

Newsletter Monday July 23 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to a very busy term with exciting things on the agenda. We apologise for any inconvenience with the office and staff room upgrades. Please be aware it could be a little noisy in this area and in a very short time, rooms 1, 2 and 3 will have new windows installed and classes may need to spend a day or two in the library as this work is carried out.

The most important news is to say we have appointed a new Deputy Principal to start with us in term 4. Mrs Jill Cogger will replace Anita Paul as the permanent DP and move into room 2 where Mrs Doody and Mrs Adams have covered for the year so far. Jill will be teaching three days a week and in the office 2 days a week.



Mrs Cogger is currently the Principal at Sacred Heart Reefton and has also had some other principalships on the Coast. Her experience and practice impressed the appointments committee and we offered her the job in the holidays and she has accepted.

We have also appointed a new caretaker with the resignation of Mr Ian Slater. Mr Dave Eddington will take over and some of you will remember Dave as the Rakaia townsman from a few years ago. Dave lives in Rakaia and is working in the change over with Ian and will be underway with his duties this week.

ICP - Up and ready to trial in Rakaia School.

During the holidays the staff met with facilitators from Australia and Auckland to develop our approach with the International Primary Curriculum. I mentioned this in the last newsletter and as part of our strategic plan we have made a move to look at new resources and add ons to the New Zealand Curriculum to Inspire our learners at Rakaia, both teachers and pupils.

We invite you to read about IPC using the link below:

<https://fieldworkeducation.com/curriculums/primary-years>

The staff and pupils will be working on a range of topics this term building towards our Art exhibition planned for September 20.

It is an exciting time as we are the only school in NZ to be trialling this resource and giving feedback on its links to the NZ curriculum. The staff have been very supportive and enthusiastic about the new challenges and approaches.

School Support Group Meeting at 6 pm July 24th. This is a regular meeting and will include some discussion about the SSG running the food caravan at the MotoX event this weekend at the Florance Property. We did this last year and it is a great opportunity for fundraising and the senior room are also helping out with the marshalling of the event to support their Camp fundraising. Please come along and then stay for the College meeting at 7pm.

Ashburton College will present to us their planned changes for year 9 and 10 curriculum. We have been offered an opportunity for our own presentation at school on Tuesday July 24th at 7pm. The Year 7-8 children are invited to attend with the parents and we have extended the invitation to Dorie School as well. This is a chance to hear, first-hand, what they are planning and how your children can opt in to the changes. A senior staff member from the College will present and answer questions. Please note this on your diary and we hope to see you there. This is open to any interested parent.



School Interviews July 31 and August 1: The interviews are able to be booked for years 4-8. Junior teachers will contact you individually if you are due for a mid year interview based on your child's time at school. Please book this week because bookings will close on Friday.



School Interviews July 31 and August 1st - Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **cusb3**

Second Hand School Uniform Sale

If your kids have grown over the holidays and you need a uniform that fits, come and see us at the second hand uniform sale, on Friday the 27th of July outside the shed at school, 2.45pm until 3.15pm.

We will also have a table of non school uniform second hand garments if you need some round home clothes, these are all clean and tidy.

All tidy donations and swaps of uniforms are welcome, come and see us or you can leave them at the school office. We look forward to seeing you.

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Please note the Beanies have arrived and cost \$20 each. We ordered 40 and have pre-sales of 18. I am sure they will go quickly so pop into the office and order one or pay there and then with the EFTPOS. Thank you.

