

Newsletter March 25 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope your weekend was restful but also profitable. I managed a bit of gardening and tidy up, as much as my green fingers allow because it is not my favourite past time.

This week we have:

Monday March 25	BOT meeting at 6.30pm
Tuesday March 26	Epilepsy awareness day where the children can wear something purple with their uniform. Eg: purple hair tie, purple socks
Wednesday March 27	Duffy Theatre at the Rakaia Memorial Hall at 1.30pm
Friday March 29	Full School Assembly at 2.15pm

**BOT elections** will be held this year in June for three positions so please talk with a current BOT member or Mark if you are interested.

### Trustees

- are active leaders in our schools; We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students
- have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Both parents and people from throughout the wider community can be school trustees. It is important that boards represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children. The trustee elections give parents of children at state and state-integrated schools the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for all students at their schools. It is an important responsibility, and all eligible parents should use their vote in an informed way.

*"Board members are entrusted by the community to ensure the success of our schools and a bright future for our children. We need an education system where all children are expected to succeed and one where we all take shared responsibility in ensuring this happens. As a member of a school board you can make things happen - you can make a difference."*

- Lorraine Kerr, NZSTA President

A huge thank you to those members of the School Support Group who did morning tea last week for PGG. It's great to see you getting behind these smaller fundraising events for the school. Thank you.



Also a huge thank you to the 50 or so people who turned out last Thursday for our Rippa Rugby night. We went through 100 sausages , three rounds of games and had a great night. We hope to have another night early in term 2 where families can come for a fun Kahoot and Soup night.

Kahoot - I can hear you say - What is that? It's great fun, that's what it is.

Kahoot! is a game-based learning platform, used as educational technology in schools and other educational institutions. Its learning games, "Kahoots", are multiple-choice quizzes that allow user generation and can be accessed via a web browser.



**Reminders** - Please ensure that if your children are riding their bikes to school that they are using the correct side of the road and not the footpath. Last week there were two incidences that could have resulted in someone being hurt. One involved two children biking on the wrong side of the road and another incident where a local resident was nearly collected by students riding on the footpath.

I will contact the local police and see if we can run a bike safety day at school to remind our children of their road rules and responsibilities.

### **HARVEST GOSPEL "HOEDOWN"**

St Andrew's Church: By the 2 Big trees. Sunday 31 March, starting 4.00pm  
Great Country Gospel Music with LANAE and BRUCE HILL, and featuring SAMMY MACKLE

A HARVEST TEA will be available at 5.30pm

No Admission just a BIG WELCOME to the community.

Come and enjoy a musical toe tapping evening, bring the family  
and your friends, a time to celebrate the end of harvest.

Contacts Dorothy Knight 3027595, Rev Helen Wallis 3074422.

### **Second Hand Clothing Sale**

We will be having a clothing sale this coming **Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of March from 2.45 to 3.15pm** in front of the shed at school. There are plenty of sweatshirts and polar fleeces available if you need them for the cooler mornings. See you there with your cash or swaps. Any donations are welcome. Thanks Clare Stewart, 0274 190020