

Newsletter September 23 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the last newsletter of the term. We are excited about the concert on Thursday. We have a performance at 1 pm for those who cannot make the evening show at 6.30 pm and the children are ready to go. A huge thank you to all parents and families who have supported us with costumes and props. I am sure it will "All be right on the night"

The School Concert - The seating upstairs will be used for the Mahi Tahi children and so all adult and visitor seating will be downstairs.

The concert will be an hour or so in length and will involve dancing and singing. We are happy for videoing but ask that we respect the viewing for the audience and that preschoolers leave if they are upset during the performance. It can be very difficult to hear with crying children. The staff and children have been working incredibly hard and just want the chance to give you our very best without interruptions. I hope that is not too harsh.



A small request: When parking for the school concert at the 1 pm matinee please leave the parking spaces by the shop available for customers. Last time up to 5 of our elderly community members were unable to gather their prescriptions.

On Friday we had a Teacher/pupil assembly to highlight some expectations with children. We talked again about the school values of Partnership, Quality, and Respect. We discussed issues and expectations that have been popping up:

- Using your manners - Please and thank you. Yes and No Mr Ellis
- Picking up rubbish - not walking past any rubbish
- Listening actively - looking at the speaker and facing the right way
- Following instructions - teachers give instructions for your learning or safety
- Uniform and jewellery - what is appropriate to wear. 1 bangle, 1 necklace, and studs in ears not sleepers. No makeup is needed for primary and intermediate pupils at school.
- Using their own scooters and not helping themselves to other items
- Bringing in the balls after playtime

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- Not riding bikes in the school grounds after school while children are leaving with parents and preschoolers.

Finally, the message delivered to all pupils is to “Be better” Better every day at all you do. Better work, better relationships, better answers and better thinking.

We hope you can all share these messages with our students as well so we can continue to get great feedback from visitors and others who work with our students.

Below is a copy of an email I received after the Koru games for our Year 7-8 pupils

Kia ora Mark, I wanted to email to pass on some positive feedback from Koru Games.

I have been at the Lincoln Hub with our volleyball team for the past three days and during that time we played your Rakaia Blue team twice. What an awesome bunch of kids! On both occasions, the game was nail-bitingly close. Rakaia took the win on both occasions and their sportsmanship made them the kind of team that you are happy to lose to. They played skillfully and showed respect for each other, their opposition and towards the rules of the game. After the game, a friendship was sparked and the two teams spent the majority of the rest of the day playing together. What more could you hope for?

These children are a credit to your Kura and I know that my players loved playing against them and then with them. Please pass this on to the players.

Ngā mihi

Jenny Diggle

Well done to the Volleyball team and well done to all of the Year 7-8 ambassadors. They are an amazing group of young men and women working hard, supporting each other and representing the school with pride. We are proud of you and thank you for your efforts.

Reminders:

- **Raffle tickets are required back for Thursday so we can draw the raffle at the concert. Sold or unsold they must be returned please.**
- **Chocolate money can also be sent through as soon as you can so we can keep on top of this fundraising.**
- **Sausages will also be on again this Friday**
- **Sports uniform that has been issued will need to be returned this week, washed and folded, please. This includes the mini ball team as we add sponsorship to the shirt.**