

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Week 2 is upon us and thank you very much to all of the parents in the year 4 - 8 rooms who attended interviews and received your children's Mid year reports. To all other parents in year 4-8 please make contact with your teachers so you can get a copy of the report and have a meeting to explain your child's progress and achievement. We urge you to do this soon so you get a picture of their successes and what we all need to focus on for the next five months.

This week we will have a **Full School assembly on Friday August 5th at 2.15pm** in Te Whare Mahitahi. A chance to welcome new pupils and celebrate Principal's awards. We invite you to attend.

A reminder that if you want to have a rest from lunches then you can order through Rakaia 4 Square Railway Terrace. Order forms are in the school office and the shop as well. This happens every Thursday for \$5. We also have Sausage sizzles every week on a Friday and this is run by the School Support Group.

While discussing lunches I would like to remind you that Noodles are not suitable for school lunches due to the hot water added to them. We would respectfully request that they are not part of lunches for the children so we do not get any burns or scalds from the hot water.

The School Ski trip will be on Tuesday and I will be attending with Miss Kelly. This trip is optional and all money will have been paid to assure your position on the trip. The bus will leave school no later than 7am (preferably 6.45am) and return close to 4pm. Pupils can then be collected from school. Please listen to the radion stations 92.1FM and 92.5FM for any cancellations.



**Winter Tournament** for pupils in year 5-8 will be held this Thursday in Ashburton. We are very grateful to those parents who have offered to manage for the day.

### **Do you want to be a Rakaia School Guardian?**

With the changes made to the Vulnerable Children's Act we are looking for a group of Parents that we can Police Vet so they can be "Guardians" for the school and be available to chaperone pupils to and from events. If this is something you are interested in please register your interest with the office and we will organise a day to talk to you all and get some paperwork completed. This idea was shared with the BOT while we were on conference and we believe it is a safe and

practical way to supervise some of our students when they have sporting or cultural opportunities.

### **Motorcycle Event - Ashburton Club Motocross**

This **Sunday August 7th** there is a Motorcycle TT held at the Florance's property on Somerton Road from 8.30am. The track will be sign posted from Rakaia Barhill Methven Road and racing will start from about 9.30am. We have been given the opportunity for the School Support Group to sell sausages and chips on the day and promote the school. If you can help in any way then please get in touch with the school and we will pass on your details to the SSG members. You may be required to help with some marshalling or starting so please let us know if you can help.



It should be a wonderful event with people travelling distances to take part and so this provides an opportunity for fundraising outside the district. I am sure it will be a successful day and I hope many can attend or take part in the event. We require help from 8.30am - 3pm on a rotating roster so an hour or so of your time would be helpful.

A track for learners/beginners will be available however this track requires all the right safety equipment and parental supervision of your children who take part.

**Congratulations** to the Rakaia Senior Rugby team on their Watters Cup game on Saturday. The score was 26 all and so the Cup was shared with Southern. That's four times in a row that the Rakaia team has had their name on the Trophy. A great reward for hard work and dedication.

**Congratulations** to Josh Dunlea who has been selected as Goalie for the Mid Canterbury Primary A Hockey squad and also the Mid Canterbury Rugby Under 13 Development squad along with Seth Hislop and ex pupils Logan Marshall and Angus Stewart. Well done boys!

**A special Congratulations** also to ex-pupil Tom Heywood making the Senior Mid Canterbury Rugby A squad. A great reward for hard work and dedication. Well done Tom!

