



## NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Term two, week one

Dear Parents and Caregivers,  
Hopefully everyone had a lovely time at home together, rested and now excited about the coming term. It's certainly going to be a busy one as we prepare for school camp and work on one of my passion projects – creating outdoor musical structures for Kariniui.

We welcome Piripi Brown and his whānau to Rere School. Piripi is in year 5 and started today in the senior room. We wish him much success and happiness at Rere School.

A reminder that we have the Bus Group's ceremony to acknowledge the donation of one of the new school buses with representatives from Landcorp. There will be a brief ceremony starting at 12 noon and a sausage sizzle provided by the Bus Group. All are welcome.

This term is all about “**esprit de corps**”, a French term referring to the development of a sense of unity and of common interests and responsibilities, as developed by a group of persons, closely associated with a task, cause, enterprise. In this case fundraising for school camp.

### **THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:**

Congratulations to **Jack Cheetham** and **Jack Roberts** who received our **VALUES** certificates for **CREATIVE THINKING** this week. Jack C received his award for being so creative in his writing. Jack R received his award for being willing to be creative and have fun in his learning and play.

**The School Value** at the heart of our learning community over the next two weeks is **SELF – MANAGEMENT**.

“Find what makes your heart sing and create your own music” Mac Anderson

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to **Marama Roberts** who received a classroom award for leading by example and being a kind, caring and generous member of the class. **Georgia Roberts** received a classroom certificate for being such a self-managing learner by taking responsibility for ensuring she is at the right place at the right time for her online learning.

### **SCHOOL NEWS:**

Please find attached to this newsletter the current term's learning plan and calendar of dates. These can also be found on the website. [www.rere.school.nz](http://www.rere.school.nz) The Assembly Host roster can be found here too.

**Weekend sports** get into full swing this term. Results are published in the following week's newsletter. Every Wednesday I check the paper for our teams' opponents and children are expected to let me know first thing on a Monday their results. Please make sure your child knows the name of their team and the weekend results so I can ensure accuracy in my reporting.

**Hot food Thursdays** will be available again this coming term. The children are welcome to bring food to heat for lunch. The year 7 & 8 students are responsible for heating the food, usually without adult supervision. It is vital for their health and safety that the food be in either a microwave dish or a suitable oven proof dish/wrapper that is easily handled. We do not have these types of containers at school.

### **Outdoor Classroom:**

Firstly I would like to say a massive thank you to Anna Roberts who championed this project for me ensuring that it did get off the ground after many years of me intending to make it happen and not getting anywhere. We are extremely lucky to have such an awesome resource for our teaching and learning. I recently had a team come up from the Ministry of Education and they were very inspired by what we had achieved. Everything is looking great out there and we wait patiently for the trees to grow and provide us with many more opportunities for learning.

A huge thank you also to Casey Maddock for all her work in organising and completing the Karinui Shed. It is awesome to have a place to keep all our gardening equipment.

Over the next few terms we will be working with REAP on creating a range of outdoor musical structures for the Karinui which I am very excited about. Some of the children have also expressed an interest in their own creations out in this space and will be working on that during passion project time.

If anyone has any carpet lying around the place we would love this to use as weed cover. Also any PVC piping lying around unused, any size, would also be appreciated both for the musical structures and also for the children to build and create wonderful, changing structures with.

### **School Camp – Queenstown:**

We have reached our target of \$20,000 worth of Airpoints. A huge thank you must go out to Therese Anders who sent an email to Tammy suggesting we have a go at this opportunity. Not only have we received the Airpoints but Air New Zealand have also donated the cost of luggage as it was to be carry on only. Now we begin the fundraising for our adventure. Attached to this newsletter is information about the camp and all the paper work I need completed. Please return to school as soon as possible. Thanking you in anticipation.

The children have opted to undertake a range of fundraising activities such as selling pinecones, a disco, making and selling a special lunch, a parent hamper raffle and a children's hamper raffle.

If anyone has a place with lots of pinecones we could have please let me know and we will organise to come as a whole school and collect them.

The Board of Trustees have undertaken to organise crutchings, (one was already held over the holidays) and we will also be having a hangi for sale later on this term.

### **BOT NEWS:**

Please find attached to this newsletter a summary of term 1 for your interest.

### **EOTC:**

Please find attached the calendar for this term showing the EOTC activities. This can also be found online.

Next week Wednesday we have Harold and the Life Education Truck arriving for the day. This year's focus is on mental health / emotional intelligence and will be based on the Feel Brave series of books, which are designed to help explore emotional intelligence, positive psychology and some of the challenging feelings which children might experience in everyday life. The books help children deal with anxiety, confidence issues, bullying, fears, change, loss and grief. These "little stories about big feelings" will help children develop the resilience they need to cope effectively with these important issues as they grow up.

***BUS NEWS:***

At the end of last term we sadly said goodbye to Sally Lloyd as one of our school bus drivers. We would all like to thank her for the care and consideration she showed towards the children, staff and the school in general during the time she was driving. We wish her well in any future endeavours.

We welcome Nikki Winiata back to the driving pool.

Please find attached to this newsletter the current bus timetable and driver roster. These can also be found on the website. [www.rere.school.nz](http://www.rere.school.nz)

Your drivers this week are Wharekopae- Paula Reedy, phone 8673585

Taumata – Annabel Hume, phone 8687725

Regards,



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