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A very warm welcome to our new students and whānau and welcome back for 2026 for those returning students and whānau. We've had a wonderful week to start of the year with our mihi whakatau to welcome new students, staff and whanau on Monday morning. As I've walked through the school I've seen settled and engaged learners getting into the year. Today at morning tea I saw so many students engaged positively in games with their friends, older students helping younger ones and our new students settling in and forming relationships. I also saw most students wearing their potae/hats!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our annual school picnic on Thursday 19th (let's hope the weather co-operates!)

This week also marks 20 years of Reremoana School being open! It's our birthday! On the 7th February 2006 Reremoana School opened its doors and welcomed in learners for the first time. Over the last 20 years the school has grown and changed so much. I want to give a special shout out to Ms Lynn Fothergill who was Deputy Principal on that day 20 years ago and has provided stability and connection since then.

Julie Cowan  
Principal  
Learn Grow Succeed

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**If you're happy and you know it clap your hands and come back**



**...about 10,000 children went to school for the first time yesterday**

**Stuart Dye**  
Education reporter

It-day tears were plentiful but didn't last long as 19 of the country's newest students began their scholastic careers yesterday. Their first day was also the first for their classroom, as Reremoana School opened its doors for the first time. The Manukau City school is not quite finished, but that did not stop its 120 students enrolling. It is one of two new primary schools that opened yesterday; the other is in Albany. Among those with trembling lower lips and the odd tear or two was Korbin Bryan, but the youngster cheered up considerably as he sat with his new classmates for morning register. Korbin was one of about 10,000 children nationwide who went to school for the first time yesterday. His teacher, Jackie Manniner, said the first day was all about making sure the youngsters were comfortable and happy.

"We want them to have fun, enjoy the day and want to come back tomorrow," said Ms Manniner. "Learning is automatic. If they are happy they will do that."

Reremoana School, named after the wife of Maori chief Wirihana Takanini and meaning "waters flowing to the sea", has been established to cater for the increasing population growth on the Mahia Peninsula in Manurewa. The second new primary school in Auckland - Upper Harbour - will cope with the population boom in the Albany area.

Reremoana principal Viki Lawrence said 10 classrooms had been completed to cater for the initial influx of children. The site was designed for another 10, taking the final capacity to about 520 pupils. "The community has seen the school grow from the ground up and the children are fascinated by it," Ms Lawrence said. "I think we'll get there [to capacity] pretty quickly."

The national school roll of about 760,000 is the highest New Zealand has seen and is expected to be the peak, before the number begins dropping. But in Auckland, a combination of high immigration and natural growth means the region will buck that national trend. The next 15 years will see an extra 55,000 children trying to find a place in increasingly crowded schools.

The Ministry of Education has already bought about 20 sites as it looks to cater for the growth with up to 40 new schools. Plans are already under way in Flat Bush and Takanini.

**ON THE WEB**  
[www.nzherald.co.nz/education](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/education)

**SEE ALSO**  
Rush for places in schools - News, A5

"Na te puna ko te awa. Na te awa ko te moana. Ka rere te moana, he ara ki te ao." Reremoana Kura.



"From the spring comes the river. From the river comes the sea. The sea flows as a pathway to the world." Reremoana School.

# Term 1 Important Dates

Updated Weekly

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 2-6 Feb	Mihi Whakatau				Waitangi Day
Week 2 9-13 Feb					Start selling Hot Cross Buns (Fundraiser on kindo)
Week 3 16-20 Feb				School Picnic 6 pm - 8pm	
Week 4 23-27 Feb	Board meeting			Positive Parenting 6:30 via Zoom	
Week 5 2-6 Mar Keeping ourselves safe, Police in school			Whanau Connect	Whanau Connect	Last day for Hot Cross Buns
Week 6 9-13 Mar	Positive Puberty Y5/6		Whanau Hui 6 pm		Positive Puberty Y7/8
Week 7 16-20 Mar				School Orienteering	Cultural Celebration Day
Week 8 23-27 Mar			Fono 6pm		
Week 9 30 Mar-3 Apr	Board meeting				Easter Friday

**Term 1 ends on April 2nd.**

**Term 2 is from April 20th to July 3rd.**

**Term 3 is from July 20th to September 25th.**

**Term 4 is from October 12th to 15 Dec**



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# Quick Reminders

**HATS** – School hats are compulsory in Term 1. At the end of last year we allowed children who did not have a school hat, to wear a non uniform hat. We also advised that from the start of the new school year that we would again be requiring uniform hats to be worn. We do hold a small number of hats in stock for sale at the office.

