

Newsletter February 23 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Another busy week is planned with it ending on Friday with the swimming carnival at the Rakaia Community Pool and a Full School Assembly. The Assembly will start at 2.20pm and the carnival at the pool will start at 10 am and run until 12.30pm.



We need to emphasise that the Carnival is primarily a House Competition with the first three place getters earning house points to get the year started. It will be run in year levels (Year 3-8) and include width events with kickboards as well. This really takes place of the width events from last years swimming sports. It is run to encourage our non-length swimmers to compete and support their house competition.

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The children are asked to also wear their House colours for the day.

Blake - Blue
Rutherford - Red
Hilary - Green
Sheppard - Yellow

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 and enter the code **M4DEZ** . **If your children are in the senior school (Room 10) then book with your child's homeroom teacher.**

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.

School start and Finish times - A list of times for your information

8.30am - Gates open - children should not be here before this time please

8.55am - School tuition starts

11.10am - Morning tea time

11.30am - Session 2 starts

1.00 pm - Lunch

1.45pm - Session 3 starts

2.55pm - School Finishes - Buses home and grounds cleared until 3.30pm when children can return to school after going home to get changed.

Kapa Haka - This is going very well and we are hoping to run a focus group for interested children before the Junior sessions on a Thursday. The would be the Rakaia School Kapa Haka Group and we need to you to register interest for this as we need to restrict numbers to approximately 30 children. They will be supported with Waiata by the junior school who will be learning the songs as a large group.

Please return your interest by signing and returning the newsletter form below.

Sausage Sizzle this Tuesday 23 February at lunchtime, \$2 each \$1.50 gluten free.

Room 8 Fundraiser for their class trip to Ashburton."



Variety Bash - The Variety Bash will be visiting School on March 18 2016. It will be a real treat for the children and we ask

that the children bring some coins for a coin trail to present to the coordinators of the Bash.

Variety - The Children's Charity is a champion for Kiwi kids; and with 1 in 3 New Zealand children growing up in deprivation our work is essential. Every year we help over 13,000 local children to have brighter futures.

Variety offers Kiwi kids and their families' targeted, flexible support to meet their specific needs. We help by providing the basic necessities, much-needed medical equipment, life-changing mobility needs, and innovative educational initiatives.

Variety works alongside schools, community agencies and healthcare professionals, tackling child deprivation so that one by one, Kiwi kids who urgently need our life-changing assistance are set up to reach their full potential in life.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Coffee morning this morning. I really appreciated your ideas on how to communicate more effectively with our parents. It was great to also share more about what is happening in the school and get a chance to talk about Education and share ideas.

The next coffee morning will be **March 21st at 9am** in the school staffroom.

Jump Jam teams are currently being chosen and the children are trailing. The criteria will include expression, rhythm, strong movements and also commitment. The squad will be chosen and will not be a guarantee of performing in the nationals if we are selected to perform. This may mean we have to trim squads to fit the National event. The teams will be placed on the notice board at school.

The Garden Club have potatoes for Sale for \$1 per kilo. Please ask or text Gretchen on 0274171179

Rakaia School Support Group AGM - Railway tavern Dining Room

10th March 2016 at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

We have recently had some photos taken at school to use for publicity and changes

to flags and newsletters . Below are some of the images.



My child _____ would like to be involved in the Rakaia School kapa Haka Group

Signed _____ Phone _____



