

16 February 2016

Dear Parents and caregivers,

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Welcome to week three of the term. Today we have our swimming sports for the confident length swimmers aged 7 years and up. This is a change from last years programme and was dictated by the changes at the new EA Network centre and the fact there are no width events any more due to the size of the pool.

We will be holding a swimming carnival at the Rakaia Community Pool on February 26th where children will show us what they can do and the focus will be on House points and joining in to support your team.

Our Year 1-2 swimmers will get a chance to share their swimming this Thursday in the school pool at 12.45pm. Please come along and join in on the fun. Please note that if the weather is poor then there is no postponement day for this event.

**School Interviews** - We have interviews with your class teachers on **February 24th and 25th** this month and bookings are now open online for this. Please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **M4DEZ**

**If you do not have access to a computer then please call the office to make a booking. It is important you use this time to meet your child's teacher and to set goals. Your children are invited to attend the meetings as well.**

**Bus Pupils** - If your child is using the bus service again this year and you were registered last year then the company just wants an e-mail saying the children are on again. They will have all of your details if you have registered before but just require confirmation of your use for 2016. Please email them at [www.mcsts.co.nz](http://www.mcsts.co.nz) .Thank you.

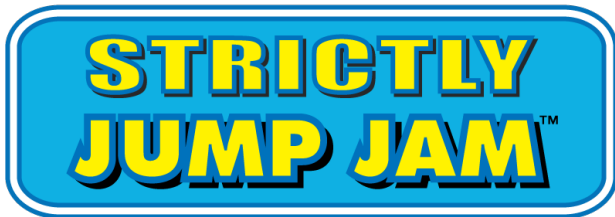
**Invoices**- School invoices will be home soon to cover stationery, donations and contributions towards activities. We thank you in advance for the prompt payment of these invoices.

**Uniform** - A small reminder to name all uniform items so they are not lost. We would also take this opportunity to make comment about jewellery. We encourage only one bracelet to be worn, no rings for students (safety), studs in preference to sleepers for earrings. We encourage clean uniform purchased from The Warehouse, Work Outfitters (In Ashburton by the new Japanese Restaurant) or Tots to Teens in the Arcade. There



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is no set shoe to wear but it must be suitable for running and PE activities. Jandals, knee-high boots, roller shoes and heels are not seen as suitable. We would encourage some sneakers or even to good old black shoes are great. We also encourage navy socks as a preference.



**Jump Jam** - We will again have 2 Jump jam teams for the year. Trials will be called for soon and then teams will be chosen to practice for the Nationals at the end of the year. Mrs Paul will take the Seniors and Mrs Whittington will take the Juniors and the

teams will consist of approximately 12 members. The criteria for team choices will be made available as soon as it is confirmed so you are all aware of the choices and how they are made. This is a credit to the popularity and successes of our Jump Jam teams.

Please note it is our intention to also have a successful Kapa haka group by the end of the year and children will have opportunities to participate in this also.

**Junior Reading Books** - We would like you to check your children's rooms and bags and return any overdue readers so we can have a stocktake to get the next order completed. We have some empty boxes in the Reading room and would love them back at school. This message also includes school library books as well. Thank you.

**Kapa Haka** will be on again this Thursday between 9am - 10am. The Junior School loved the introduction last week and we are thrilled to have the tutors with us. I would also like to thank Taua Lavinia for her guidance and support. Please feel free to come along to school to meet the tutors and see how much the children enjoyed their work.

**Senior Assembly** this week. Friday at 2.20pm. Please mark it on your diary.

**School Trustee Elections 2016** - This year we will have three representatives positions available. The three parent representatives have all completed six years each and have indicated they will be standing down. It is important that these positions are filled by election and we encourage all parents to consider this for June 2016.

All successful Trustees will be supported through the transition and training is ongoing to support best practice.

**Rakaia Rugby Club JAB Muster.**

Wednesday 2nd March 2016

3.30pm to 6.00pm @ the Clubrooms on Railway Terrace.

Sausage sizzle and drinks!

Pick up your ball and mouth guard when you register.

All new players welcome.

Any questions please phone David Boag: 3027271 / 0274324024.

## **Classroom Sponsors**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Classroom sponsors for the 2016 Year.

**Dynamic Computer Services** - Senior Room - Darryn and Gael have been with us at Rakaia for almost 6 years and sponsors for as long as the scheme has been running. They visit every second week and can solve your computer issues easily. Please consider them for any work you may need done to make your computer and business run smoothly.

**Stocker Dairy Plumb** - Shane and Cheryl have also been long term sponsors in the school and can handle your domestic and farm plumbing. Give them a call to support your plumbing systems and home.

**Plucks** - Neil is a long time community member of Rakaia and his business has supported the school for many years. Consider Neil and his team for the little and big jobs you have on the farm or at home.

**4 Square - Railway Terrace** - Sally and Glen have supported Room 4 for 3 years now and they encourage the healthy eating programme at school as well as providing a lunch service now for the children. Great service with a smile at their shop and they can support your grocery needs.

**Tikouka Developments** - Peter and Lara run the South Rakaia Hotel and have their son Reihana at school with us. They are supportive of education in the district and are pleased to meet your hospitality needs.

**Heartland Ricoh** - Daryl and his team are the new photocopier providers at the school and they also look after all of our printing needs. They do an amazing job and support education in Rakaia and wider districts bring technology solutions to your home and business.

Please note we are still seeking a sponsor for Room 1. If you, or anyone you know is interested please contact Mark Ellis at school. Thank you.