**HERO** is our SMS (Student Management System); we keep all information on your child on this system – you can get access using your email address (the one that you gave the school). It is important that you notify the office of new contact details, medical conditions, allergies etc. It is also important to regularly check and respond to community posts shared via HERO as this is our main portal of communication. Permissions for trips etc is granted via HERO.

## CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

From time to time questions or concerns will arise. Your child's teacher, as the person who knows your child best, should be your first point of contact. Email is often the best way to communicate. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher directly, please note that we are unable to put calls through to classrooms during teaching time. Emailing the teacher to make a mutually suitable time is recommended as opposed to 'dropping in' as teachers are often involved in meetings or preparation before and after school. All staff emails follow the same naming protocol – first name, last name initial @reremoana.school.nz e.g. Karien Fourie is [karienf@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:karienf@reremoana.school.nz). All addresses are linked on the website as well. Please note staff have 24 hours to respond to emails.

## ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

We ask that students do not arrive at school before 8:15 am. Students who arrive before 8:30, when classrooms are opened, are required to wait outside the library.

## ABSENCE/LATENESS

If your child should be away from school please let the school know – either by phone or the HERO app. If you do not let the school know the absence is marked as TRUANT.

If your child is going to be late – let the office know via the hero app (along with a reason as to why they will be late).

Any late students – those who arrive after the 8:55 music – must come in via the office to sign in and collect a late pass.

## COLLECTING YOUR CHILD DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

If you need to collect your child during the school day, please report in person to the school office, sign your child out and you can then collect them from class.

## SCOOTERS AND BIKES

Children who travel to school via scooter or bike are required to dismount before they enter the school ground and walk their scooter/bike to the bike ramp, and also to walk their scooter/bike out of school at the end of the day.

## USING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTER 3PM

We know some families like to use the playgrounds after school. We do allow this provided that children are under the direct supervision of an adult, and are following safety rules. We do not allow bikes/scooters to be ridden in the school at this time.



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## KINDO

The Kindo App is the school shop – you can purchase fundraising items, school lunches etc (non-curricular items). It is your responsibility to keep your child's details (eg current class) up to date.

## NEWSLETTERS

A full school newsletter is published fortnightly on a Thursday, alternating with a Reminders note. Do take the time to read the newsletters; they are full of information relevant to your child. Make note of upcoming events and timelines. The newsletter is shared via HERO and Facebook, and is always available to read on the website. Most enquiries in the office would be answered if parents read the newsletter.

## FACEBOOK

In addition to the school Facebook page, which is accessible to anyone, we have private Facebook groups set up for each team.

Celebrations of learning, team happenings and reminders are shared via team Facebook pages. Please join via the link below, and be sure to answer the membership questions. Often if there are important messages, we will hit all communication channels to get the message out.

We don't use the message feature on our FB pages, preferring that communication with staff is done via email please.

Te Moana FB (Y7/8) – [click here](#) to join

Te Awa FB (Y4/5/6) – [click here](#) to join

Te Puna FB (Y1/2/3) – [click here](#) to join

## DROP ZONE

The Drop Zone is the area in front of the school, where those dropping their children off in the mornings, can let them safely disembark.

*How to Safely Use our Drop Zone*

- Between 8-9am "Drop and Go" only in the Green Zone (LHS) – Please do not park and leave your vehicle unattended
- The Staff carpark is for staff cars ONLY
- Fill the Green Zone from the front
- Wait until you are stationary in the Green Zone to let your children out
- From 9am-2pm the Drop Zone is available for visitor parking
- From 2-3:15pm the Drop Zone is closed and no entry or parking is permitted.

## UNIFORM

Our uniform provider is [Uniform Works](#), and is to be ordered online. If you wish to try for size, please ask at the office.

Whilst our uniform guidelines can be found [here](#), a couple of timely reminders, in addition to hats. We are noticing unsafe jewellery items such as hoop earrings. One set of studs only are to be worn. Hair below the shoulder is to be tied up/back – please use colours of our uniform for hair ties/ribbons.



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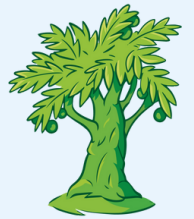
# Introducing Whakamana Points

*whakamana*

1. (verb) to give authority to, give effect to, give prestige to, confirm, enable, authorise, legitimise, empower, validate, enact, grant.

