

Week 4, Term 3, 2022 RPS NEWSLETTER

Nurturing Remarkable Learners - Ngā Iwi Tumeke



Nau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou katoa

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Students,

It was wonderful to see so many of you here at school on Friday for our Cross Country event, it was a stunning day for it! Thanks to the RPA for their sausage sizzle and well done to all of our students who got involved!

Our Year 7 & 8's get to experience the Three Lakes [Arts in Schools](#) programme this week. We're excited to have the programme back at RPS! It's a great time of the year for bibliophiles too; last week we had the SLANZA National School Library week. We have a number of Year 5 & 6 students heading to the Remarkables for their NZSki snowsports camp

Snowsports Battle of the Basin - Thursday 8 September

This is the annual event for local primary schools to call themselves the snowsport champions of the Wakatipu. The day consists of two runs of Dual Slalom on Easy Rider (at Coronet Peak) for skiers and snowboarders in Years 3-8. The entry fee (\$25) must be made online at [Snowsports New Zealand](#) by 6 September (no entry on the day). [Please see race notice and registration information here.](#)



Attendance - At School, On Time, In Class, All Day

It is important to maintain good attendance levels, especially given the last two years, for learning and progress. Time out of school adds up! A 90% attendance rate is being absent, on average, one day per fortnight. This equates to 20 days absent per year, or one term of lost schooling every 2.5 years.

Board of Trustees - Thank You and Congratulations

A huge thank you to Richard, Eryn, Emily, Craig, Janet, and Maria who stand down from serving as the Remarkables School Board of Trustees over the last three years. Jim and Lisa both continue for another term on our Board. Each and every member stepped forward and served our school community throughout what proved to be one of the toughest terms yet. Over many years in schools, I can't think of anything that's shaken our schools quite the way COVID-19 has. Together they rose to the challenge, doing whatever it took to support school staff and to keep our tamariki learning. Thank you all for your hard work, your commitment, and your dedication to the education of our tamariki.

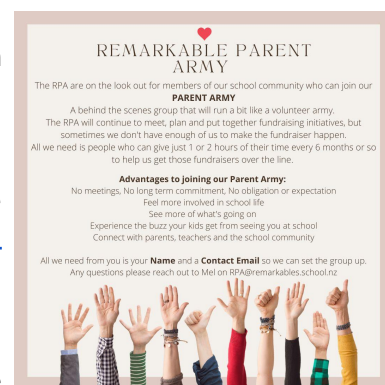
Congratulations and welcome to Jessica Smith, Janelle Somerville, Kelly McAteer and Peter Old who have been appointed as our new board members!

Join Our Team: Learning Assistant Relievers Wanted

We have a wonderful opportunity for new learning assistants to join our team and to grow our Learning Assistant Reliever Pool. Please see our [website](#) for more information about the role. We welcome you to join us for an information morning on Wednesday 17 August at 9:15am. Please meet in the school office foyer. For further information about the appointment process, please feel free to contact the school office on 03 441 4044 and ask to speak with Kate Tonks.

Remarkables Parent Army

The RPA are on the lookout for parents & caregivers to join their parent army! See more information on the [RPA section of our website](#) and in the [Wakatipu Community Notices](#).



Charity Golf Tournament Sponsorship Opportunity - 7th September

The RPA's Jack's Point Charity Golf Tournament team are still calling out for hole sponsors for the event this year. If you run a business, and especially if you are part of our school community, please consider a \$500 hole sponsorship to help the RPA towards their fundraising target of \$30,000. Please email Primaryschoolgolf@gmail.com if you are interested in supporting this fantastic event in our community.

Enrolments

If your child has a younger sibling, or if you have friends who have children who are turning 5 between now and the 21st November 2022, please get in touch with our Enrolments officer [Beth](#) to begin the enrolment process. It

is useful for us to know cohort numbers in advance so we can organise transitional visits. Equally, if you have a child that is turning 5 next year, please get in touch with Beth as she can begin the enrolment process for your child for 2023.

NZSki's Outside Provider Programmes

We are aware that there is some confusion regarding Ski Camp dates on the NZSki website. We ask that all students select no more than two ski camps in total. These are the remaining camps available this year, for students at RPS:

Y5/6 = Mon 22 - Weds 24 Aug, Y7/8 = Mon 29 - Weds 31 Aug, Y5-8 Enduro = Mon 19 - Wed 21 Sept

There are other camps that NZSki has available on their own website which do not align to the dates/programmes for RPS. If you have chosen to sign your child up for the additional NZSki camps that were not part of the RPS dates shared, please be aware that there will not be a member of staff from RPS present. Please communicate directly with NZSki regarding transport & support for your child if this is the case.



Feelgood Friday

Year 1 are doing some investigations in Science. We LOVE bubbles and we wondered what would happen if you had a bubble wand in a different shape? We discovered that it doesn't matter what shape the bubble wand is, bubbles are always in the shape of a sphere!

Year 7 Stargazing

Our Year 7 stargazers had an incredible experience at Skyline last week. Highlights included exploring distant galaxies, learning about the connections to Māori astronomy, viewing the craters of the moon & spotting Saturn on a beautifully clear evening. Thanks Skyline Stargazing Experience for this opportunity!



Sporting success

Over the weekend, the Coronet Peak National Points Alpine Ski Races were held. Congratulations to Emily H who finished second and Jess Mc who came third in the U14 combined Slalom!

Tim Young and the RPS Team

What's on this week & school lunches:				
MONDAY Rāhina 15 Hereturikōkā	TUESDAY Rātū 16 Hereturikōkā	WEDNESDAY Rāapa 17 Hereturikōkā	THURSDAY Rāpare 18 Hereturikōkā	FRIDAY Rāmere 19 Hereturikōkā
NZSki Camp Yrs 3&4 @ CP Three Lakes Cultural Trust Arts in Schools (Y7&8)	Sushi NZSki Camp Yrs 3&4 @CP BoT meeting (730am) RPA meeting @ The Crown (7pm) Three Lakes Cultural Trust Arts in Schools (Y7&8)	Pizza NZSki Camp Yrs 3&4 @ CP Three Lakes Cultural Trust Arts in Schools (Y7&8)	Subway Dumplings Ice Blocks (\$2 bring a coin) Three Lakes Cultural Trust Arts in Schools (Y7&8)	Wheels Day Three Lakes Cultural Trust Arts in Schools (Y7&8)
Order Lunches here - https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/				
Teacher only day: Monday 12th September Term 3 ends: Friday 30th September TERM 4: Monday, 17 October - Thursday, 15 December				

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