

September 18 Newsletter

Kia Ora Koutou - Welcome to week 9 of the term and a lovely drop of spring rain.

We are working hard towards the school production which will be held at the Rakaia Memorial Hall at 6.30pm on Thursday 28th of September. The children will need to be ready at the Hall by 6.15pm so we can start promptly at 6.30pm. We do have a dress rehearsal at 1pm for the elderly residents and sponsors to attend. Although our preference is for parents to attend the evening performance we do understand that the afternoon may suit better for shift workers and do welcome your attendance if it suits better.

We also welcome Mr Ian Slater to the school staff. Ian will be the new caretaker and we look forward to working closely with him in that role.

Full School Assembly is now Friday September 29 at 2.15pm in Mahitahi. We hope to see you all there to share in the last assembly of the term. We do have Duffy Role Model Assembly this Thursday at 1.30pm and the children will receive their books. You are invited to attend this if you want to.

Term 3 finishes September 29 and School starts again on October 16. It will be a busy term 4 with Athletics and school camp for the senior students as well as Pet day and Guy Fawkes night we have a lot to look forward to.

Rakaia Softball Club registration day is Monday 25th September from 4-5.30 on the softball diamond at the rear of Rakaia School grounds. If you are interested in playing, umpiring or coaching please come along and sign up and have a hit around. We are hoping to get enough numbers to field teams from under 6 up to under 16's. Even if you have never played, come along. If you are unable to make it on the day you can message us on our Rakaia Softball facebook page or contact Michelle on 0273463325 or Anita on 0277225772 or email us on rakaiasoftball@gmail.com.



Another piece of excellent writing from the workshops held at school by the Christchurch School of Writing. This piece is written by Molly in year 8.

[What If The World Was Crumbling](#)

Mia strolled into the Jewellery Store, blinded by the gems, sparkling and glistening in the light. She picks up a stand full of bracelets and chucks it into her backpack then looks behind her shoulder to make sure no one is following her.

As she picks up one of the necklace trays, the ground starts to quiver causing the lights to sway uncontrollably. Mia stumbles as the ground shakes and the top half of the jewellery store crumbles into a black pit. Mia starts to plunge towards the black pit along with the debris. Suddenly a hand reaches down to grab her wrist just in time.

“What are you doing here Noah?” Mia says sarcastically.

“I wanted to see you,” says Noah with a smirk.

“I don’t need you.”

“Yes you do!” yells Noah as he grabs Mia’s arm.

“No I don’t,” says Mia calmly.

Mia yanks her arm out of Noah’s thick grasp.

“Where are you going?” yells Noah.

“Away from you,” says Mia as she maneuvers her way around the crumbling ground and raging fires.

“The world is not what it used to be. It is very much different from what I would like it to be,” Mia thinks as she scales the empire state building. “But somehow this feels right.” Mia clammers through the shattered window to find Noah searching through her things.

“NOAH!” Mia yells as Noah jumps in fright. “What are you doing?”

“Mia I can explain,” Noah stutters.

“No you can’t,” says Mia, “Get out of my house.”

Noah begins to walk out of the house. He turned around as if he was going to say something but he just looked at Mia then continued walking out the door.

Sponsors Message:

Room 3 is sponsored by Lara Reihana and Peter Harrison from the South Rakaia Hotel. Peter and Lara have two children at school with another heading our way. They are very active in our community and support the school with their business and community connections.. Lara has worked with us for a while now

as a Teacher aide as well as her family supporting the development in our Taha Maori and Kapa Haka. It has been a wonderful partnership and is continuing to grow. Peter and Lara believe in the school values and wanted to be involved with the school by sponsoring a classroom. We happily obliged and welcomed them on board.

Their business provides hospitality and meals and has a family environment where you can eat locally and enjoy the company of community minded business operators. We encourage you to support their business when you can.

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Reminders:

- We have a huge amount of lost property that will be washed in the holidays and returned to second hand uniform. Please check this so you can be certain you have all of your child’s uniform.
- We have a lot of Library books overdue and look forward to their immediate return. Thank you.