

Kia Ora Koutou

Dear parents and caregivers



Welcome to week 2 of the term. The staff hope you all had a wonderful long weekend with family and hopefully some of you spent some time at the Multi-Cultural bite in Ashburton.

It was tremendous to see so many parents at our first full school assembly on Friday where we welcomed new students and staff to the school family.

(Mr Dawson and Mrs Scott from Mahi Tahī photographed after assembly.)

Tonight is our family BBQ and meet the teacher evening. I am grateful to the School Support Group for their help tonight and the hard work they do behind the scenes to support all of the Rakaia School students and families.

Tomorrow (weather dependent) we will hold our swimming carnival for years 3-8 at the local Rakaia Community Pool. This will run for most of the morning and we invite you to come down and enjoy the morning. Children will be encouraged to wear their house colours and also compete in as many events as they can. This is also a lead up to the school swimming sports at the Ashburton Pool complex on February 15 with Dorie School.

This Friday will be a Mahi Tahī assembly and we welcome you to school at 9am for a coffee and assembly will start as soon as the roll is complete.

We also congratulate the new House Captains who will support Sarah and Molly with their leadership roles. Well done to Chris, Jack, Zaviyah (Absent in the photo) and Amy.



A special welcome to all of the new pupils at Rakaia this year. New enrolments are still coming in and we are thrilled to have you all on board. I am sure the school values will support you in your learning at Rakaia.



ASB Financial Literacy

ASB Financial literacy will be here next Monday and Tuesday working with all classes Teaching children good money habits from an early age and helping to set them up for the future . In the workshops the children learn the [fundamentals of money in four different stages](#) - from identifying needs and wants and learning to save, right through to how credit cards work and dealing with debt - giving them a solid foundation to build on.

Four Square Lunches - Start this week. Two choices are available this term. Order forms are available at the office and attached to this newsletter.

School Support Christmas Raffle Results

Congratulations to the winners of Rakaia School Support Group's 2016 Christmas

Raffle:	1st	Malcolm & Lynn Campbell	2nd	Helen White
	3rd	Courtney Riding	4th	John Higgins
	5th	Sina Mead	6th	Dave Miller
	7th	Jocelyn Sabas	8th	"Daddy", Sprite's dad Ian
	9th	Don Skene	10th	Les Hunter

Thank you to everyone who supported SSG's Christmas raffle - making over \$2,000 towards sports equipment for Rakaia School.

