

Newsletter June 30 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the last week of the term. **School finishes on Friday July 3 and starts again Tuesday July 21.**

This is a change due to the fact the school will use one of the eight days granted to us over the next two years for curriculum development. This will be a Teacher Only day for staff and so school will not be open for tuition on Monday July 20. I hope a month's notice is enough for you to get some cover.



It has been a challenging year so far with the first term only seven weeks then an enforced break with no time for staff to recharge before leaping into teaching online. We then returned to school and quickly got into routine.

We have had some challenging behaviour recently with swearing and some children really struggling to regulate their emotions and this has resulted in some children going home early to settle their emotions. It is definitely time to have a break so we can all come back in term 3 for our Art term where children will create at least three pieces of art to display and share with you at the end of the term. I would ask that you revisit the school values with the children.

Kia Kaha Ano - Be Better
Whanaungatanga - Partnership - Working together
Tino Pai Rawa - Quality - Doing our best
Manaakitanga - Respect - Using our manners



You will all have a mid year comment shared with you on the Hero platform. This is an app available on your phone that I am hopeful you have all downloaded. The comment will share with you some of your child's successes for the term, both during COVID and at school. Please remember you can then email or call staff at any time to make appointments to discuss progress and achievement and we can print information if you require a copy.

1. **Select the HERO app in Google Play store or the Apple App store**
2. **Select "New User"**
Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.
3. **Add your email address**
Select the "Request Password Link"



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4. **Check your email**
Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.
5. **Follow the link**
This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.
6. **If you have problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.**

This week, Wednesday July 1st, we have the **Cross Country** for the selected participants and we will advise you if the weather intervenes with our plans.

Dorie School will be hosting the cross country. We will be travelling to Dorie via bus, and will be competing against students from Dorie School only. Ashburton Christian School has decided not to join us this year.

We will be meeting at Dorie School at 1pm, then we will head across the road to the paddock where the event will take place and listen to a briefing. Parents and families are welcome to meet us there to come and support your children as they race.

Events will be combined into one race, which will begin at 1.15pm.

Year 5 and 6 students will run a 2km course. Year 7 and 8 students will run a 3km course.

Children will still receive placings based on their year level and gender. This will determine qualification for the County Cross Country. Your child will be notified if they have qualified for the Counties Cross Country. This event will be held early in Term 3, with dates to be confirmed.

Children are expected to attend school as normal in the morning. All children will then travel on the bus to Dorie School. We will be back in Rakaia in time for normal pick up and end of day buses. You are welcome to take your child home with you after the event, but please let a teacher know before you leave.

Please make sure your child has the following:

- Rakaia School sports top or t-shirt to race in
- Polar Fleece or jacket to wear when not racing
- Other warm clothing to wear when not competing (track pants, beanie etc.)
- Sneakers - children cannot race in bare feet
- Water bottle
- Packed morning tea and lunch with plenty of food

Reminder Team Ako assembly this Friday at 2.30pm - All welcome to attend.