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# Rewa Rewa School

## Newsletter

### Mission Statement:

To promote success for learners as an ongoing process of personal and social development.



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### Special points of interest:

- Principal's Note
- Early Arrivers
- Fees & Donations

We're getting closer to EOTC week (Tuesday 28 March-Thurs 30 March). Thank you to all of our parents who are helping with transport and the senior camp – without this assistance we would be unable to offer outdoor learning opportunities for your children. The Junior and Middle classes still need volunteers so that they can offer a fun week of activities – if you can help, please let your teacher know ASAP.

Jan Otene

**Principal**

### Early Arrivals at School

Our new system to use the hall as a base for those *children who need to be dropped off* at school between 8-8.30 am seems to be working well. For this to continue to be a success ALL parents who need to use this service must ensure that their children know the expectations in order for them to access this free, but unsupervised, facility i.e. best behaviour! Thank you to all of our parents who helped us to develop this solution, a win-win for all. The usual time that classrooms will be opened each day still remains at 8.30 am.

### Parent Fees and Donations

Small schools rely very heavily on parent donations and fees to enable them to offer additional programmes that support teaching and learning. By paying these fees in term 1, we are able to avoid continual requests for payments throughout the year. The Board realises that for parents, especially those who have more than one child, school fees must be kept at a reasonable level and this year we have kept these at the same rate as for 2016.

The school selects programmes very carefully to ensure that we gain good value from each programme. Last year **every child**, regardless of whether their fees were paid or not, had access to quality programmes and activities such as MoveMprove (gymnastics), soccer, swimming lessons, Life Education Trust and school trips.

Volunteers, including teachers, also work very hard to raise funds doing such activities as sausage sizzles, to help reduce charges to parents, such as camp fees. We are also very quick to accept free offers such as swimming lessons (valued at \$140 per student) and the Healthy Heroes programme (Rotary) that will benefit our students.

However, in 2016 unpaid fees and donations amounted to over \$4500. For every family who doesn't pay, each \$ then needs to come out of our Ministry grant or from fundraising ventures. We encourage all families to please pay their fees as soon as possible - setting up an automatic payment for as little as \$5-\$10 per fortnight is a very easy way of making sure that everything that your child has access to has been paid for. Thank you.

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### Online Learning

We are entering exciting times ahead for our learners at Rewa Rewa School. We believe that it is vital that our students are able to share their learning with their parents/caregivers – anytime, anywhere. As from term 2, each class will start using a secure class blog so that all students will have the opportunity to share their work with their parents. As we become more adept, individual blogs will be set up for older students. The school will be using the programmes Easyblog (yr 0-6) and Hapara (yr 5-6). These programmes have been developed to support student learning within primary schools. The cost for accessing these programmes will be built into our annual school fees i.e. \$5.00 per student for Easyblog and \$3.50 for Hapara. Another benefit will be that parents will be able to download their child’s work showing their complete school journey whilst at Rewa Rewa School.

### ICAS Competition (yr 4-6)

All entries for the ICAS competition must be in to the office by this Friday 17 March. If you have lost your letter please download another from our website (under Fliers and Notices on the What’s On? page).

### Yummy Stickers

This is a quick and easy way for the school to gain a huge amount of PE gear for absolutely nothing. All you need to do is collect the Yummy stickers found on many fruit items and stick them onto an official Yummy sticker sheet. Ask your class teacher for a sheet for your family to complete or just bring your stickers to school. We have just completed an inventory of our PE gear and we are running very low on basics such as skipping ropes, balls, frisbees and hula hoops.

### Community Consultation – ASC Holiday Programme

Thank you to everyone who submitted a response on our ASC holiday programme – we will be sharing your comments with the Board and our ASC staff have held a weekend staff meeting to look at ways of including many of these ideas into their programme. For those who were concerned about the cost of the programme, it is interesting to note that our holiday programmes always run at a loss. In fact the January programme lost \$996.00 - we simply cannot afford to offer cheaper rates and the Board is seriously looking at the future of the January holiday programme. We are very aware that this is a service that is appreciated by those who use this service.

Fliers for the April holiday programme will be sent home shortly. Remember that by making payment before the holidays start enables you to take advantage of a discounted fee. On the first Friday there will be a free “fun” swimming session held in our school pool – the Easyswim instructor’s fee will be paid for by the school so that participants can take advantage of this free addition to the programme.

### Term 1 School Policies under Review

We invite all of our community to make submissions using SchoolDocs on the term 1 policies due to be reviewed. These include: Recognition of Cultural Diversity, Staff Leave and Separated Parents, Day-to-Day Care and Guardianship.

Please email [office@rewarewa.school.nz](mailto:office@rewarewa.school.nz) for login details. Responses must be completed before the last week of term please.

