

Weekly Remarks from the Principal: 2 - 6 March 2026 (Week 5, Term 1)

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## Nau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou katoa

**Thank you parents and caregivers** for your support as we know Teacher Only Days (ToDs) create challenges for many parents. The two Ministry of Education directed ToDs are built into the total number of days for the year. It provided us with valuable time to work with the Literacy Facilitator from Massey University further developing and refining our teaching, learning and assessment strategies.

Thank you to all who have been able to attend the Phase 2 and Phase 3 team information sessions. The teams have appreciated your engagement, the positive feedback and questions asked. The phase 1 (Year 0 - 3) 'Meet the Team' is this Wednesday 3:30 - 4:15pm.

There have been a number of questions about the new curriculums which we can understand given the media coverage. Over a number of weeks, we'll share links to curriculum and assessment material for interested parents to explore. Today we'll start with the two curriculum areas that are finalised;

- [English](#) - a summary document with a link to the full curriculum material.
- [Mathematics and Statistics](#) - summary document with a link to the full curriculum material.

**A reminder that we are required by the Government to ensure students do not use cellular devices while at school.** This includes **Smart Watches**. These devices are posing some issues across the school with students arguing over them, then turning them off school mode to contact home when there is an issue. We also have parents contacting their children during school time. We ask that parents support the no cellular requirements and if a message needs to be sent to your child, please make contact with the school office. At school students will be asked to hand in devices.

**Year 0-2 Junior athletics** is set to be held at school tomorrow (Tuesday 3 March) beginning at 1pm. You can see the organisation for the day [here on our school website](#).

All the best to our Year 6 campers who are off to Welcome Rock camp. They'll be sleeping in tents, cooking their own meals along with a range of activities - it is a genuine 'traditional' camping experience for the students and an experience that is enjoyed.

*Ngā mihi nui, Tim and the RPS Team*

### Te Huringa ō Te Ao - Community Survey

Te Huringa ō Te Ao is a new programme funded by the Ministry of Social Development to support Tāne in building safe, respectful, and healthy relationships, helping strengthen whānau and communities.

Before the pilot begins in March 2026, community feedback is important to ensure the programme reflects the needs and values of our local hapori. The anonymous survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and your whakaaro will help shape this kaupapa.

Complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFTZ3TB>

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### Student Accounts

At the end of this week you will receive your child's account. Please take the time to review your child's account. Methods of payment are via the HERO app, bank deposit (Bank account number provided on the statement) or by Debit Card at the Office.

For more information about HERO, please visit our [website](#).

As a school, we rely heavily on the generosity of our parent and caregiver community. Your contributions go a long way to supporting:

- **School camps and classroom activities**
- **Additional resources and teaching support**
- **Visits from performers and special guests**
- **Education outside the classroom events**
- **Sporting opportunities and transportation**

For families who can make additional donations, these are always welcome and appreciated. Every donation, big or small, truly matters. Thank you for your continued support!

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our next RPA second hand uniform sale is on Friday 27 March 2.45-3.15pm by school hall (inside if raining, in front if not).

## Term Calendar

[Live parent calendar](#) which can be found on **HERO** and on the homepage of [our website](#).

| Monday 2nd Māehe                                                                               | Tuesday 3rd          | Wednesday 4th                                                                                     | Thursday 5th                                                                      | Friday 6th      |
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| Mane 2 Māehe                                                                                   | Tūrei 3 Māehe        | Wenerei 4 Māehe                                                                                   | Tātei 5 Māehe                                                                     | Pareire 6 Māehe |
| GRIP student leadership conference<br>Little Trekker Visit 2<br>Te Ata Hāpara Opening/Blessing | Athletics Year 1 - 2 | Year 6 Camp<br>Year 3 SH6/6A Roundabout Shift<br>Phase 1 (Year 0 - 3) Meet the Team 3:30 - 4:15pm | Year 6 Camp<br>Athletics Year 1 - 2 PP<br>Little Trekker Visit 3<br>Year 3 SH6 PP | Year 6 Camp     |

## Athletics

### Āhea / When:

Year 1-2 Tuesday 3rd March. All information can be found on our [website](#)

## Calendar

We endeavor to have our calendar as up to date as possible. You can subscribe so that you see school events on your school calendar. It can be viewed on our school website too.

## Community Notices

Attached to the email with the newsletter are the Community Notices. You can also [view the community notices online](#).