we are FLYING – the school roll is currently 103 and still climbing which is fantastic – we're aiming for 125 max each year, which would also give us another teacher. Keep spreading the news by 'word of mouth' why you believe that Rewa Rewa is the best school for your child and family to belong to.

If you haven't visited our school website for a while, have a look at the curriculum areas, as these will show you what we are currently up to and where we are heading. Exciting times ahead, that's for sure.

Jan Otene
Principal

Happening in Our School...

School Powhiri

On the first day back this term we welcomed our new teacher, Ana Kawenga, as well as new students and their families to our school. The weather was beautifully sunny, making it an extra special day. Thank you to every family who either attended and/or contributed food towards the morning tea – your efforts were most appreciated. We wish our new families all the very best as they begin at our school. If you are a regular parent, look out for the newbies and introduce yourselves – it makes all the difference.

Curriculum News

This term we have a range of exciting things happening to support learning at Rewa Rewa School. These include:

- Paparangi Carnival and Northern Zone swimming events
- Dancesplash @ the Michael Fowler Centre
- Mathswell competition
- Otago Maths
- Newlands Kapa Haka Festival
- Te Ao Level 1 being taught across the school
- Digital Technology supported by Bluebots and Dash robotics

- Concept Curriculum begins – The Competency of Identity
- Playing social games

Reporting to Parents Meetings Next Week - Tuesday 6 August & Wednesday 7 August

Kahurangi (Yr 5 – 6) all parents have been emailed to make an online booking for a 3-Way Interview with Charlotte Hills for either next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Kowhai (Yr 3 – 4) A general 'Meet the Teacher' evening is being held so that you can meet your child's new teacher (Ana Kawenga). All parents are invited to attend 6-6.45pm Wednesday 7 August – please RSVP to Ana (ana.kawenga@rewarewa.school.nz).

Whero (Yr 1 – 2) Erin and Carol have emailed those who are due to meet with them for a 3-Way Interview Wednesday 7 August.

School Dental Therapist Visit

School dental therapists are currently visiting our school assessing every child's dental needs. Please check your child's schoolbag for a notice to see if they require further follow-up treatment. Last year 30% of our students did need to visit a dentist – this is a free service, so there are no excuses not to attend.

Parent Friendship Group

We have a wee group of parents who have started a casual 'parent afternoon tea' where they meet up just before the 3 pm pick-up time, chat and have a cuppa. If you would like to join in, pop into the staffroom on Wednesday afternoons - no strings attached!



We welcome Carter, Danny-Lee, Edward, Nabil, Sean, Teinaki & Yassein, along with their families, to Rewa Rewa School.

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.

Parent and Community Volunteers

PTP tutors are making such a difference for our readers. However, as we gain more enrolments we are experiencing an increase in the number of students who need urgent support with their reading and writing. Please contact Lynnda Bouzaid on 478 5963 if you can help even just 1 morning a week.

As always, we are looking for parents to help with patrol duty. Please contact Charlotte Hills in Kahurangi (charlotte.hills@rewarewa.school.nz), if you can help this term. This would mean just 8 mornings or afternoons of your time, but frees your child's teacher up to work with children and families before and after school.

School Photos – Monday 19 August

School photos will be taken Monday 19 August, beginning at 9am. The photographer has instructed us that no photo orders—including online ordering—will be accepted on the day. All orders must be received at the School Office before 9am Friday 16 August (sibling photo envelopes are available on request from the Office). Online payment can be made directly to the photographers or exact payment placed in the envelope and sealed before sending to school - no change will be given. Please note, class photos may be ordered at a later date, however, individual photos will only be taken of children for whom an order has been received.

Order envelopes are currently in transit from Auckland and will be sent home very shortly.

Landscape Gardeners

Our landscape gardeners, led by Lynnda and Tony Bouzaid, continue to beaver away around the school clipping flaxes, planting vegetables and disturbing the odd weta here and there. If you are able to volunteer time, equipment or edible plants we would love to hear from you.

Board of Trustees (BOT) News

School Website

Our school's website has had a serious makeover. As our curriculum content and philosophy evolves, it is important that we share this direction with our wider community. Many thanks to Charlotte Hills, Jan Otene and Delwyn Spargo for their work on this platform. The Board is also considering funding a platform upgrade which would enable users to translate any information on the site (including enrolment forms and newsletters/

notices), into any one of approximately 104 languages, such as Māori, Tamil and Mandarin. Our Board is very aware that with such a diverse school community, being able to access information such as booking an interview, school closures, newsletters etc. is vitally important.

Newlands Cluster News

Our local primary schools, intermediate and college continue to collaborate to find ways of supporting all Yr 1-13 children in our local area. We are not your typical MOE Kāhui Ako cluster group, as we want total autonomy over what we do and how we do this within Newlands. Our cluster will be known as "Te Korowai o Horokiwi", i.e. The cloak of Horokiwi. Meaning: All of our schools are within the Horokiwi catchment area and we believe that a cloak is symbolic of how our group will work together, with each school still maintaining their individual school identity. We are currently exploring how we might share expertise, resources, teachers etc. through a 'Music lens'. Watch this space.

Seesaw Online Survey

As part of our review cycle, it is important that we gather parent feedback about various areas of interest, such as curriculum, learning and communication. Our current online IT survey (accessible via our school's closed Facebook site or email request), asks parents for their feedback about Seesaw Blogs. This is one platform that we use to connect learners with their families so that you can see the exciting things that they are participating in. However, as with all systems, it is not perfect. So, we need your feedback to help us refine how we use this method of communication. Please complete your responses by Monday 5 August.

