

Monday July 24th 2017

Kia Ora Koutou

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We all hope you had a restful holiday, although the weather was awful. I am sure the children are all ready to get learning and the staff are prepared for a busy and productive term at Rakaia.



Congratulations to Mrs Paul and her husband Jason as they invited their beautiful baby girl into the world. **Zoey Elle Paul** was born in the first week of the school holidays and mother and daughter are fine. I am sure your wishes are warm and welcoming and we can pass them on through the school office.



We have a very busy term ahead with visits planned to and from the school. Please check out the school website calendar and also the app. When you use the app it is under the events button and lists those school events that are also on the calendar.

We are doing our very best to keep on top of this information for you so you can plan to be with us at assemblies and other celebrations.

We have a planned Full School assembly this Friday July 28th at 2.15pm and also remind you of the interviews for years 4-8 next week. Please attend so you can get your child's midyear report.

School closes for all students at 1pm on Tuesday August 1st and buses will leave soon after 1pm.

Interviews/ Reports - School to close at 1pm on August 1st 2017

School interviews for years 4-8 will be held on August 1st and 2nd in week 2, term 3. These are three-way conferences and the children are encouraged to attend so they hear exactly what is said about their progress and next steps.

Go to this page and use the code **j6zwd** to make your booking
<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?z=CWsTSR>

Thursday, 27 July

Manual for Year 7-8

Friday, 28 July

2:15pm Full School Assembly

Monday, 31 July

The NED Show at Rakaia - Performance or

Tuesday, 1 August

1:00pm School to close for interviews

1:30pm interviews - 3 way conferencing

Wednesday, 2 August

3:30pm interviews - 3 way conferencing

Thursday, 3 August

Winter Tournament

Friday, 4 August

2:30pm Team Ako assembly

Monday, 7 August

1:50pm Rakaia School visit from Kahur

Thursday, 10 August

Manual for Year 7-8

Gretchen in the school office can book this for you if you have any difficulty. At present we have 44 bookings only.

Hot Food to start week 2

We will be returning to Hot food options in term 3 with the warmers being fixed. We encourage warm meals that are healthy choices and they need to be wrapped and named.

Tuesday - Mahitahi Hot food day - Senior Room

Wednesday - Whanau Hot food day - Rooms 7-8

Thursday - Ako Hot food day - Rooms 1,2 and 3

There will be no SSG Sausage Sizzles in term 3! However we will be having a soup day in week 2 of term 3 with more information on the way. SSG are looking for any volunteers to make a large bowl of vegetable soup and the veggies will be supplied for you.

South Fuels

I have just had notification that we have received another \$700 donation from South Fuels because of our local farmers and businesses who have nominated Rakaia School as the recipient of this reward scheme. Thank you very much to all who support this scheme.

School Ski Trip August 29

The Ski Trip has been booked for August 29. Information is now being prepared by Mrs Bonnington and you will be able to make a decision about coming on the trip or not. It is not compulsory and is offered as an extra.



School Photos have been booked for Monday August 14 and will be conducted by Photolife this year. More information will follow soon.

We are looking forward to an amazing term and value the support our parents offer. We do invite you to take part in the School Policy review schedule this term, We are reviewing the “Students with special needs” policy and invite you to take part in this. Just use the Rakaia and Dunford login and passwords. It includes the following aspects and we invite your input.

[Special Needs Coordination](#)

[Identify Learning Difficulties](#)

[The Class Teacher's Role](#)

[Special Needs Support Staff](#)

[Ongoing Resourcing Schemes \(ORS\)](#)

[Individual Education Plan \(IEP\)](#)

[Special Needs Supervision](#)

[Gifted and Talented Students](#)

[English Language Learners \(ELL\)](#)

