

Rakaia School  
Whanau Newsletter  
Week 9, Term 2  
2019



Welcome to Team  
Whanau  
Room 7 & 8  
Years 3 and 4  
Teachers:  
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Stapleton

One more week until the end of term 2 and we are halfway through the year. We are working really hard at the moment to set learning goals and record learning progressions ready for your access to your children's linc-ed progress reports. The weather has been very cold be mostly sunny days, so children have been able to get outside play. We have had a lot of sickness over the last few weeks, as have other schools so it's really important that if your child is sick, please keep them at home so that they can recover and come back ready for learning.

*Maths:*

Next term we will be focussing again on number, but more specifically multiplication and division. The 'in addition', programme for some students will continue into term3 to support their accelerated learning in this area. It is pleasing to see more students are making use of mathletics and as such we having recently set the activities to reflect Geometry. Over the holidays Shane and I will reset them again in preparation for the next terms focus. Thank you for suggest your children to make the most of their learning and practise opportunities.

**Reading and Writing**

With the holidays upon us can we please urge you to ensure that your children are still spending time reading. When they have extended period of not practicing their reading, we notice a dropoff in their reading ability and it takes time to get them back to where they were before the holidays. This also applies to writing. Even helping to write a shopping list, a letter to a grandparent or family member, labels for their craft creations are good opportunities for writing practice.

## IPC Exit Point

Next week on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm, we will be holding our Exit Point for "Inventions that have changed the world. Originally we wanted to have a concourse of cars from across the decades but unfortunately we have not been able to attract interest in this. So we are asking you to help your children from Whanau to dress up as an inventor on Wednesday afternoon. Please help them to find the things they need to be able to do this. They have been very creative in their invention creations and are really looking forward to sharing them with you so your support would be greatly appreciated.

This will be a good time to collect the items you have very kindly shared with us in the museum but we really want to make sure that we are giving back the right things to the right people so please talk to use before taking any of these items home. Thank you.

### **Contact**

We are both available should you wish to contact us during business hours. We often have meetings so a little bit of notice would be appreciated.

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Jill, Shane and Simone

**IMPORTANT DATES** - ( Please keep watch on the school calendar for any other important dates)

**Wednesday 3rd July**

**2pm**

**Whanau IPC Exit Point**

**Friday 5th July**

**End of term**