

## A note from the Principal...

Our students are shining as they take on leadership and citizenship roles. Our key goal is to 'Empower our Learners' by growing their confidence, knowledge and skills. This includes building a strong sense of identity and self-worth. This Friday's "Growing Resilient Kids" speaker event with Kathryn Berkett should help parents to understand their children in order to better support them. We are thrilled to announce that this event has sold out.

**Jan Otene**  
Principal

## Happening in Our School...

### Board News

#### Māori Success as Learners

Board members and principals attended an NZSTA hui at Newlands College last week to learn about the latest Ministry initiative - "Hautū" - an assessment tool to help us understand how culturally responsive our school is for Māori and how we can work together to identify priorities for development in supporting our Māori learners to succeed. Our Board will confirm a date for a hui in the near future for anyone who would like to attend, so that we can identify what success for Māori looks like at Rewa Rewa School and 'where to' next. We would like to believe that what we identify will work for Māori, will also be of benefit to other individuals or groups.

#### Mid-Year Data

At this time each year, the Board is presented with school-wide mid-year data in Reading, Writing and Maths. This information informs the Board as to how our students are progressing and achieving, so that we can put timely measures into place, such as funding for additional support. Overall, we believe most of our students are on track to meet their expected curriculum achievement levels. Our parent community will have seen that there have also been updates to both the format and content of our written student reports. Thank you to all those who have taken the time to complete the survey with regard to these changes. We will use your voice to help us to continue to refine these.

## Community Emergency Evacuation

The Principal and DP attended this course, run by the WCC Civil Emergency Team, as we are reviewing our current emergency systems and procedures. It was interesting to listen to those who were in Christchurch for the 2011 earthquake and the recent mosque shootings. Several key areas have come out of these events for us to think about, the most important: how will we manage effective communication immediately after the event, how well prepared are we if parents/caregivers cannot pick up their children and do we have enough emergency supplies to last until parents/caregivers arrive. Over the next term we will be updating and informing our community of our key responses to these issues. If there are any parents who have expertise in this area (e.g. creating informative fliers, fridge magnets etc.), and would like to work on a sub-committee to develop these, we would love to hear from you. We will be holding a whole-school emergency evacuation drill on Friday 25 October (prior to Labour weekend), to test our reunification procedures in the event of an emergency.

## Learning Co-ordinator Support

Our Newlands cluster was one of very few among Wellington schools to be included in the first rollout of schools to be supported by this new Ministry initiative. The purpose of this resourcing is to enable schools to better access agencies to support students and their whanau. How this will look in reality is still to be explained to communities and there is debate in educational circles about the equity of such a scheme, with so many schools having to wait for their turn – watch this space!

## School Website

Remember to have a look at our newly renovated website. The Board has just approved an upgrade to the latest website platform, this will enable translation of all information on our site – including forms and newsletters/notices - into any of 104 different languages. The Board recognises that we have a very diverse community with speakers of at least 15 different languages. Our hope is that this upgrade will enable better communication with families at our school, as well as those looking at prospective enrolment.

### Play-Based Learning

Our junior team is working hard alongside the Board to develop an outside play area that supports their Learning through Play programme. If you have expertise and experience in construction, grant applications and painting, we would love to hear from you. Fencing and concrete paths will be the first stage towards this exciting new venture.

*Mark Williams, Board Chair*

### Student Wellbeing and Success

- Our senior team will be competing in the Wellington **Mathswell** competition this evening.
- Our **top swimmers** represented the school at the Paparangi Swimming Carnival last week. Congratulations to Alana, Brooklyn, Cole, Mary, Matilda, Nina, Pharoah, Tallulah, Raffy - some awesome times recorded!
- Jude and Pam Bailey, our music teachers, are helping Darsheka, Maxine, Michaiah, Nina and Tallulah to complete an **embroidered mural** to be placed with nearly 40 other pieces of work in a permanent display at the local Newlands Community Centre – very exciting.
- **Builders Club** – we have a group of students who would love to build things at lunchtime, such as carts, diggers etc. Do you know of anyone who could work with this club? Donations of tools would also be appreciated so that we can build up a kit of resources. Please let us know if you can assist.

### Student Leadership

Our Term 2 Student Leaders are continuing to run their lunchtime library, art and PE clubs – thank you Alana, Anastasia, Malachii, Miki, Shivaan, and Tallulah.

We congratulate our new Term 3 leaders – Aston, Ben, Dash, Esha, Lah-Trell and Matilda. We wonder what amazing contribution you will make in our school community this term?

### Dancesplash – 7.45pm, Friday 20 September

Ticket sales are now open for Dancesplash, \$5 per person. There are a maximum of 3 tickets per family - so get in quickly. There may be door sales on the night, but this is not guaranteed.

To purchase ticket/s, make online payment to the account below, tickets will be sent home with your child on receipt of payment:

Rewa Rewa School BOT

03 0525 0270118 00

Reference: *Dancesplash*

Details: [*Your Child's Name*]

### School Assembly

School assemblies this term are being held each alternate week at the new time of 9.15 am – parents are most welcome to attend. This Friday Whero class will be hosting the assembly.



*Art Club, run by Student Leaders: Anastasia, Miki and Tallulah*

## Assembly Certificates

### Week 10, Term 2

Kowhai	Kelly	Showing the expectations of behaviours in Kowhai Class.
Kahurangi	Aston	DIVERSITY: Recognising when others need support and offering his knowledge in a supportive way that includes them.
Kowhai	Matilda	For making connections with others and creating opportunities for others in a group.
Kahurangi	Ezekiel	THINKING: Actively participating during our number sense sessions and sharing your ideas with others.
Kowhai	Anastasia	Being focused and getting set tasks finished on time
Kahurangi	Tallulah	Using your R.I.D.E. values and Key Competency skills to navigate positive outcomes for yourself and others by communicating your thoughts and listen-



### Upcoming Events...

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

<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	28 October	—	<b>Labour Day, School Closed</b>

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





This is your invitation to buy a hot sausage outside Newlands New World on Sunday 18 August, 11am to 1pm!  
Northern Ward city councillors will be selling 200L emergency water tanks at the same time.

Pre-order and pre-pay if you'd like us to reserve a water tank for you. \$110 each. Email [malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:malcolm.sparrow@wcc.govt.nz) to order. \$10 from each water tank sale, as well as proceeds from the sausage sizzle will be donated to a local community group.

**ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON**

**Family Concert 2019**

Saturday 24 August, 2pm  
Michael Fowler Centre

**HEROES AND VILLAINS!**

Whether you're a Caped Crusader, an Ice Princess, or a Star Lord from a Galaxy far far away, join us at Mission Control for the greatest Superhero Anthems, Disney film favourites, and explosive traditional classics!

TICKETS: [ticketmaster.co.nz](http://ticketmaster.co.nz)  
[orchestrawellington.co.nz](http://orchestrawellington.co.nz)

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**Become a friend of Rewa Rewa** – please contact us to see how support from your business can help gain advertising to our community. We welcome physical and/or financial support to help with replacing fencing, concrete pathways, playground games painting, school sports uniforms and signage, gardens.