**We have launched a new school wide acknowledgement system called Whakamana Points.**

- Whakamana points are linked to houses – any staff member can give any student a whakamana point to acknowledge behaviours that are helpful, especially at break times.
- Whakamana points do not replace in class acknowledgement systems set up in hubs/teams.
- There is no limit of points that can be awarded, and a wide range of behaviours are deemed helpful.
- Every time a whakamana point is given, the staff member tells the child what they did to earn it.
- If you see teachers with their phones out and scanning house cards with QR codes on them, they are awarding whakamana points.
- The points are not individually identifiable – every time a child's house QR code is scanned, the points are tallied up on a spreadsheet in houses.
- Each week the winning house will be announced, and every three weeks, the overall winning house will be acknowledged – we are still developing a menu of ideas for this as we need student voice, but it could be a uniform free day for the house, or wheels at break time, or an extra 15 min play...



**What could earn a Whakamana Point? So many things! Some examples are...**

- If there is a schoolwide goal we have identified, that we see learners doing
- If they are seen being kind to someone
- If they respond to a tricky situation in a helpful way
- If they are collaborating in a play situation
- If they use good manners
- If they resolve conflict situations constructively

Keep an eye on the digital sign for the winning house each week!

Long & Short Term Medication

## Medication

- Children are not permitted to carry medication with them (the only exception being inhalers).
- We now have an **online medicine authority form**. To sign in medication please complete the form below. This is for long term or short term medication.
- Should you have any question please contact [office@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:office@reremoana.school.nz)

Link to [Medicine Authority Form](#)



# Mihi Whakatau

On Monday we welcomed our new students, staff and whānau members who were able to attend, through a mihi whakatau. Mihi whakatau refers to a process of welcoming and settling visitors in a respectful and peaceful way. It is a way to acknowledge manuhiri (guests), establish connections and create a sense of belonging.





## *Reremoana School*

# *Picnic*

**19 FEBRUARY**  
**5.30-8pm**



**Bring a picnic or purchase from food trucks**

**6-6:20pm - classrooms open for visiting and meeting Kaitiaki teacher**

**From 6:30pm Team Info Presentations in hall**

# Who and Where we Are

Name	Known as	Role	Located
Julie Cowan	Mrs Cowan	Principal	Admin block
Lynn Fothergill	Ms Fothergill	Deputy Principal	Admin block
Marama O'Reilly	Miss O'Reilly	Assistant Principal	Admin block
Karien Fourie	Mrs Fourie	Assistant Principal	Admin block
Helen Hogg	Mrs Hogg	Office Assistant	Office
Katrina Lafaele	Mrs Lafaele	Office Assistant	Office
Cheryl Weijermars	Mrs Weijermars	Office Manager	Office
Kerry Adele	Whaea Kerry	LSC	Admin block
Sarah Hutchinson	Whaea Sarah	TL/Teacher	Te Puna/Admin
Sanjina Devi	Whaea Jina	Teacher	Te Puna Iti
Katja Sixt	Miss S	Teacher	Te Puna Iti
Jasmine Kaur	Whaea Jasmine	Teacher	Te Puna 1
Jazz Kaur	Whaea Jazz	Teacher	Te Puna 1
Krysten Schroeder	Whaea Krysten	TL/Teacher	Te Puna 2
Melissa Ward	Mrs Ward	Teacher	Te Puna 2
Brooke Thomas	Whaea Brooke	Teacher	Te Puna 2
Saane Taufalele	Whaea Saane	Teacher	Te Puna 2
Kristie Knauf	Whaea Kristie	TL/Teacher	Te Awa 1
Alisha Hunter	Whaea Alisha	Teacher	Te Awa 1
Nathana Wickman	Mrs Wickman	TL/Teacher	Te Awa 2
Braxton Murray	Whaea Braxton	Teacher	Te Awa 2
Bo Ahn	Ms Ahn	Teacher	Te Awa 3
Lisa Thomson	Mrs T	Teacher	Te Awa 3
Courtney White	Miss White	TL/Teacher	Te Moana
Nikki Vaai	Whaea Nikki	TL/Teacher	Te Moana
Jason Bailey	Matua Jason	Teacher	Te Moana
Katie Jenkins Martin	Mrs J	Release	Te Puna/Te Awa
Gloria Cowan	Mrs Cowan	Release	Te Puna
Sharon Billington	Whaea Sharon	Release	Te Puna
Jorien Fourie	Miss Fourie	PE/LAT	Te Awa/Te Moana
Danielle Reynolds-Howlett	Whaea Danielle	LAT/LA	Across school
Jill Gregory	Mrs Gregory	LA	Across school
Jo McMillin	Jo	LA	Across school
Laura-Beth Isemonger	Miss Laura	LA	Te Puna
Ashleigh Tauariki	Whaea Ash	LA	Te Puna
Ashleigh Lindsay	Whaea Ashleigh	LA	Te Puna/Te Awa
Tracey Arthur	Tracey	LA /Resources	Te Awa/Te Moana
Brianna Lees	Miss Bri	LA	Te Puna
Bree Matthews	Whaea Bree	LA	Te Puna/Te Awa
Christine Rademeyer	Mrs R	LA	ELL
Susan Harmse	Mrs H	LA	ELL
Johanri Fourie	Miss J	LA	Te Puna/Te Awa
Dean Allison	Dean	Caretaker	Across school

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# REREMOANA SPORTS OVERVIEW 2026

Our vision is to provide a variety of supported sporting opportunities for tamariki to explore interest and enhance skills through coaching and game play.

