

Rakaia School Update

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I have included with this note a flyer from the Ashburton Community Alcohol and Drugs association who are running a campaign at the Salmon next Thursday 27 November. There is a mock crash rescue and other presentations between 11am and 2pm. I have made the decision not to take the school down because I have senior classes away on camp and I am not wanting the junior school to see anything that may be a little too harsh or upsetting. This would be more focused towards the senior end of the school and of course our adult community. I hope you are supportive of this decision. If you feel strongly that this is something you want your children to see then please contact me at school and you may consider taking them out for a short time under your supervision.

Thank you
Mark Ellis

Rakaia School BYOD

I thought I would take the time to confirm the schools move towards Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for computers and tablets at school.

Over the last 2 years we have trialed 2 I-Pad classes where all children were given an Apple I-pad from the school to use at home and while learning at school. This trial has led to the school making a decision to distribute these I-pads around the school to support learning for all children.

We encourage parents to consider the purchase of an Apple I-pad or I-pad mini for their children at Rakaia School. We appreciate that these devices can be close to \$500 each brand new so of course we cannot insist you provide one for your child but we are clearly stating that our choice of device is the Apple. If you are in a position to supply a BYOD the at Rakaia we ask that it is an Apple. Our staff are trained with them and can offer some support to enhance learning with the purchase of apps and the loading of free apps