

March 6 2017

E te whanau Kia ora koutou

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you so much for coming to assembly on Friday. We had some important messages about our student expectations and we also had a chance to share in our student's success.

We welcomed new children to school and also the "Caught being good" awards as well as Mr Ellis' principal awards.

We sent our best wishes to Miss Kelly and Miss Walsh who both get married soon and the tokens were also pulled out for the students to choose from the prize box.

This week we encourage our swimmers to do well at the County sports and thank Michelle Jones for overseeing this on Tuesday. The Rippa Rugby teams get underway on Tuesday night at the Showgrounds and we have the Year 7-8 students at technology on Thursday. We end the week with a Mahi Tahi assembly and extend our welcome to all parents to attend.

Thank you very much to the parents that attended interviews on Tuesday and Wednesday. It was a great chance to set goals and cement the importance of the home and school connection. If you didn't make it then please contact your classroom teacher to make an appointment. They are very important meetings!

We also appreciate those who have taken time to fill in the Communication surveys. So far approximately 25 are back and they give us good feedback that the BOT will consider and report on.



Please remember that the school website has a calendar of events on it for you to check.

<http://www.rakaia.school.nz/>

The school app is about reminders and important, current messages. Facebook celebrates all the fun events and keeps you linked to the school.

This year school donations and contributions remain the same as 2016. These cover activities of \$15 per pupil per term. This equates to \$60 donation and \$60 contribution. The contribution supports the school to be able to provide resources above and beyond what the Ministry of Education fund us and the donation is purely just that, a donation which is voluntary.

The contribution towards activities pays for internet access, visiting performers and visits.

Rakaia SSG Whiskey Tasting Fundraiser

Rakaia School Support Group Fundraiser - Whisky Tasting Friday 7th of April, 7.30pm at South Rakaia Hotel (R18). Tickets are \$40 and available from the South Rakaia Hotel or School office. If you would like further information please contact Lara 027 226 6134 or Jody 021 153 5589.

Rakaia Netball Club

Final Junior Trials / muster this Wednesday 8th March, 4.30pm at Rakaia Domain Courts. Parents / Caregivers to please stay.

If you're unable to attend but your child wishes to play netball for the Rakaia Netball Club in 2017 please contact Lara 027 226 6134 before Wednesday's trials, as teams need to be registered by 10th March.

Rolleston Warriors Rugby League Club

If you are interested in playing Rugby League for the Rolleston Warriors there is a practise and get together on Wednesday 8th of March at Brookside Park, 5.30pm. This is for 5 -12 year olds. You can also register on www.ROLLESTONRUGBYLEAGUE.WEEBLY.com or email Rollestonrugbyleague@hotmail.com or see Mana Thompson for information.

