

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 3. The staff hope you have wonderful holidays with the children and that they are returning with the enthusiasm and drive to take part in another inspiring term at Rakaia School.

WELCOME had
BACK

We welcome Miss Brooke Cleaver to the staff taking over from Mrs Tracey Atkinson in the school office. I am sure you will all welcome her with the positivity we are used to at Rakaia School.

Your New Baby Girl!



congratulations on your little miracle.

I also have great pleasure in announcing that Mrs Adams has had her beautiful baby girl during the holidays. Her name is Frankie Marie Adams and she was born July 20. Both mother and child are well and Rob is also a happy Dad. I am sure we will get some more updates soon.

School Interviews for Year 4-8 Students - Wednesday and Thursday July 27 and 28th - Please book tonight online or call the office for a booking tomorrow morning before 10am.

This week is School interview week for the Year 4-8 students. The interview times have opened online (www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and can be booked using the code **bup77** Your children are invited to attend these interviews so that messages are clear and heard by all.

This note was issued last term as well and as yet we have had only 13 interviews booked. Please do this tonight for Wednesday and Thursday so the teachers know exactly who they are seeing. The form will close Tuesday morning at 10am so staff can be informed of their interview times.

The students mid year reports will be issued to you on your attendance at the meeting so we can inform you of their progress and achievement. We would encourage all families to attend.

BOT Conference

The BOT representatives and I attended the School Trustees Conference during the middle weekend of the holidays with 927 delegates from schools throughout NZ. It was a great opportunity to hear from experts in the field of governance and to also look at what is important for our children.

One of the things that stood out for us as a team was the ongoing development of information technology and what we need to do for our children. The children we educate today will have up to 14 careers in their life-time and work in jobs that have not even been created yet. In fact they may be called “gigs” and the workers will move from gig to gig across their working career.

The BOT had a productive time considering the direction of the school after hearing excellent speakers and we will be prioritising some work into our meetings and discussions.

Please remember to talk with your BOT members if you have ideas to share or concerns to discuss. All BOT members are here to govern your school with commitment and dedication.

Serious Accident at School

Over the holiday break we had a serious accident on the trampoline that involved ambulances being called and a past pupil breaking both arms. The trampoline was, and still is, in good working condition and the mats were protecting the user however an unfortunate accident occurred while completing a jump.

We felt it was important for you to know so you can have that conversation with your children about working within their abilities while on the trampoline. We will ask staff to share this lesson with the students as well.

I have contacted the parents of the student who was injured and passed on our best wishes and also thanked the staff who helped the student while the ambulance was called.

As stated, it was an accident and the school had its equipment in good order and fit for use.

Health and Well being

Please keep an eye on health concerns at the moment as I am aware Influenza is hitting some people hard. Our very own Mrs Markham is very unwell at the moment and may not join us at all this week and my own son has been given 10 days off work to get well.

Genuine illness equals a genuine reason for absence and we hope that we can keep winter ailments to a minimum and try to maximise tuition at school.

Ski Trip

Please have payment Wednesday at the very latest please to secure the position for your child.
All information

Senior School Winter Tournament - all permission slips should be back at the office please