### Home & School Committee (Naomi Godfrey, Chairperson)

We held our first meeting for this year last Wednesday. The H&S are trying to support 3 main areas this year – upgrading the Adventure playground, a fish mural for the swimming pool area and money for our Solar Energy project (to reduce power costs for the school and the swimming pool). Chris Turnbull has got the Solar Energy fundraising off to a great start by raising \$10,000 through Pub Charities, but we need to show that we are also raising money for this purpose. As we need more help at different times during the year, you may receive a phone call from a committee member asking for your support. Our first fundraiser for the year is the popular Easter Raffle. This is an easy fundraiser that all families can assist with and for very little effort it raises over \$1000. This year the profit will be put towards our Adventure Playground upgrade. A notice will be coming home shortly with raffle tickets to sell – please drop off your Easter item for this raffle to the school office over the next 2 weeks. If you are free to help with sausage sizzles either in the community or at school we’d also love to hear from you.

### Entertainment Books

The one thing that keeps appearing on the top of our students list is a New Playground. Please help us to upgrade our school playground by purchasing an Entertainment Book. Go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1x04718> to order now or for more details. Spread the word among friends and family—there are lots of great discount vouchers in these books for a wide variety of services and interests and you can purchase one for any part of the country. So, if there are grandparents or aunts and uncles anywhere from Invercargill to Whangarei, they can still support this fundraiser and help build a new playground for our school!

### The Al Pearce Swimming Pool

Easyswim lessons will continue until the first week of the April holidays and then recommence in Term 4. Several schools in our area, including Paparangi, Amesbury and Churton Park have all enjoyed using our pool over the last two terms. On the final Monday of this term Easyswim is holding a Sports Fun Day for each class. Parents are welcome to come and watch – be prepared to get splashed! Our students have all received free lessons this term from Easyswim.

During Term 2 the pool will be emptied so that we can work on the next stage of improvements, including showers, easier handles to use on the toilets, painting touch-ups in the pool, a community fish mural and a security system.

We are looking forward to holding a triathlon in term 4 involving the Newlands community and hopefully, holding community swimming days during the weekends. Every Rewa Rewa student will once again have access to Easyswim lessons – these are subsidised by Kiwisport along with MoveMprove (gymnastics), with the remainder being charged to our parent fees – approximately \$20.00 per student.

### Chickenpox, Slapcheek (Parvovirus) and Vomiting Bugs!

Chickenpox and Slapcheek are doing the rounds in the Johnsonville/Newlands area. We have one case of chickenpox at Rewa Rewa already. Please watch children for symptoms and if diagnosed, keep them home to limit contagion.

**If your child has been unwell and vomited, please keep them at home for 48 hours (2 days), after the last episode.** This is important to stop the spread of infection. Do not send your child to school the day after they have been vomiting—it spreads very quickly in a classroom!

### Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders are due by Tuesday 28 March. Please send completed orders to the Office.


This is a fantastic and affordable way to support your child's learning and books make great gifts for others too—check out the \$2 and \$5 deals available now!

### Pita Pit Lunches

We will be offering Pita Pit lunches beginning Wednesday 22 March—next Wednesday. This is the menu available to Rewa Rewa School and 50 cents from each order will be donated to our school. Order forms are available from your child's classroom and from the Office front counter. Please place your order and exact money in an envelope in the box on the front counter on Wednesday mornings before 9am. Orders will be collected by Pita Pit and lunches delivered prior to 12.30pm.

Please note - make sure you have the correct money in the envelope, as **change will not be given**. We are unable to make change for orders at the Office.

Lunchonline is still available on Fridays for those who wish to use that service.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 1: Choose your pita (No change given)**

- Cheeky Chicken \$ 5.5
- Happy Ham \$ 5.5
- Brave Beef \$ 5.5
- Super Veggie \$ 4.5
- Falafel \$ 7.5
- Cookie \$2       Brownie \$2.5
- Kid Apple Juice \$2

**STEP 2: Filling (Choose up to 2)**

- Lettuce                       Cucumber
- Cheese                         Tomato
- Green Pepper               Carrot
- Red Onion                   NO FILLINGS
- Optional  
Extra one more filling \$ 1


**Sauces (Choose 1)**

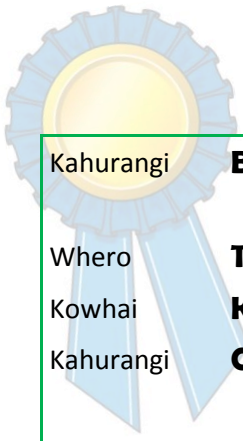
- Mayo                               Ketchup
- BBQ                                 Honey Mustard
- NO SAUCE

**total (No change given)**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ CASH

Pita pit Johnsonville  
Shop 2/33 Johnsonville Road.  
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Johnsonville@franchise.pitapit.co.nz





