

Newsletter Tuesday May 21 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to week 4 of the term. Winter is starting to grab us in the morning and so we certainly encourage the wearing of the students new Warriors Jackets from KidsCan. They look amazing and the Cross Country was full of little warriors. We have also ordered 20 new beanies and they will be here for term 3 but we have some in stock if you want one.



Well done to all Cross Country participants. The students ran very well on a great course and the Dorie School staff and supporters ran a wonderful event. All qualifiers for Counties will be informed and we hope to offer them some training time at school.

This week we welcome our new staff member Mrs Alisha Hall to Room 2. Alisha has joined us from the Ashburton Borough School and teams up with Mrs Jenna McNeur. It is great to have this team together for our students. I am appreciative of the work done by Jenna, Natasha Baxter and Pauline Doody to hold this class together as Alisha worked out her time at the Borough School. Mrs Alisha Hall will work Monday - Wednesday every week and Mrs Jenna McNeur will work Thursday and Friday. This job share supports excellent numbers in our junior school.

New Car Park - The new car park is under development and the tape is up. We are working to get this completed and ask that all drivers and students are very vigilant about traffic and children at keys times of the day. Use the crossing at the West end of school or if you need to cross the road take your time.

Vigilance is also requested in regards to children crossing the Main Highway and the basic cycling rules to follow. I would ask respectfully that you have a conversation with the children about road safety and basic walking safety with driveways and crossings.

I did find this simple website from the Waikato Regional Council that might be good to look at.

<http://ruben.govt.nz>



Book Week - This week is Book week and a great opportunity to encourage reading to and with your children. We have events happening through the week but the big culmination is the

parade on Friday where the children and staff dress up for the day. We encourage you to come along and see the parade at 9.30am and bring friends and relatives as the children share their "Enchanted Forest" costumes.

We have a tremendous display of books for sale in the office and encourage you to get ready for birthdays and Christmas with the selection available. The children are excited and the selection is varied and excellent quality. The school will receive a small donation based on the purchases made this week.

Congratulations to the children who attended the Ashburton District Council submissions for the domain. Our children worked very hard and they presented with confidence. We are grateful to the parents who supervised and transported the children and to Mrs Jenkins for her support.

Teacher Strike: May 29

IMPORTANT STRIKE INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF RAKAIA SCHOOL

I am sure you are aware that the union staff at Rakaia School are involved with further pay negotiations presently. This may result in strike action on the Wednesday 29th May that will affect the whole day.

It is important to recognise that the Rakaia School Board of Trustees have elected to again support our teachers for this occasion. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

The school will need to close during this strike.

Thank you for your understanding. The situation is dynamic and negotiations are continuing through the week, I will keep you updated with developments. Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely

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Upcoming events to be aware of:

Book Week Parade	9.30am	Friday May 24
Mahi Tahi Assembly	2.15pm	Friday May 24
Whanau Swim week	Week 5	Monday - Friday May 27-31
Teacher Strike	All Day	Wednesday May 29 - School closed

PLEASE RETURN ALL SPORTS SHIRTS FROM CROSS COUNTRY- WASHED AND FOLDED

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