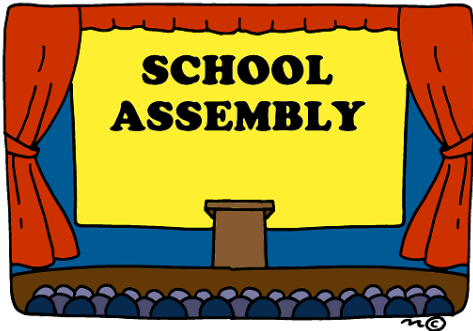


Newsletter August 8 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Week 3 is upon us after a wintery blast. Our senior children have Winter Sports today and we wish them the best with their competitions.



Thank you to all who attended assembly on Friday. It was a great chance to farewell students and welcome students and also to reward them for their efforts. We also have new enrolments arriving throughout the term and we will celebrate with them as they arrive.

At the end of this week August 12 we will have a Senior Assembly in Mahitahi and then next Friday August 19th will see a Junior assembly in the library. Please mark these in

your diary.

This week is NZ Maths Week <https://www.mathsweek.org.nz/> and we encourage you to look through the resources available online and try some of the activities to do at home. It's a great way for the family to have some fun using Maths. Miss Walsh has some more information included in this newsletter.

We currently have headlice at school in several of the classrooms. These little critters do appear at school from time-to-time and we urge you to be vigilant with your checking and treatment of the children. It is a normal thing that happens at school but very uncomfortable if it is not treated. If we can help in any way please let us know.

- Check every week. During outbreaks check daily after live headlice are found and treated.
- Brush hair every evening to reduce headlice numbers.
- Treat if you find LIVE insects or eggs within 1 cm of the scalp.
- Treat using a shampoo from your chemist. Repeat a week later.
 - Ask your chemist for advice and information.



This Friday at school the Year 5-6 students from Mahitahi have their "Bakesale" to help raise funds for their camp in term 4. If you can support this by sending the children to school with some cash so they can purchase some cakes and goodies from the students then we would be very appreciative.

Tell us of any changes in your circumstances please - Please remember to update the school office if you change address or phone numbers. We have had incidents recently where we cannot get in touch with families and this is a concern when children do not turn up to school and we are trying to establish a reason for their absence.

I would also ask that if you have any changes to family arrangements then you advise us so your children's interests are kept in mind. I respect it can be very difficult when relationships break down but it can also be hard on the children and it is important we are up to date with things. We can assure you that this information is kept confidential.

School Support Reminders

Movie Fundraiser

"Bad Moms"

Monday 5th September at 7.30pm

Tickets \$20 each from School Office

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Spot Prizes

Courtesy Van and Carpooling available,

possibly pre-movie drinks

(leave your name at office if you'd like ride from Rakaia)

Friday Sausage Sizzles

\$2 sausage in bread or Gluten Free \$1.50

Orders to the office by 9am Fridays

Money in an envelope, with child's name, room and amount of sausages, or use the August order form please.

August's order form included SSG's BNZ bank account details for ease of payment for bulk orders. We also accept cash & cheques.

Internet banking option is currently only for bulk orders please, not casual weekly \$2 payments due to our volunteers' time reconciling accounts.

SSG's bank is different to School, so do not pay any school accounts to SSG!

Gardening with Grant

We are hosting a gardening session on **Saturday 13th August, 2 pm at 92 Wolseley Road, Rakaia Settlement**, for gardeners of all levels. **Grant Lorimer** is taking the session and will cover:

* Tools and hygiene

* Tree physiology

* Shaping the tree

* Making the cuts

Grant is a trained nurseryman with 10 year's commercial experience and ex-industry trainer. He also welcomes questions and samples. Duration 1.5-2 hours.

This gardening session follows on from our successful Sushi Night = social learning.

Cost is \$10, payable to Rakaia School Support and includes afternoon tea and refreshments. Booking list is at the school office (we need to know numbers for catering).

Wrap up warm, or postponement date is Saturday 20th. Contact is Rachel Hart.

Children are welcome to play outside in the garden, at your own supervision. No dogs please.