

Rakaia School
Whanau Newsletter
Week 8, Term 3
2019



Welcome to Team
Whanau
Room 7 & 8
Years 3 and 4
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The term has certainly flown by. We are now busy with our production item with singing and dancing being a major factor. The children are also very busy with their passion projects. They have had to learn the difference between fat and skinny questions. It has been great to see the children research different topics that they are passionate about.

Maths:

For this term, we have had a focus on multiplication and division. We have looked at times tables, repeated addition and different strategies that assist us to solve various maths problems. On Friday we have been having a problem-solving programme and this has proven to be very popular with the children. Some children have done really well with the Mathematics programme, but of recent, the children have not used this resource as much as we would have hoped. Can you please encourage your children with this valuable asset.

Reading and Writing

Over the course of this term, we have been running a new programme with reading and writing. The children are using a literacy menu. This means they have a choice of activities that they have to complete over a two week period. These are based around a theme. So far this term we have covered Florence Nightingale, Volcanos, Friendship and Ernest Rutherford and this week Roald Dahl. You can view these menus through your child's email account and have them explain some of the activities to you. The children can choose a workshop to attend and must attend at least once a week. We have been impressed with the high level of engagement that the children have demonstrated.

Daffodil Day

Daffodil day went really well and it was lovely to see the children all dressed in yellow. \$ 217.00 was raised for the Cancer Society. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

This week we have had an 'Odd Sock', fun half day organised by the student council. We apologise for the late notice and will endeavour to ensure this doesn't happen in the future. The term has been very busy and passed very quickly, it was great to pause for a bit of fun.

Costumes for Production

Whanau girls without a production role wear a green or brown t-shirt and tights. (a flower headband would be great if possible)

Boys wear plain white t-shirt and black pants. It would be great for them to wear a sweat headband if possible.

Important Notice

Please be aware that we have had an occurrence of headlice in Whanau Team. Please check your child's hair and if you need support with this contact the school office.

Important dates:

- Whanau assembly this Friday 2:15
- Duffy Assembly 18th September 11:00
- Production Thursday the 26th September
- End of term Friday 27th September

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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