

March 5 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope you all had a fabulous weekend. The Emergency Services day in Ashburton was a successful day and it was great to see our presence there with the BBQ and support from the MahiTahi parents.

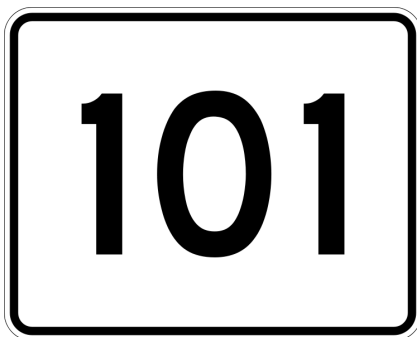
It was also tremendous to see such a good turnout at the Full School assembly on Friday. We really appreciate the support shown at these assemblies and it was great to receive our Sunsmart Award from the Cancer Society. We encourage all the children to wear their hats in term 1 and 4 so the UV light does not burn them. Our shade is more than sufficient and of course we have the trees to protect the children as well.



This Friday March 9th is a Mahitahi Assembly is at 2.20pm and you are invited to attend.

It is another busy week with County Swimming Sports tomorrow. We have some children taking part and wish them all the best with their events. On Wednesday we have the Year 5-6 Cricket tournament and they are travelling by bus to Ashburton with Mr Dawson. I am sure they will have a tremendous day. Thank you to the parents who helping out with this.

A special thanks also to the parents who are supporting the Rippa Rugby teams as they start their games this Tuesday. Good luck.



Rakaia 101 - A chance to learn more about Rakaia School

Last year we ran two of these sessions for new parents and anyone else who would like to attend. It is a chance to find out more about school and how things operate. We talk about the values, timetables, how you can be involved and it is also a chance to meet new people at school.

The next session is **Tuesday March 13 at 12 noon** in the staffroom. We will also look to run an evening session if there is interest. Please share with your friends.

School Support Group

Our School Support Group are an integral part of the school helping with fundraising, hospitality and education events at school. We encourage you to be as involved as you can and come to these meetings where you get a better understanding of the value they add to Rakaia School.

The SSG is ready for some new leadership and help after some amazing work from the current co-chairs. They are also on the lookout for a new treasurer who will work with the school office staff to manage funds and donations made to school as well as day-today banking.

It is a really great way to get involved and support your children and our pupils. The SSG usually fundraise and donate up to \$7000 a year to the school funding Literacy programmes, resources and giving our children treats and support.

If you have any questions please talk with Lara Reihana at School or check in with Mark throughout the day.

Year 7-8 Enterprise Developments:

Pine cones and Kindling for sale! Come to Rakaia School to buy some! All money raised will go towards the year 7/8's Wellington Camp.



Pine cones	Kindling	Mixed Bag.
Small bag: \$2.00	Small bag: \$6.00	Small bag: \$4.00
Big bag: \$5.00	Big bag: \$10.00	Big bag \$8.00

Delivery: E-mail: PineconesAndKindling@gmail.com

Sales Starting on 9th of March 2018.

Sincerely, Patrizio and Latham.

Community Notices:

If you want to play Netball for Rakaia and have not registered yet then please come down to the Domain this Wednesday March 7th at 4.30pm. If you cannot make it then call Michelle on 0273463325

A promotional poster for the 2018 McDonald's Youth Duathlon. The top section is red with the McDonald's logo and the Rotary Club of Garden City Project logo. Below this is a yellow banner with the text '2018 McDONALD'S YOUTH DUATHLON'. The middle section shows a group of young runners in action, with a girl in the foreground wearing a blue tank top and bib number 222. The bottom section is red and contains the event details: 'SUNDAY 8TH APRIL SOUTH HAGLEY PARK, CHRISTCHURCH'. It lists two age groups: '7 - 10 YEARS' with options for Run 1KM, Cycle 4KM, and Run 500M; and '11 - 15 YEARS' with options for Run 2KM, Cycle 8KM, and Run 1KM. The website 'WWW.MCDONALDSDUATHLON.CO.NZ' is listed at the bottom. There are also logos for sponsors like Spectators, Inojo, and Tasti.