Kia Ora Koutou

Trust you all had an enjoyable and safe long weekend. It was wonderful to see many of you at assembly on Friday and celebrate the many successes of our students.



This week we welcome Miss Bridget Grant to our teaching team. Bridget joins us from Tinwald School in Ashburton and will be teaching in Mahi Tahi. We are thrilled to have Bridget here and know she is very excited to be a part of our Rakaia Family.

Congratulations to the children who competed today in the Mid Canterbury School's Cross Country. Once results have been confirmed we will let you know of placings.

We are now into the colder months and remind you all that children are to wear school uniform, jackets can be worn to and from school and in playground on cold days. Children should have a school polar fleece and can wear plain blue or black polypropylenes under school polo shirts for an extra layer. Hoodies and non school jerseys are not to be worn. Please ensure your child is dressed correctly and showing our school value of 'respect' by taking pride in our school uniform.

Also please ensure that all school clothing is named- preferably sewn in or marked someone other than the tag. We still have excessive lost property- unnamed. After a few week of being unclaimed this goes into the uniform for sale- so name and check lost property!

Could we please remind you all to return clean sports shirts from Cross Country to the office.

As you will be aware we are working with the Canterbury District Health Board to promote healthy eating in our school. As part of this we have introduced a 'water only' procedure which means that children are to have only water or 'milk' which is provided from the Milk in schools programme. Please read the attached newsletter for further information and be conscious not to give your child any fruit drinks, milks or other drinks in lunches as they will be asked to keep them in lunch box and return home with them.

On Wednesday the 21st of June we will be taking part and fundraising in 'Wig Wednesday' which raises money for Kiwi Kids with Cancer.

It's very easy to take part- just wear a wig or a 'crazy hairstyle' on the day and bring a donation for the Child Cancer Foundation. We will have prizes for the wackiest hair so get creative.

A reminder please of the Rakaia Motor cross TT event being held this Sunday June 11 at the Florance property 45 McKays Road. Come along and have a look at the event and support the fundraising.

