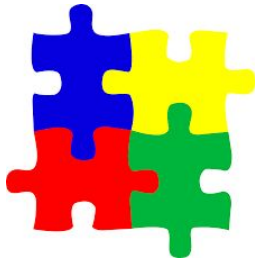Dear parents and Caregivers   February 5 2018

Welcome to week 2. It is a short week with Waitangi Day tomorrow and then on Wednesday starting at 5.30pm we will have the opportunity for you to meet the teaching teams. A member of the BOT will also be there to say a few words. We will also have an SSG BBQ running with sausages and bread. These will be free with 1 per person, supplied by the SSG. Ice blocks will be for sale for $1 with proceeds going towards the Mahitahi Year 7-8 Camp to Wellington. The students go in December but will be fundraising throughout the year.

5.30pm	Ako Team	Room 2
6.00pm	Whanau Team	Room 8
6.30pm	Mahitahi Team	Mahitahi

Thank you very much to those who came to the first assembly. It was a great chance to start the year in a positive note. We announced the House Captains for 2018.

Congratulations to:

Abbey Dennett - Blake House
Teagan Clark - Hillary House
Anna Ford - Rutherford House
Ruby Thomas - Sheppard House

We also welcomed new pupils to the school and celebrated with the "Caught Being Good" awards as well as Principal's awards.

We encourage you to download the School app if you can. It is free from Google Play or the App store for your apple phones. Currently we have over 730 downloads.

It receives push notifications and will keep you up to date with school events as well as look at the school Facebook page and website. These can all be bookmarked on your phones or computers so you are well aware of events that are happening.

Rakaia School Policies and Procedures

Last year we made changes and joined the School Docs environment making all school policies and procedures available to you online. The online page is

Wednesday, 7 February
5:30pm   Meet the Teaching Teams - :
Thursday, 8 February
Year 7/8 Technology
Friday, 9 February
2:15pm   Team MahiTahi Assembly
Monday, 12 February
9:30am   Senior Swimming Carnival Y
Wednesday, 14 February
Swimming Sports with Dorie & ACS
Thursday, 15 February
Year 7/8 Technology
Friday, 16 February
9:00am   Team Whanau Assembly
Tuesday, 20 February
9:00am   House Competition Day
1:00pm   School closes at 1pm due tc
Thursday, 22 February
Year 7/8 Technology
Friday, 23 February
2:30pm   Team Ako Assembly

➕ Google Calendar

The user name is **Rakaia** and the password is **Dunford**

We encourage you to view this page and contribute to reviews. This term we have a review on **home learning** and it is available for your comment.

School Interviews

Hi Team. Welcome back. Goal setting interviews are set for February 27th and 28th as well as March 6th for Whanau only. Go to School Interviews and put in the code **qzqma**. If you have any problems then call the school office and Gretchen will book in for you.

We encourage you to take an active part in these Goal setting interviews and to bring your child with you so three way conversations can be held. We will meet again in the middle of the year for year 4-8 as well as the junior school sticking to their reporting timetable as per the start date of your child.

Mid Canterbury Rugby Union 2018 School Rippa Rugby Tournament

Mid Canterbury Rugby Union hosts their annual primary school Rippa Rugby evenings at the Ashburton Showgrounds.

DATES: Tuesday March 6th ,13th,20th ,& 27th

TIMES: Between 5.30pm - 6.00pm—6.30 pm (depending on numbers)

FORMAT: Mixed teams of boys and girls made up of Year's 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8.

                    12 minute halves and 1 minute half time break.

                    10 players max per team with 7 on the field. At least two girls must be on the field at all times.

LOCATION: Ashburton Showgrounds

Mr Dawson is overseeing the teams entry and will be looking for managers. Interested students have seen their teachers and entry/registration forms will be home this week.

Please note SSG are providing Friday Sausage Sizzles for February and order forms are attached for your convenience. Also the junior playground by the pool is up for tender to purchase and remove. Please submit your interest and best price for removal to the school office by Friday February 9 and purchase outside school hours with your own Health and Safety management.