Courtney White for CCSA (Y7/8) & Schoolwide Sports Events – [courtneyw@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:courtneyw@reremoana.school.nz)

Jorien Fourie for MPSSA (Y5/6) – [jorienf@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:jorienf@reremoana.school.nz)

Karien Fourie for AIMS – [karienf@reremoana.school.nz](mailto:karienf@reremoana.school.nz)

## Coaching, Managing & Getting involved

- We can only offer opportunities where we have committed and experienced coaches. We need this to start at MPSSA and CCSA level.
- Success in previous years.
- The coach would be responsible for assisting to select the teams (time and availability dependent), train the selected team and other duties. You will be provided with a staff member to support and manage the team. This staff member will most likely be a member of the Te Awa/ Te Moana teaching teams.

## Selection

- Which sports do we play and why?
  - For MPSSA / CCSA – these sports are chosen based on the alignment of the MPSSA / CCSA calendars. We aim to enter at least 2 per term.
  - CM Games and AIMS – these sports are chosen based on volunteer coaches as well as student interest or success at their respective cluster events.
- How are the teams selected?
  - We will ask for interest, hold trials and triangulate the choice (PE kaiako, coach and kaitiaki teachers) made to ensure we ensure the most successful more of our tamariki. Behaviour, attendance and skill are all apart of the criteria.

## Communication

- Hero is our main platform for communication (including team selection), permission and any payment.

## Uniform

- If your child is likely to attend more than 2 or 3 events, we encourage you to purchase your own Representative Sports Uniform. They are for sale on The Brand Makers' Website.
- If you do not purchase your own, your child will be able to loan it from the school.



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# REREMOANA SPORTS OVERVIEW 2026 - TE AWA

If you are in a position to support us in creating these opportunities for our tamariki please contact the following people to get the most effective response;

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Term	Date	Sport	Who is involved
Term 1	18/02/2026	Swimming	Individual
	27/02/2026	Softball	Mixed teams
	16/03/2026	Cricket	Boys & Girls teams
	19/03/2026 (save day 20/03/2026)	<b>School Orienteering Event - Year 4-6 students</b>	
Term 2	22/04/2026	Orienteering	Boys & Girls teams
	06/05/2026	Football	Boys team
	13/05/2026	Football	Girls team
	26/06/2026 (save day 30/06/2026)	<b>School Cross Country Event All Year 0 - 8 Students</b>	
	29/06/2026	Netball	Boys & Girls teams
Term 3	03/08/2026	Cross Country	Individual
	24/08/2026	Volleyball	Boys & Girls teams
	21/09/2026	Basketball	Boys & Girls teams
Term 4	23/10/2026	Touch	Boys & Girls teams
	4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , & 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>CM Games</b>	Selected teams
	20/11/2026	Athletics	Individual

# REREMOANA SPORTS OVERVIEW 2026 - TE MOANA

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Term	Date	Sport	Who is involved	Counties Date (if qualified)
Term 1	06/03/2026	Swimming	Individual	13/03/2026
	09/03/2026	Touch	Boys & Girls teams	24/03/2026
	23/03/2026	Football	Boys & Girls teams	B - 31/03/2026 G - 05/05/2026
	19/03/2026 (save day 20/03/2026)	<b>School Orienteering Event All Year 4 - 6 Students</b>		
Term 2	22/04/2026	Orienteering	Boys & Girls teams	13/05/2026
	04/06/2026	Hockey	Boys & Girls teams	B - 17/06/2026 G - 01/07/2026
	26/06/2026 (save day 30/06/2026)	<b>School Cross Country Event All Year 0 - 8 Students</b>		
Term 3	27/07/2026	Netball	Boys & Girls teams	B - 18/08/2026 G - 04/08/2026
	31/07/2026	Cross Country	Individual	12/08/2026
	05/09/2026 - 11/09/2026	<b>AIMS Games</b>	Selected teams	N/A
	23/09/2026	Volleyball	Boys & Girls teams	21/10/2026
Term 4	15/10/2026	Cricket	Boys & Girls teams	28/10/2026
	11/11/2026	Athletics	Individual	17/11/2026