

Newsletter September 19 2016

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to the last week of term 3.

We invite you to join us for two big occasions this week. On Wednesday September 21st in the evening we have our Art presentations to share with you all. This is a chance to walk through all of the rooms and admire some of the works the students have completed with a link to the Olympics. This is a relaxed way to be a part of the children's visual arts and to welcome families to school. The School Support Group will have a BBQ available for you to purchase sausages for a snack and



also Tea and Coffee available for you to mix and mingle. This starts at 5pm and finishes at 7pm.



Our other big event is the **Pet Day** to end term 3. We are looking forward to a great day and ask that you book this in and spend the afternoon with us and this means you can start with lunch with us at the earlier time of 12 noon ready for the 12.30pm start.

It was wonderful to see such a great turnout for the Junior Assembly on Friday. Thank you to all who attended. The children from Room 8 presented some plays and it was great to see them enjoying their reading and drama. These activities help them gain confidence in front of an audience and help

them feel comfortable in new situations.

Senior Playground Working Bee - We have scheduled a working bee at school for October 1st. I have just had a playground check completed and I am afraid we need some urgent work on this playground and we require some support to do this. The structure needs some bracing and the surrounds need lifting to fit in 300mm of soft fill. In the meantime the playground is closed!

Please mark this in your calendar and let us know if you can help by calling the office. We thank you in advance for this support. We plan to start at 8.30am on Saturday October 1st.

There are tummy bugs at school at the moment and we need you to be vigilant with the children with hand washing and cleanliness. A reminder of basic hygiene expectations for a family may be needed for some of the children. Reminders to brush their teeth, brush their hair, put their

clothes out to be washed and washing their faces and hands. I think our busy lives mean that sometimes we overlook basic expectations and the children fall into bad habits. Let's just remind them of the importance of first impressions when meeting new people and turning up for work/school.

Softball 2016/17 Season

The T-Ball/Softball Season starts next term and we are on the lookout for more Under 13 players and supporters for all grades. First games are October 15th however I will be away that weekend and so we will be relying on our managers and parents to support the children on game day. If you would like to play then please get your name to the office as soon as you can.



Amnesty and Lost property

Please return all sports shirts to school and also all junior readers by this Friday at the latest please. We are wanting to have a stock take over the holidays to see what we require.

Junior readers can be delivered to the classroom teachers and shirts will need to come to the office please.

The Lost property will be on display again this week on the evening of the Art presentation. Anything not claimed will be washed and put in the second hand uniform store for sale on the 1st of November.

School Support Group Information:

- Rakaia School Support Group have a sausage sizzle with onions in bread (\$2) and maybe ice blocks at this Wednesday's Art Evening from 5pm-7pm, plus complimentary tea and coffee. The sausages are donated from Hellers Sausages in Schools programme. Volunteers wanted on bbq for 30mins on Wednesday evening, roster at the office or contact Rachel 0275 303 503.
- Hellers Sausage Sizzle on Pet Day this Friday at lunchtime, bbq run by HitPlay (thanks HitPlay and Hellers!)
- School Disco scheduled for Friday 14 October at Rakaia Rugby Clubrooms from 5pm juniors and 6.30pm seniors. Halloween Theme. More details to follow.