

July 30 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to week 2 of the term. This week we will start to audition the children for parts in the production for the end of the term. The performance is called "Hoodwinked" and is based on the Robin Hood story we were all brought up with. The children will be dancing and singing as well as learning lines for set parts. This is all part of the "Arts" curriculum and is a way for our expressive children to realise some potential. We will be doing our best to get all of the 200 children on stage however some very important parts may be off stage. All children will contribute to the production.



Linc Ed Reporting - I will be running another workshop on Wednesday morning July 31st at 9am for the Linc Ed roll out. This is our new digital reporting system. There will be no printed reports unless requested. We are hoping to strengthen our partnerships and meetings about progress and achievement will be the responsibility of the teacher and parent to organise when they see fit.

School Uniform - The uniform is set for the school and I know that sometimes it can be difficult to get the right items. We have some understanding and so shorts need to be **navy** with no set style, other than to say, our preference is cargo shorts. We have issued free jackets for all students and prefer them if they cannot fit a sweatshirt or polar fleece.

My concerns are Rugby shorts being worn and league shorts and multi coloured sweatshirts. Sometimes it looks like mufti day in some rooms. If it is too difficult and expensive then we have some second hand uniform and I can help if you let me know. I want the children to have some pride in their school and uniform shows this.

If sizes are a problem then please talk with me and we will see what our suppliers can do.

Office Staff at professional development - Mandy and Gretchen will be away Thursday at an administration conference so please have some patience in the morning or see them Wednesday or Friday for any information you require.

Assembly this Friday August 2 at 2.15pm in Mahitahi. Please come along to celebrate and enjoy the afternoon with our wonderful learners and teachers.

School Photos are this Friday so children will need to be in uniform please. Sibling requests can be made through the office.

Sausage Sizzle - held every Friday this term. Please have forms to the office.

Have you met Dunford?

Dunford is our school Mascot and celebrates the key focus areas for the school. It is important that the children know about values and key mindsets to celebrate accordingly at school and share our values with their peers and family. Our secret handshake is also shown here to use when accepting awards or welcoming each other at school.

2 Key Mindsets

Positive attitude



High expectations



Spirit of Rakaia Handshake

'Partnership'

'Quality'

'Respect'

'High Five'



INSPIRING MINDS  CELEBRATING SUCCESS

The other "Sticky message" we want the children to remember is to Be Better!. Every day and every way make small improvements to the way we do things, the way we greet and meet people and the way we present ourselves at school.

Rakaia School is a special place with messages and teachings to support our steps into adolescence.

Have a great week and we will see you at assembly on Friday.

**DON'T BE
THE SAME.
BE BETTER.**

