

Newsletter July 22 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to term 3.

This term is Rakaia School's Art term where we focus on the creative ability of our pupils and culminate this with our production which is booked for September 26 at the Community Hall. More details will follow and the children audition and prepare for the presentation of "Hoodwinked" A Robin Hood story with a twist.

We welcome new pupils this term as the roll almost hits 200 again. The School continues to live its values of Partnership, Quality and Respect and our pupils lead the way with their manners and dedication. They are all excited, I am sure, to have a term of work where they get to follow their passions. This term we focus on Inquiry with "Passion projects" so the children get to research and share their favourite studies.

We have a busy term with sports and swimming planned as well as camp fundraisers. We are also excited to see the introduction of the Linc-ed reporting system where written reports are now digital and sent to your phone throughout the term.

We are excited to be back at school and look forward to working with the children, inspiring them and giving them opportunities to grow. Please remember school photos will be taken next Friday August 2.

BOT Chairperson Update

Hello everybody,

Welcome back to term three. This term the schools new student management system will go live for those who have the correct email and login details. If you require help, let the office know and they will check details. This change was a response to your calls for better information in a simpler format and the clear advantages for the teaching teams. The board would enjoy getting some feedback on the change, so indicate this to Mark or the office. Alternatively you can call me directly.

Over the break, Mark indicated on the school app and facebook that he has become a licenced realtor. There are many people that perform a day job and have a secondary income and do so to fill a need or create space to have time with family. One of the Boards goals is to "ensure the greatest learning outcomes for all students." If recognising the value of our staff and their needs

Sunday, 21 July
Term 2 School Holidays
Thursday, 1 August
Winter Tournament
Friday, 2 August
School photos with photolife
2:15pm Full School Assembly
Monday, 12 August
1:00pm Mahi Tahī Swim Week
Tuesday, 13 August
Mahi Tahī Swim Week
Wednesday, 14 August
Mahi Tahī Swim Week
Thursday, 15 August
Mahi Tahī Swim Week
Friday, 16 August
» 2:00pm Mahi Tahī Swim Week
Monday, 19 August
1:00pm Mahi Tahī Swim Week

is not done, we put at risk this goal. I know that Mark recognises staff needs for the teaching team, so why not the Board for the Principal? There are clear expectations from the BoT for the outcomes from the school and Mark's primary focus is achieving these.

The anti-slip strips and bull nosing have arrived at school. With the wet weather and very cold mornings, the risk of black ice and wet surfaces is high. The strips will be installed shortly and please be careful in the interim.

I attended the annual conference for New Zealand School Trustee's Association in Dunedin during the holidays. I find the value of being amongst 1800 other trustees, board chairs, teachers and principals truly great for the 3 day conference. You will be pleased to know that again, Rakaia School performs well against the rest of the country in its strategic planning, community inclusion and assessment tools.

Have a great week and stay warm. My email / phone is always available.

Regards Grant Lorimer

Board Chair

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Second Hand Clothing Sale

We will be having a clothing sale this coming Friday the 26th of July from 2.45 to 3.15pm in front of the shed at school. Come and see what we have got for your winter uniform requirements, there are plenty of polar fleeces and sweatshirts available for the cooler mornings.

We are quite low on polo's, shorts, pants, summer and winter skirts so any donations would be very welcome. See you there with your cash or swaps.

Also I cleared the lost property out at the end of last term and it was great to see so many items named but please remember to check in the lost property, because

I found over twenty garments which were named that I have washed and sent

back to school for distribution. Those garments which weren't named will be in the sale on Friday.



Thanks Clare Stewart

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*Our thoughts are with Dunsandel School after the sudden loss of a pupil in the holiday period.
It's unthinkable this type of loss and we wish the family and community the very best.*