



## NEWSLETTER

12th March 2018  
Term one, week six

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The juniors had an awesome day out at their swimming sports yesterday. We are very proud of their effort, skill and enthusiasm. I know everyone gave it 100%. Well done to the Rere relay team who came third and also to Jack Roberts, Luca Pell, Hamish Cook, and Mila Maddock who received placings.

### THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Congratulations to **Hannah Steele** and **Mila Maddock** who received our **VALUES** certificates for **CONFIDENCE** this week. Hannah received her award for being such a confident and enthusiastic learner, who is always willing to give new things a go. Mila received her award for always having confidence in herself, taking risks and trying new things.

**SCHOOL VALUE:** the value at the heart of our learning community this week remains **CONFIDENCE**.



The most beautiful thing you  
can wear is confidence.

Blake Lively

BrainyQuote

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to **Jack Candy** who received a classroom award for being kind and caring to others. **Putu Reedy** received a classroom certificate for his determined attitude towards every aspect of school life.

**SCHOOL NEWS:** Assembly was held today rather than Monday afternoon as we had the juniors out at their swimming sports.

*RERE SCHOOL WILL DEVELOP THE WHOLE CHILD ENABLING PERSONAL EXCELLENCE*  
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We are still waiting on some of last year's prize giving cups to be returned. If you have not yet returned yours it would be appreciated if they could come back to school as soon as possible.

**EOTC NEWS:** The EPro8 engineering and problem solving challenges are on this week. This is a new opportunity for our learners so we are all very excited to see what it is all about. Even though the students will be travelling as a team from school on the Wednesday we would still love for whānau to come and watch. The challenges have been specifically designed to be spectator friendly. But in terms of the challenges it is all up to the students so no helping!

Rural West Schools Triathlon, this Friday 15 March at Waerenga-O-Kuri School. Competitors will be briefed at 10:30am with all information about the running of the triathlon and a visual orientation of the course. Cyclists need helmets and covered shoes. Upon arrival at Waerenga-O-Kuri bicycles must be taken to the transition area. They need to be put into the correct race section. e.g. 5 year olds. Races will start at 11 am. They will be started at 10-15 minute intervals with the 12-13 year boys & girls. As there is very little parking at the school you may need to park at the hall and walk to the school.

Technology in action: So much pride shown in their achievements as they prepare for the sleep over in the last week of term one, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Whānau are invited to stay over as well.



A great example of the key competencies in action- thinking, relating to others, using language, symbols, and texts, managing self, participating and contributing, as well as meeting the objectives of the technology curriculum. The capabilities captured in the five competencies are all essential underpinning capabilities for the development of a technological literacy that is broad, deep, and critical in nature, and one that will result in increasing student empowerment for future citizenship.

## Leadership 2019

2019 is a “leadership year”, a year in which we focus on growing leadership skills outside of those we normally foster within the school setting. Over the last ten years this has involved a week away for those in years 6-8 with the primary aim of attending a leadership conference. As these conferences were only held in the main centres and involved a great deal of travel the day became a week in which our learners were challenged to try new things they had never experienced before, from doing their own shopping, self-managing their day to day needs, experiencing new foods, completing activities they didn't think they could do, and being introduced to future career opportunities.

However much has changed over the last ten years.

1. Feedback from our learners and the adults attending the conference in 2016 indicated that the National Young Leadership Day was no longer meeting our needs. So the search began for an alternative opportunity that would still have the same or an even greater impact back in the school setting. Along came the GRIP Conference.
  - GRIP Leadership is an independent organisation that commenced in Australia in 2005 and exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students. The GRIP team are specialists in the area of student leadership and present sessions that are highly interactive and directly applicable to the situations that students face at school every day. The central focus of the conference is equipping student leaders with practical ideas and skills which will allow them to make a significant contribution to their schools. GRIP is an acronym for GENEROSITY, RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY, and PEOPLE:
2. We now have many more localised opportunities for our learners to develop leadership skills that meet their specific interests, passions and career aspirations such as the VLN, an online classroom and Aurora, our gifted and talented provider. These opportunities continue to provide new opportunities to develop the skill and confidence to lead learning in the classroom.
  - We have learners whose passion and future career interests are in the digitech world. They have been provided the opportunity to develop their skills and will be leading the learning across the school in this area.
3. We also want to acknowledge feedback from last year indicating that whānau would like to be more involved in developing the leadership qualities they see as important for their children. With improved access to transportation our learners are more mobile. These days we have children travelling across the country for a wide range of sporting and cultural experiences that meet the same objectives the leadership week would have provided.
  - Whānau taking their children to experience events such as the Agricultural Field Days at Mystery Creek, others had expressed that they didn't know this was an option and would welcome that opportunity. This would also mean that any child who has a passion in this area would be able to have the experience, not only those in Years 6-8.

Taking all this into account I am very excited to unveil the new look 2019 “Leadership Year”. None of the original learning intentions or objectives have been compromised in the new look, in fact I believe they have been enhanced. I have considered carefully the interests, passions, and career choices of our learners in year 6-8 in designing what Leadership will look like in 2019.

- ✓ learners in Years 6-8 accessing the VLN and Aurora opportunities is already underway
  - ✓ opportunity to experience new challenges such as the EPro8 competition, an engineering and problem solving race
  - ✓ an overnight trip to the GRIP conference in Hastings 3rd – 4th April for the Years 6-8
  - ✓ working through the workbooks given out at the conference along with access to their experts online
  - ✓ Years 5-8 visiting other schools during the year where their leaders will be teaching us new skills
  - ✓ Years 5-8 working with the Lamb and Beef Board on their Bigger and Better programme which is aimed at growing agricultural leaders, this also involves trips to visit local farms
  - ✓ organise a whole school fundraising event such as a disco
  - ✓ fundraise to restore/upgrade an area either at school or within the local community
- A newsletter giving more detail about the GRIP conference, permission slips and all the required health and safety forms will be sent home to whānau of year 6-8 learners within the next week.

**BUSES:** Your drivers this week are Wharekopae- Paula Reedy, phone 867 3585 or 027 787 9840

Taumata – Nikki Winiata, phone 867 0869 or 020 4118 3865

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SNIPPET:** School boards are responsible for the school performance and ensuring that all legal requirements are met. First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents, community and the Crown. The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of March. Jodie Cook was co-opted onto the Board and was also elected Chairperson for 2019. The School Charter, Annual Plan documents and Budget were all accepted and ratified. The School Charter and Annual Plan can be found on the web page at [www.rere.school.nz](http://www.rere.school.nz)

The Korari session for those interested in being trustees on boards will take place on Thursday 14th March at 5:30pm. Venue: Cosmopolitan Club. The session will be of interest to people who may be thinking of standing in the upcoming triennial elections and would like more information about what it means to be a trustee.

Have a great week.

Regards,



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Principal