

Nau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou katoa!

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Can you believe we are almost halfway through the school year? Time flies when you are having fun! This term has been busy again with classroom learning and a range of other wonderful activities. We've had our Creatives in Schools art programme run by Nicola Woodcock, Rippa (Wakatipu and Central), swim sports (School, Wakatipu and Central), netball tournaments, summit events, ice-skating, Clued Up Kids, St John Weaving Into Wellbeing. A busy term indeed. In fact, there is one more summit event coming this term, which is taking place on Friday (weather dependent) - An Orienteering Challenge. This is a whole day event, with students participating for their 45 minute Summit session. If you can spare any time during the day at all, to support with supervision of the control points and/or safe crossing zone, this would be greatly appreciated. If you are available to run a sausage sizzle on Friday lunch time, this would also be a great way to end our term - please let the office know by Wednesday mid day.

Our Kapa Haka groups, which includes over 50% of our students, come together every Wednesday under the guidance and support of Megan Ide and Alicia Hebbend and tutors of the tuakana group - Ata and Te Kopa. The amazing efforts of both students and teachers is always wonderful to see and Friday last week our Tuakana Roopu took out overall first place at [Haka Tū Haka Ora!](#) This result has come from years of dedication, hard work, long wānanga, maanakitanga, kotahitanga and whānaungatanga. A special thanks to our teachers, tutors and whānau. Te Kura Taumata Rau o te Kirikiri are very proud of you all!



Reporting - Please see our [Reporting Information slideshow](#) on our school website, you can find it on the Reporting page under the Learning tab. This Thursday at 6pm, we invite parents who wish to talk with us further on reporting to come to the school staffroom (through the office). Reporting of learning and achievement will be shared with parents through HERO, our student management system, on the first Monday of Term 3.

Parents & Caregivers must have downloaded the Hero app and logged into Hero to view reports. Please follow this link for '[how to sign up to Hero](#)' information. If you have any problems, please contact the office.

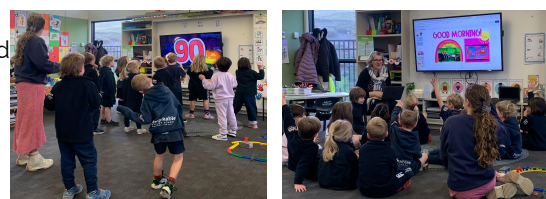
Attendance - It is noticeable at this stage of the term that many children are arriving late to school. The first bell goes at 8.50am and we expect children to be heading to class at this time. This is an important time of the day where children get themselves sorted for the day, teachers talk about what's going on in the day and take the roll. We ask that all parents have their children at school by 8.50am. Being at school on time is a great start, the trick is to keep it regular over the course of a term and the year. Regular attendance is defined as being at school 90% of the time or more. Non-attendance adds up;

If a child misses five school days each term, one day a fortnight, they will miss the equivalent of one year of school over 10 years. As the level of absenteeism grows, the difficulty of re-engaging in learning can grow exponentially. We encourage you all to aim at having your child/rens attendance rate at 90% or better. This will have a direct benefit for your child/ren.

"We expect our kids to be here, and we want them to want to be here. It's as simple as that."

% absent	Child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of school...
10%	1 day / 2 week	20 days / year	4 weeks / year	Nearly 1.5 years
20%	1 day / week	40 days / year	8 weeks / year	Over 2.5 years
40%	2 days / week	80 days / year	16 weeks / year	Over 5 years
60%	3 days / week	120 days / year	24 weeks / year	Nearly 8 years

New Class - We are excited to announce that Miss Molly Stevens is returning to NZ and RPS to teach in our New Entrant class that begins at the start of term 3. Mrs Stephanie Dolphin has been doing an amazing job of hosting school visits for children who begin in the new class next term.



Health & PE Survey - We will close this survey on Friday 30 June, after which no further responses will be taken. Please complete if you have not done so. [Year 0, 1 & 2](#) (Level 1), [Year 3 & 4](#) (Level 2), [Year 5 & 6](#) (Level 3), [Year 7 & 8](#) (Level 4)

School Uniform - Just a friendly reminder if you can please ensure your child's clothing is named, this helps us to return items of clothing that are found/handed into the office. When purchasing your uniform through NZ Uniform there is an option to have them label the clothing before sending this to you.

With the winter months upon us there is more mud around, as much as we encourage students not to play in the mud there are some students that do slip and require a change of clothes. We do not have spare clothes for students in the office so if you can please pack another pair of pants in your child's bag that would be greatly appreciated.

HERO - We are increasing our use of Hero for communicating with families. You can select if you'd prefer to receive information as a notification on the app or as an email. Please ensure you have the app and have the settings set to meet your preferences so that you receive our communication.

You can also view your child's account (for donations and fees) via the HERO app. If you have not logged into HERO please click on this link [Hero Information](#) and follow the instructions, or contact Office and they can help you answer any questions.

Methods of payment are by EFTPOS payable at the Office, Via the HERO App and Internet banking RPS Account No. 12 3405 0009955 02

NZSKI - If you have enrolled your child in a Ski Camp, can you please ensure you have filled out our google form so we know that your child is going to be attending. [RPS School and Outside Provider Winter Sports Agreement 2023](#).

HPC, QAST, RSSA - If your child will be attending Ski Programmes during the school day outside of the NZSKI Camps, please arrange a meeting with your child's classroom teacher, before [completing this form](#). Please see the form for the full process.

Enrolments - if you have a child turning 5, and you would like them to start school in Term 3 or 4, please get in touch with Laura Morgan - lauram@remarkables.school.nz

Term Calendar, check out our [Term 2 fridge calendar](#) outlining all of this term's important dates. New events and changes are likely to happen and we encourage you to look online at our '[live](#)' [parent calendar](#) too which can be found on HERO and on the homepage of [our website](#).

Tim Young and the RPS Team

MONDAY <i>Rāhina 26</i> <i>Pipiri</i>	TUESDAY <i>Rātu 27</i> <i>Pipiri</i>	WEDNESDAY <i>Rāapa 28</i> <i>Pipiri</i>	THURSDAY <i>Rāpare 29</i> <i>Pipiri</i>	FRIDAY <i>Rāmere 30</i> <i>Pipiri</i>
•	• COPSSA Swim Sports	• Cohort Visits	• Ice Blocks \$2	• LAST DAY OF TERM! • Summit Event • Creative in Schools - Ōterotu
Order Lunches here - https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/				

TERM DATES:	RPS WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:
TERM 2 <i>Monday, 24 April - Friday, 30 June</i> TERM 3 <i>Monday, 17 July - Friday, 22 September</i> TERM 4 <i>Monday, 9 October - Tuesday, 19 December</i>	Public Holidays 2023 • Friday 14 July - Matariki • Monday 24 October - Labour Day Teacher only days 2023: •

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

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health team, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on 27 July.

☐ Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

(This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

If your child is already under-care / wears glasses? You do not need to opt-off as we will not be screening your child but have a note for them to take home.