Term 3 Policy Reviews

This term the policies that will be reviewed are as follows:

ASC

- 4.7 Medical conditions and Unwell child
- 4.8 Hazardous Substances
- 4.10 Food Safety
- 4.11 Trips outside school

SchoolDocs

- Performance Management
- Health, Safety and Welfare

The ASC policies will be sent home to parents for comment. To access the SchoolDocs policies please email office@rewarewa.school.nz for login details.

Property Updates

You may have noticed that parts of our main block have turned a pale shade of yellow over the holidays. The Ministry has undertaken to replace rotten cladding and the worst of the rotten window frames around the school, for which we are very grateful. Once the temperatures rise, the painting will be completed.

Our junior team is investigating construction of a Junior Playground to provide extension of the classroom into the outside play area, supporting learning through play. To date, we have had meetings with experts in Play-based Learning Environments and our Home & School committee has started to fundraise for this. Our thanks to Ali, Lynnda, Carol and Erin for their enthusiastic input.

Our swimming pool has had over \$20,000 worth of renovation work undertaken to repair the concrete edging and is now being re-painted (courtesy of Easyswim), in time for re-opening in term 4. Get your togs ready, as we'll be trying to timetable some community open days in the weekends also. If we experience the heatwave that Europe is currently having at the moment, I think we'll need it.

Home & School Parent Committee

"Growing Resilient Kids" Guest speaker: Kathryn Berkett
Friday 16 August 6.30 – 8.00 pm

Our parent group have been very busy organising this event with Kathryn Berkett. There are a few tickets available – at only \$20 don't miss out. All proceeds are going towards our new Junior outdoor play area which will have huge benefits for all future 5 year olds starting at our school.

Scholastic Book Orders

Daniella Ashdown and Rochelle Dalziel are now managing this community service – if you have any queries please contact them on scholastic.orders@rewarewa.school.nz. Remember, every purchase earns points for the school to spend on new books for our school library.

FREE Use - Zealandia Pass

As a thank you to our school for supporting Zealandia, they have given us a free pass for unlimited visits over the next year, for up to 2 adults and 2 children per visit. If you would like to take advantage of this very cool offer, please email office@rewarewa.school.nz to book the card for use. Our thanks to Carol Fitzgerald (Whero)

for organising the Yr 1 -4 school trip to Zealandia last term.

Student Voice

Our Wheels Day, organised by Ezekeil and Camden, was such a hit that we are going to trial having a Wheels Day every fine Thursday. All students can bring their scooters/skates/skateboards to school, BUT must also bring a safety helmet to wear. All wheels are to be walked into the school grounds in the morning, parked by the Hall and then after school, walked out. At the moment, after 3.15 pm wheels can be used any day on school premises as long as riders are watchful and not endangering those around them.

Healthy Lunch Options

A reminder that students are encouraged to bring water to school, rather than flavoured drinks. Fizzy drinks, lollies and chewing gum are not allowed as part of a child's morning tea or lunch. On occasion, some school events, such as discos, may offer lollies and fizzy drinks, but these are not part of our everyday lunchbox items.

Parking Infringements

Are either of these two car drivers YOU? Here are 2 perfect examples of **WHAT NOT TO DO** at a school's entranceway:



If so, you are: Parking over the driveway; backing into the pedestrian crossing; obstructing the patrol team's view of the road; stopping on yellow lines; blocking the footpath and backing across the footpath where pedestrians need to walk. All we are asking is that you PLEASE be more considerate – stop 10 metres further up or down the road and then everyone, including your child, will be safe.

Tummy Bug Warning

There is a tummy bug causing stomach ache and vomiting which has caused a number of children to be away this week. A reminder to all our families that children cannot return to school until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting. This is to ensure the wellbeing of your own child, as well as staff and students around them.

Upcoming Events...

Thursday	1 August	7-8.30pm	NIS Open Evening
Tuesday	6 August	9-10.30am	NIS School in Action morning
		3.10-6pm	Kahurangi 3-Way Interviews
Wednesday	7 August	3.10-8pm	Kahurangi & Selected Whero 3-Way Interviews
		6-6.45pm	Kowhai Meet the Teacher Evening
Friday	16 August	6.30-8pm	Kathryn Berkett, "Growing Resilient Kids" (ticketed event)
Monday	19 August	9am	School photos
Thursday	19 September		Newlands Kapa Haka Festival
Friday	20 September	8.45pm	Dancesplash

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
	Monday	03 June	—	Queen's Birthday, School Closed	
	Tuesday	04 June	—	Teacher-Only Day, School Closed	
Term 3	Monday	22 July	—	Friday	27 September
Term 4	Monday	14 October	—	Friday	13 December (School closes at 1pm)
	Monday	28 October	—	Labour Day, School Closed	

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



ENROL NOW and Join the Adventure!

Are you looking for something fun for the kids to do this term? Why not try Keas, Cubs, Scouts or Venturers. Our programmes are action-packed with activities, camps, tramps, badge work and loads of FUN. We welcome girls and boys from 5 ½ years to 18 years.

So come along and meet new friends' develop skills, self-esteem and confidence.

Keas is for 5 ½ to 8 year olds, Cubs 8-10 years, Scouts 10-14 years and Venturers 14 – 18.

Check out our website <https://www.scouts.org.nz> or get in touch with us at 0800 726 887 reception@scouts.org.nz

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Please let your networks know about this service.

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