

Newsletter May 22 2017

Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome to Book Week! We do invite you to view the book sale in the staff room at your convenience before and after school with your children. Anyone is welcome through the day at a time to suit you to view without the children in case your books are for gifts.

Being safe on computers

I have had it brought to my attention that examples of YouTube searches conducted at home may not be done safely due to non-filtering. I have recently spoken to a parent who bought me an example of a youtube clip that had been downloaded from a site that started out ok but then very quickly turned into an R-rated video. I would urge you to have the conversations you need to have with your children about the youtube surfing and other sites/videos they are accessing at home.



Examples of sites to help you are listed below. Please do some reading and remember the basic rules of:

- Time limits
- No devices in bedrooms
- What you watch, say and do online must be able to be shared with your grandparents.

<http://computersinhomes.nz/resources/cyber-safety/>

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en>

Message from the BOT

We would like to thank all of you who gave your time to complete the communication survey and Grant is sharing the results with you as attached in the newsletter. Terry Kilday has just resigned from the BOT and we voted to fill his vacancy by appointment with the next highest polling candidate Gabby Costello. Terry was up for election with Andrew at the end of this year and so the BOT felt it was an opportunity for Gabby to see what is all about.

The current BOT are:

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Mark Ellis- Principal	markellis@rakaia.school.nz

Cross Country Reminder

Cross Country is this Wednesday at 146 Harrisons Road, Dorie, starting at **12.30pm**. Buses are leaving school at 11.30am. If you wish to take your child in your own vehicle you collect your child by 11.20am and must also take them after the event. You should have returned the form to school if you are taking your child. Children who are being collected after their race at the venue must be signed out with Mrs Paul. **Do not just take your child.** Please ensure your child has the appropriate footwear for running, shorts for running and warm clothes for before and after races.

If you ordered any food, remember to bring money along for this.

Timetable:

11am: Early Lunch at School - healthy, nutritional- sandwiches (for example)

11.20am: Children that will be going to Cross Country with parents collected before this. These children must leave Cross Country with parent also.

11.30am: Buses leave school

1.20pm: Year 0-4 return to school

2.30pm: Buses return to school

Book Week

There is a great selection of books on sale in staffroom. Please pop in and have a look, great presents for birthdays and Christmas; We will be open during the day so you can have a look without the children.

Message from the Junior School - Ako Team:

Please can all school readers be returned to school after reading them at home. Have a look under the couch, in the car, behind your bedroom drawers for any you may have. Our children are missing out on reading interesting and engaging texts because we do not have enough books for the whole group! At over \$10 a book it is not possible for us to replenish stocks regularly so we would really appreciate if they could be returned to school. Thank you.