## Assembly Award Congratulations!

Kahurangi	<b>Bieza</b>	Writing a letter in a thoughtful way to show care and consideration for another person.
Whero	<b>Tahlia</b>	Taking care of new students and those younger than her.
Kowhai	<b>Kayla-Rose</b>	Caring for her classmates.
Kahurangi	<b>Capri &amp; Dwaine</b>	Had a lunch time fallout with each other. Came back later & resolved the issue in a way that both felt listened to without the teacher having to help. Well done.
Whero	<b>Gino</b>	Enthusiasm and improvement in reading
Kowhai	<b>Lucas</b>	For always being on task and starting a passion project about spiders.
Kahurangi	<b>Caty</b>	Developing a deeper understanding of what ANZAC Day means & working on how to represent this in a thoughtful way.

### Calendar of Events 2017

<b>1</b>	Wk 9	Camp & EOTC Week	Tuesday	28 April (ends Thursday 30 April)
	Week 11	Fun Swimming Sports Day Last day of Term 1	Monday Thursday	10 April 13 April 3pm
<b>2</b>	Week 1	<b>Start Term 2</b>	Monday	1 May 9am
	Week 6	Queen's Birthday— <b>School Closed</b> Teacher-Only Day— <b>School Closed</b>	Monday Tuesday	5 June 6 June
	Week 10	Mid-Year Reports sent home <b>End Term 2</b>	Friday	7 July 3pm
<b>3</b>	Week 1	<b>Start Term 3</b>	Monday	24 July 9am
	Week 2	Mid-Year Reports Interviews	Tuesday	August
	Week 10	<b>End Term 3</b>	Friday	29 September 3pm
<b>4</b>	Week 1	<b>Start Term 4</b>	Monday	16 October 9am
	Week 3	Labour Day— <b>School Closed</b>	Monday	23 October
	Week 9	<b>End Term 4</b>	Thursday	14 December 1pm



# Dance Pointe

Academy New Zealand

**DancePointe Academy** is a Classical Ballet School teaching children from pre-schoolers through to young adults the enjoyment of dance with an inclusive family culture and exams in both the RAD and BBO syllabus and competitions if desired. Ballet classes for pre-schoolers 4yrs – young adults. Beginners of any age welcome. For information regarding classes at both St Peters & Pauls and St Johns in Johnsonville for a free trial class

Contact Sharon

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[www.dancepointe.co.nz](http://www.dancepointe.co.nz)

mobile 021-2151222

At BIGAIR GYM in Tawa we are continuing to do new and exciting things, come and see our new gym pit and look online for our new classes. Our popular classes include **Gymnastics** (Preschool & School age), **Trampolining**, **Tumbling**, **Parkour & Cheerleading**. GYMNASTICS teaches the fundamentals of strength and coordination which supports all sports, and children gain increased self-confidence as they progress through Bigairs gym programme. PARKOUR is fun as kids learn safe and new ways to move around obstacles. Children that love cartwheels, handstands and walkovers will enjoy GYM and TUMBLING classes. Anyone that has a trampoline at home will love learning new skills in Bigairs TRAMPOLINE classes. For all those dancers and gymnasts, we have our famous Bigair **Cheerleading** Teams, including a new junior team for 5-9 years. Plus we offer **Birthday Parties** which are fun and easy for parents! Bigair Gyms Classes for Term 2, and fun & active **School Holiday Programme** are open for bookings NOW! For all queries and bookings; 04 2323508 [office@bigairgym.co.nz](mailto:office@bigairgym.co.nz).

## Northern United Junior Hockey Club

**2017 CLUB REGISTRATIONS CLOSING SOON!!!**

Based at 26 Blackrock Road, Newlands, we welcome yrs 3-8 hockey players of all skill levels from the Northern suburbs.

### Key dates:

**Pre-season training:** Newlands, 5-7 pm Mondays (yrs 3 to 6: 5-6 pm; yrs 7 & 8: 6-7 pm), from 20 Feb

**Years 7 & 8 (11-a-side) trials:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2-5 pm

No problem if you missed the first trial. If you sign up, you will be put into a team!

### Details:

[www.nujhc.org.nz](http://www.nujhc.org.nz)

[nujhc@gmail.com](mailto:nujhc@gmail.com)

## PAPARANGI SCHOOL'S



# GULLY GUTBUSTER & GALA

**5K/10K RUN/WALK & KIDS CHALLENGE**  
through beautiful Seton Nossiter Park, Paparangi

Sunday 2 April 2017 | 10k Run/Walk: 9am

5km Run/Walk: 9:15am | Kids Challenge: 11am

Gala Stalls open at 9:30am

entry details @ [www.paparangi.school.nz/events.html](http://www.paparangi.school.nz/events.html)  
or [www.entreronline.co.nz](http://www.entreronline.co.nz)

Fun day out for the whole family with food and entertainment.

