

Newsletter June 9 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to week 8 of the term. It's winter but almost 13 degrees outside. I am not sure if it means snow at sometime but it does have that feel about it. Please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the day and that their clothes are named.

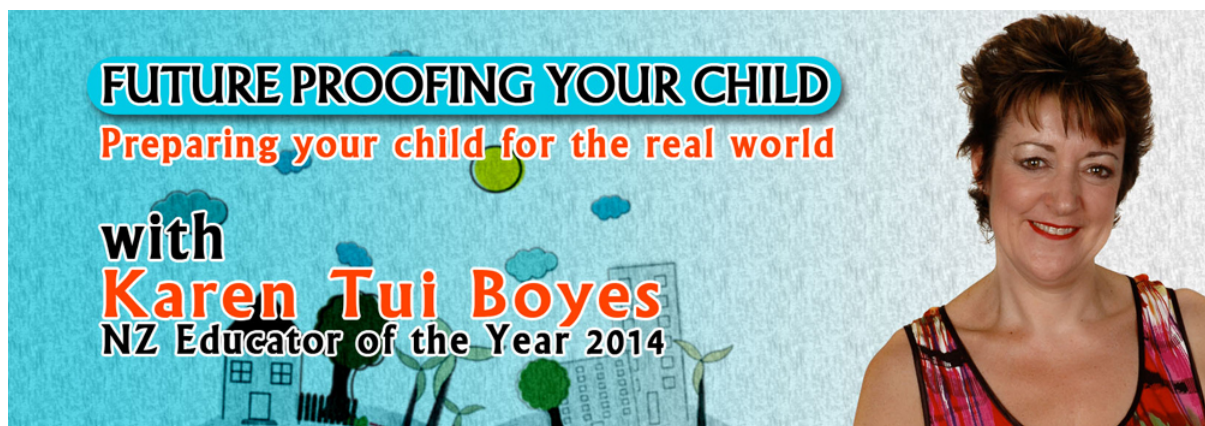
We have a lot of lost property that needs to be collected and we also have children who have lost named clothing that is not in the bin so must be at home with someone in the community. Could you please do a uniform check for us this week and check your children have their own named clothes and no one else's.

If you require second hand clothes we are beginning to gather some for sale. We will also gratefully accept clothing that can be given to other children and even sold on your behalf, especially the girls winter kilts and pinnies. Please talk to the ladies in the office and they will pass on the information to the School Support group who will be managing the second hand clothes for us.

Welcome back Mrs Sheen. It's fabulous to have Mrs Sheen back at school supporting our children. Helen has been recovering from a broken leg and we are thrilled to have her back on staff.

Karen Boyes – Spectrum Education.

Can I please remind you all of the free seminar to be held at school next Wednesday night June 17th at 7pm. This will be an educational and fun night to support you and the school as we aim to Future Proof your children for the 21st century.



Please also note that Wednesday June 17th is also the performance night for the Rakaia School Choir at the Mid Canterbury Music Festival.

Bugs and illness

Please note we have some ugly bugs at school at the moment with vomiting and diarrhoea . If your child has this then you will need to have 48 hours at home to keep it clear from transference. We know that this is a stressful thing but we want to keep everyone healthy and fit for learning. We are also starting to notice some of the staff picking these bugs up so immunity is a little low at the moment.

School Day start and Finish

The school day starts at 8.55am and the gates are open for children to start to arrive from 8.30am.

The day finishes at 2.55pm and we would ask that the grounds are cleared quickly and that children who wish to come back and play are changed and do not come on the school grounds again until 3.30pm. This gives the staff a chance to make calls and have meetings if required.

We are having some unsupervised children staying for too long after school and they need to check in at home after school, unpack bags and have some afternoon tea then they are welcome back to play after 3.30pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

If you are looking for afterschool care then please remember that Hitplay is available at school and they currently have 4-8 children every night. Please visit www.hitplay.co.nz or call 03 423 2270.

Writers Workshop:

Recently we had some of our year 5 and 6 students attend a writers workshop and we would like to share some of their work over the next few weeks. We are very grateful to Mr Burford for organizing this and also Mrs Muckle who supported the children over the two days.

The Poodle Prince

*Nana's house
is a castle
ruled by a poodle prince
who barks orders
from a pillow throne.*

*Hedges tower
above the kingdom
like castle walls
where royal cows
graze on the grass.*

*Stallion knights
guard the palace
from a riot
of chicken villagers
ducking over taxes
rising in the field of
wheat.*

*By: Dan Jones
School: Rakaia School
Year: 6
Age: 10*

Survival Equation

*Owl teachers
Write with their quills
To show students
How to fly
Using Algebra
Subtract the wind speed
Divided by the wingspan
Multiplied by predators
Trying to survive
Leaving their comfort
zone.*

*By: Caitlin Muckle
School: Rakaia School
Year: 6
Age: 10*

Farmyard Circus

*A Jack Russell
Barks like a ring master
Presenting the show
To a circus audience*

*Well trained animals
Flip, roll and sit*

*Show ponies prance
Around the big top
Like ballerinas*

*Tabby cats swing
On the bars
Like trapeze artists*

*The Jack Russell
Prepares for the finale
Jumping through flames
Of a ring on fire*

*By: Mikayla Wycliffe
School: Rakaia School
Year: 5
Age: 9*

