

# Week 9, Term 4, 2022 RPS NEWSLETTER

## Nurturing Remarkable Learners - Ngā Iwi Tumeke



*Nau mai, haere mai, tēnā koutou katoa*

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Students,



Our final camp of 2022 came back on Friday having had a golden time up at Welcome Rock Trails! Big thanks to Tom & his team for hosting us and thanks to our awesome staff and brilliant parent helpers for making it a memorable camp.

A reminder that school closes at 12 on Thursday, [sKids are opening early](#) if parents need to sort childcare. It has been a busy Term 4 and an incredibly busy year, it's hard to choose highlights! I wish you all a Meri Kerihimete and all the best for 2023. We will see you in February!

### **Thank you to...**

**Our Board** - We really appreciate their contribution, support and guidance, at the heart of everything they do is your children!

**Our Board Chair** - We thank and acknowledge Richard Crouch for his considerable contribution to RPS, especially over the last few years as BoT Chair. He did try to stand down at the Board elections earlier in the year but being the bloke he is, stayed on for a few more months to support the transition of the new Board. Richard has given so much of his time, energy and skill to the school with a strong desire to support us to continually improve. His genuine care for our children and the staff has been appreciated by us all.



**Our RPA** - Another amazing group who give so much time and energy for the benefit of RPS to the school. As a decile 10 school, we do rely heavily on such support and our learners really do benefit from this direct support. Thank you for all the work that has gone into events (over \$22k from the golf alone) and the smaller but important services such as 2nd hand uniforms.

**Our Parent Coaches, Helpers & Volunteers** - Thank you for your support and encouragement to our students. Without you, we would not be able to provide so many opportunities for our students, especially all those EOTC activities that you get so eagerly involved in. We thank you for your commitment to coaching, camps, museum visits, and snowsports. Special thanks to our Remarkable Readers, Library Assistants, and Reading for Dog volunteers who make our students smile with your kindness.

**Our Supportive and Encouraging Community** - We sincerely thank you for your support and for being part of what makes RPS 'Truly Remarkable.' Your engagement in student learning programmes, reports, visits, commenting on our learning posts and social media sharing - all these things help build a sense of community and we love having you all as involved as possible, even when it's been tricky to have people on site.

**Our Staff** - Thank you to all our staff; Office Personnel, Learning Assistants, Leadership Team, Caretaker and Teachers. It has been another year where you have faced the challenge of reengaging students in their learning, assessing where they were at and planning a way forward to compensate for the lost learning time. It was a time of constant review, and reprioritizing learning goals. Individually and collectively we grappled with the questions - 'What is most important to teach?' and 'What is the right next step for each child?' Then came the next set of questions - 'Which teachers are here today?', 'Which students are here today?' and 'What else do we need to manage today?' Thank you for your efforts to pull together and respond amazingly!

### **Early Buses on Thursday - last day of term**

We are all set for early buses on Thursday, the bus will arrive at school for 12 and will be intending to depart at 12.20pm.



### **Donation of Year 8 Uniform**

If you no longer have use for your Year 8 students uniform our RPA would be grateful for Donations of Uniform. You can drop these into the Office.

### **Collection of student medication from the Office**

If we are holding medication in the Health Room for your child can you please arrange to collect it from the Office before 9am on Thursday 16th December.

If it has not been collected by then, the Office will arrange for the medication to be delivered to your child and they will bring it home.

### Big thanks to Steve and the team from Mrs Ferg's!

\$1427 was raised for our kura by the amazing Mrs Ferg's gelato bike that was available for our students and staff last Friday. We can confirm that all 5 of the flavours on offer were delicious!

### Lost property - come and collect Wednesday (weather permitting)

All of the lost property will be on display from Wednesday morning until 330, please come and claim your children's gear. Please see a [video shared on our Facebook](#) to see if anything of yours is at RPS.

### School holidays reading

Is there much better than escaping through a good book? We want to promote reading for enjoyment, relaxation, delight and discovery! Please take the time to look through our [summer reading information for parents](#) and our [slideshow](#) giving parents and caregivers lots of ideas for how to approach summer reading! We're also fortunate that QLDC Libraries have launched a new reading challenge just in time for the holidays, find out more about 'Read Beyond the Beaten Path' [here](#)!

### Is there a library book still hiding at your place?

Thank you to everyone who has returned their library books, and to those parents who have been in contact regarding elusive ones. We are still missing some, so if you're able to hunt any down before Thursday it would be very much appreciated. If they resurface during the summer break, we'd gladly welcome them back at the start of next year. Have a wonderful Christmas, and enjoy plenty of reading! Please email [nadine.molloy@remarkables.school.nz](mailto:nadine.molloy@remarkables.school.nz) if you have any questions!

### School lunches

There are no school lunches this week. Lunch Online deliveries will resume on the 7th February (Week 2 of Term 1, 2023). Sushi will be available on a Tuesday, Pizza on a Wednesday and Dumplings & Subway on a Thursday.

### sKids Holiday programme

sKids will be open for some weeks during the Summer School Holidays, Check out their schedule in the community notices and head to [www.sKids.co.nz/remarkables](http://www.sKids.co.nz/remarkables) to find out more!

### Tim Young and the RPS Team

| <b>MONDAY</b><br><i>Rāhina 12</i><br><i>Hakihea</i>                                              | <b>TUESDAY</b><br><i>Rātū 13</i><br><i>Hakihea</i>                | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><i>Rāapa 14</i><br><i>Hakihea</i>                                                                                                                      | <b>THURSDAY</b><br><i>Rāpare 15</i><br><i>Hakihea</i>                                                                      | <b>FRIDAY</b><br><i>Rāmere 16</i><br><i>Hakihea</i> |
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| ● <i>Water Fun Day!</i>                                                                          | ● <i>Y8 Graduation</i><br>● <i>Tuakana Kapa Haka whānau event</i> | ● <i>Y8 Beach Day</i><br>● <i>Small group Gymnastics</i><br>● <i>Kapa Haka</i><br>● <i>Cricket Boys Festival Day</i><br>● <i>Reports home</i><br>● <i>Class lists home</i> | ● <i>Final assembly</i><br>● <i>Meet the Teacher - children only.</i><br>● <i>Last day of 2022 - school finishes at 12</i> | ● <i>SCHOOL CLOSED - ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!</i>        |
| Order Lunches here - <a href="https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/">https://www.lunchonline.co.nz/</a> |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                            |                                                     |
| <b>TERM 4: Finishes 12 pm Thursday, 15 December.</b>                                             |                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                            |                                                     |

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