

Week 2, Term 2, 2022 RPS NEWSLETTER

Nurturing Remarkable Learners - Ngā Iwi Tumeke



Āhau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou katoa

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Students,

We've had a wonderful first week back, it was great to see so many of our students are staff channeling their inner Jedi or Sith on Star Wars Day!

We have a busy week this week with our Book Fair in Ōterotu, we hope to see lots of you there! This week also sees The Whitmarsh Academy start after-school football every Tuesday. The first session will be tomorrow and will be open to all students, please email info@whitmarshacademy.co.nz to register your child if they plan on attending the first session on Tuesday 10th May. To register your child for the term, please click [here](#).

Today we have 33 students away from school. Breaking down this figure, we have 7 students who are positive for Covid, 4 students who are isolating and the remaining 22 students either staying home from being unwell or absent for other regular reasons. Last week we had 13 students testing positive for Covid.

Thanks again to all our staff, students and families for their positive attitudes with regards to Covid, and fingers crossed this trend of decreasing covid cases continues. A reminder that masks are strongly recommended, this is following Ministry of Education and Health and Government guidelines,

A reminder that our Parent Teacher meetings start this week and run through until the 20th May. Please find a link to the School Interview website [here](#) and the passcode is 'ehwgy'.

Adverse Weather:

It's almost that time of the year when we can get snowfall to the Basin floor. In the event of adverse weather conditions overnight, the bus and school organisation may adapt. If changes are made they are likely to be:

- School has a **delayed start** (often 10am), buses may be delayed or cancelled
- School is **closed**. We liaise with roading contractors, police, QLDC & all the schools in the Wakatipu Basin, and our decisions are generally coordinated (although sometimes conditions are different for schools).

If there is a change to 'School as Normal' it will be communicated in a number of ways:
Please note; **No messages No change**

- On the front page of the school website will share any changes
- Facebook posts will be made
- On School Loop Notice will be made
- Phone Voice message will be updated

All local radio stations More FM - preferred, Plus as required Classic Hits, will broadcast any changes to the structure of the school day / start times and bus timetable changes [around 7.15am](#).

If it snows during the day, school will stay open. School buses will not run early. If it is judged unsafe for buses to run at the end of the day, children will be kept at school until they are picked up by their parents. Wait until it is safe to drive before you come to pick up your children; there is no need for you to drive in hazardous conditions.

Your children will be well looked after at school. It may even be that some children need to stay here after school or even overnight in extreme conditions.

'The Developing Athlete' talk with Dr Craig Harrison

Queenstown Snow Sports Club (formerly Remarkables Snow Sports Academy) is proud to announce Dr Craig Harrison, internationally recognised expert in youth athlete development and host of the popular podcast

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**The
DEVELOPING ATHLETE**

With Dr Craig Harrison



"The Athlete Development Show", is presenting his talk to our community.

Craig's talk is set to be a thought-provoking and entertaining evening, this event is a 'must see' for parents/caregivers with kids who love their sport and for coaches working with youth athletes.

The event will take place on Tuesday 31st May in our hall, between 630-8pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased [here](#).

Term 2 Timetable:

A reminder our timetable (below) has changed from Term 1

Whole School Start of Day Timetable			
08.50-10.30 - Learning Session 1 (Yr0-8)			
10.30-10.40 - Morning Tea Eating Time (Yr0-8)			
10.40-11.00 - Morning Play (Yr0-8)			
Senior Timetable (Yr5-8)		Junior Timetable (Yr0-4)	
11.00-12.15	Learning Session 2	11.00-13.00	Learning Session 2
12.15-12.30	Lunch Eating Time	1.00-1.15	Lunch Eating Time
12.30-13.15	Lunch Play	13.15-14.00	Lunch Play
13.15-15.00	Learning Session 3	14.00-15.00	Learning Session 3

Term 2 Wheels Days:

Wheels day was a great success in Term one and therefore for Term two we will be making some adjustments to expand the programme. Please see the schedule below for specific days for different year groups. A reminder that unfortunately, wheels are not able to be transported on the school bus.

Day	Thursday 1:30 - 2pm	Friday 1:30 - 2pm	Friday 12:30 - 1pm
Year group	Year 3-4	Year 1-2	Year 5-8

Bookfair:

This week, we have our Book Fair in Ōterotu, all are welcome and we'd love to see you there! Our book fair is open from 830am-9am and 3-330pm.

Tim Young and the RPS Team



Coming Up this week....				
MONDAY Rāhina 16 Haratua	TUESDAY Rātū 17 Haratua	WEDNESDAY Rāapa 18 Haratua	THURSDAY Rāpare 19 Haratua	FRIDAY Rāmere 20 Haratua
Dumplings	Sushi After School Football	Pizza	Subway Dumplings Ice Blocks (\$2 bring your coin)	Scholastic Book Fair
Order Lunches here - https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/				

Covid Protection Framework Orange:

At Orange, face masks are no longer mandatory at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors and we strongly encourage students to continue wearing masks when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, who will be entering indoor areas sign in at the office and continue to wear a mask at all times indoors. We strongly encourage masks to be worn when outside on the school grounds.

We also ask that your child (if they are Year 4+) continues to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask too – for example, when we are having an assembly in the hall. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks be worn in classrooms for a time.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

Local Te Reo Māori Immersion Unit:

Our local Kaumatua Darren Rewi has posted out a survey to the Queenstown community and it may be of interest to you:

Ka hiwa ra whanau he aha te moemoea.

Please open the [link](#) to complete the survey to support this kura with their goal to set up a Te reo immersion unit in the Whakatipu. Open to all, not just whānau Māori

School Events:

Monday 9th- Friday 13th May: Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 10th May: After school football starts

Wednesday 11th May: Kiwi Comp rego closes

Thursday 12th May: Rippa Tournament

Tuesday 17th - Thursday 20th May & Monday 23rd,

Tuesday 24th May: swimming for Pohatu 1, Ōterotu 1, Wai 3 & Wai 4

Tuesday 17th May: Top Bike MTB event in Alexandra

Wednesday 18th May: Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday 20th May: Pink Shirt Day & Gumboot Friday

Thursday 26th May: Girls only Football Festival in Cromwell

Friday 3rd June: School closed, Teacher Only Day

Friday 10th June: RPS Swim Champs

Term Dates & Public Holidays:

Monday 6th June: School Closed, Queen's Birthday

Friday 24th June: School Closed, Matariki

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Monday, 2 May - Friday, 8 July

TERM 3

Monday, 25 July - Friday, 30 September

TERM 4

Monday, 17 October - Thursday, 15 December

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