

Week 4, Term 4, 2022 RPS NEWSLETTER

Nurturing Remarkable Learners - Ngā Iwi Tumeke



Nau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou katoa

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Last week we had our Cultural & Heritage week. It was such a brilliant week and we were amazed by the response of the students to the activities. Huge thanks to all involved, particularly to the parents and caregivers who came in and conducted workshops! There were opportunities to learn salsa, origami, cooking lessons and musical instruments amongst many other art forms!

As much as it was engaging and great fun it is important to remember that the activities and learning were to promote acceptance, respect of differences and value diversity. We will continue to be vigilant in upholding the expectation of everyone being kind and respectful to others.

There are some important team events this week. After winning the Central Otago heat, our talented team of Literature quizzers are heading to Wellington this weekend for the national finals. Our team comprises India H, Frankie W, Hector T & Tianyou Z - Good luck to you.

On Wednesday, NZ plays Pakistan in the T20 World Cup semi finals, hopefully it all comes together for NZ to progress to the final. Then on Saturday, the Black Ferns play England in the final of the Women's Rugby World Cup, hopefully it is as thrilling a game as the semi against France was!



Over the last week, we've been made aware of a number of Covid cases in our school community. It is great that parents are testing themselves and children when unwell and communicating with us, thank you so much. We do have vulnerable people in school and it has really helped to be able to keep them informed of where things are at. Household contacts do not need to isolate but having negative tests before coming to school and offering to wear masks has been very reassuring. The [current Covid 'rules'](#) can be found here.

Below you'll find more events and information, and as always we encourage you to keep an eye on our [school parent calendar](#).

Author Abbas Nazari at school this evening

There are still [tickets](#) available for this brilliant event that starts at 630pm tonight.

More parent volunteers required for triathlon tomorrow

We are urgently seeking more parent help for tomorrow's triathlon, please contact office@remarkables.school.nz if you are able to help us out.

Book Fair is on now!

This week we have our Book Fair, thanks to the RPA for organising! Parents and caregivers will be able to visit the Book Fair this week and it will be open between 830-930am and 230-330pm daily. The Book Fair will be held in Ōterotu 2 (one of the new classrooms just along from the Ahuwhenua classrooms.) There will be signs to direct you to where the Book Fair is!

2023 Student Placements

If families know their children (aside from Year 8 students) will not be at RPS in 2023, please advise us as soon as possible to help us with class creation. Our teachers contribute much time and thought to all children and the placements for 2023 classes.

If you have information about your child that you feel should be considered in their 2023 class placement, we ask that you please put this in writing to tim.young@remarkables.school.nz by **18 November 2022**.

This term has a huge amount going on, you'll definitely want to keep an eye on our [school google calendar](#).

There is a **teacher only day** on Friday 18 November.

Lunch time Games club (Mondays)

Every Monday there will be a games club at lunch time. This will be led by Fee Stephenson from CLFS and it will be held in Ōterotu 1. Please note that the Games club is for Years 5-7.

John Parsons rescheduled visit -Wednesday 16th November

On Wednesday 16 November, John Parsons will be hosting a parent workshop, in the school hall from 630 pm, and we warmly invite you all to attend. In light of recent cyber concerns and activity experienced across our school and community, we really do recommend that our parent community attend this amazing free event.

Thanks to QPS

Massive thank you to QPS for letting us use their flags in our 'Culture and Heritage Week' and also for the loan of cooking devices for the upcoming Y6 camp.

Update from the Board

Over the past couple of weeks, you would have seen an invitation in the weekly School Newsletter to participate in an online School Survey. The survey responses (to date) were shared with the Board at our meeting last week, and we are particularly encouraged by the level of engagement and the many positive comments received thus far.

There have also been some great ideas around curriculum delivery and some suggested improvement areas. It is critical that your voice is heard and I am happy to share with you that the Board will be looking deeper into your responses at our Strategy Day, coming up on Monday 5 December. You may not be aware that we hold this meeting annually to review and refine our annual plan, set strategic goals, and generally pulse check and determine the health of Remarkables Primary School. It's a day we look forward to every year and we will update you with the outcomes early in 2023.

As always, the RPS Board and I are available to talk to you at any time - please send us an [email](#).

Y7 Road Bike safety programme

A reminder that our Year 7 classes have their road bike safety programme this week.

Swimming lessons at Alpine Aqualand

Taumata 4, Pōhatu 2 & 3 have their swimming lessons this week. This is an important part of their learning and we thank the parents who are helping out this week, as well as saying thanks again to all of the parents and caregivers who have supported the programme throughout this academic year.

Enrolments

If your child has a younger sibling, or if you have friends who have children who are turning 5 at any point in 2023, please get in touch with our Enrolments officer [Beth](#) to begin the enrolment process.

Tim Young and the RPS Team

MONDAY <i>Rāhina 7</i> <i>Whiringa-ā-rangi</i>	TUESDAY <i>Rātū 8</i> <i>Whiringa-ā-rangi</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>Rāapa 9</i> <i>Whiringa-ā-rangi</i>	THURSDAY <i>Rāpare 10</i> <i>Whiringa-ā-rangi</i>	FRIDAY <i>Rāmere 11</i> <i>Whiringa-ā-rangi</i>
● Scholastic Book Fair ● Swimming - Taumata 4 & Pōhatu 2 & 3 ● Abbas Nazari Author Talk	● Sushi ● Scholastic Book Fair ● Swimming - Taumata 4 & Pōhatu 2 & 3 ● Y5-8 Triathlon @ Events Centre	● Pizza ● Kapa Haka ● Small group Gymnastics ● Scholastic Book Fair ● Swimming - Taumata 4 & Pōhatu 2 & 3	● Cultural & Heritage Week ● Deep Cove gear check ● Y6 Camp - Welcome ● Rock Parent Information meeting 5pm Whenua 3 ● Swimming - Taumata 4 & Pōhatu 2 & 3	● Wheels Day ● Swimming - Taumata 4 & Pōhatu 2 & 3 ● Wakatipu High School Orientation Day
Order Lunches here - https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/				
TERM 4: Finishes 12pm Thursday, 15 December; School closed on following date: Teacher Only Day Friday 18 November				

Community Information: Click on this [link](#) to view Wakatipu Community Notices.