

Newsletter November 14 2016

Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome to week 6 of the term. It is just flying by and we have a lot to finish. The students are working hard as are teachers getting information ready for 'end of year' reports. People sometimes talk about winding down for the holidays but we are working at full speed to fit everything in and end the year well with enthusiasm and inspiration.

This week we have a Full School assembly on Friday at 9.15am. This is also a celebration for Grandparents and we would like you to invite them along to enjoy the assembly. They may even choose to stay on and view the developmental programmes for the junior school.

Our thoughts are with the families North of Christchurch who are having a terrible time with last night's earthquake. We wish them speedy recoveries and deepest sympathy to those who have had family members pass away.

## Junior Developmental Open Morning

Every Friday morning the Y0-Y3 children take part in what we call 'Developmental.' The purpose of this programme is to create an opportunity for the children to develop their social and cognitive skills, problem solving skills, mature emotionally and gain the self-confidence required to engage in new experiences and environments. It is also an opportunity to get creative and learn through play. The children choose which class they would like to visit each week and have many options available including arts and crafts, playdough and building and construction. We would like to invite you to come along and see what it is all about!



When: Friday 18th November 2016

Where: Room 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

Time: 9.15am - 10.15am

Pop in and see what your child chooses to do during developmental. Join in if you wish and check out what the other classes do during this time also. You are welcome to stay and have fruit break with us at 10.15am too.

We hope to see you there!

*Anna Walsh, Pauline Doody, Emma Kelly, Sharon Crowe and Leona Whittington.*

**Farewell Mrs Bell** - This week is the last week for Mrs Kate Bell who has been teaching in Room 2 as part of her training for Teacher's College. We have valued her work and wish her all the best for her teaching career. We also express our thanks to Miss Walsh for her wisdom and guidance during the training.

## Official Opening and celebration of Mahi Tahī

We extend an invitation to the community to attend the official opening and celebration of our new room Mahi Tahī. The classroom has been up and running since term 2 and was blessed by Arowhenua Kau Matua however the students have now been preparing with Kapa Haka for the year and we will be holding a Powhiri to welcome guests to the school.

Date: Thursday December 1st 2016  
Time: 9.30am  
Venue: Rakaia School

More information will follow soon.

## Life Education

The children are excited because Harold and The Life Education van arrives this week for more Health Education for the whole school. They are with us for a week and the classes are completing studies in "Friends and Making choices." Please talk with Miss Kelly if you would like to know more about the programme.



**Note from the Health Nurse-** 2017 Year 8 School Based HPV Vaccination Programme Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common viral infection which can lead to cervical cancer, genital warts and other types of cancers later in life. Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting these diseases. Starting 2017, both girls and boys in Year 8 will be offered free HPV Vaccination through the school based programme. A new updated version of the vaccine (Gardasil 9) will cover more strains of the virus, providing cover with 2 doses rather than 3 with Gardasil 4. The vaccination will continue to be available within the GP Practices, however, we encourage you to participate in the school based programme. Girls and boys who have partially started the process with their GP will have the option to complete the course through the school based programme. To enable students to receive the vaccination at school, parents will need to complete the consent form which will be sent home with the student along with supporting information during the first weeks of term one. Please check with your child or the school to ensure you receive the consent form and information pack. For more information about the vaccine, contact Public Health Nursing Service at 03 383 6877 Ext. 99469 or 99698, talk to your doctor, practice nurse or visit [www.health.govt.nz/hpv](http://www.health.govt.nz/hpv).