

Newsletter Term 3 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers, Nga mihi nui koutou

I hope the holidays were a great opportunity to spend quality time with your children. We have a busy term ahead with the concert to prepare for as well as other opportunities for our tamariki to enjoy.

Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Marr have had some time off with ACC. I am pleased to say they are progressing well. We have been managing the changes with Mr Platt moving to the senior school and Mrs Stapleton covering full time in Whanau. I really appreciated the flexibility of staff and parents. Our aim is to always put teachers in front of our children that they are familiar with.

For term 3 Mrs Jenkins will teach Tuesday to Friday with Mr Platt covering Monday and the literacy segment of every morning. Mr Ellis will support the senior room as well as Mrs Jenkins plans her return to school slowly under the guidance of her Occupational Therapist. Mrs Marr will be back at school to support our Emotional Regulation programmes.



I want to express a huge thank you to the BOT, staff, pupils and community for the honour presented to me at the last assembly in Term 2. I am honoured to now be on the school flame recognising the contribution to Rakaia School. It was a wonderful surprise and I was thrilled to have my wife and daughter invited. I felt very connected to our school and valued. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Rakaia is a special place!

Winter Sport and Sports shirts - This Thursday July 29th is the Annual Winter Sports tournament in Ashburton for years 5-8. We have had two notices home so far. Miss Anderson is in charge of this and can answer your questions , so please email her if you need any clarification.

All children will need:

- Packed lunch with plenty of food
- Water bottle
- Any medication e.g. asthma inhalers
- Warm clothing to wear when not playing
- Correct uniform for their sport - issued at school
- Sports shoes

We issue the uniform at school however this can be difficult when we have many shirts and shorts out at the moment . These need to be washed and returned please, immediately so we can re-issue for the tournament.

Photos- School photos will be taken at school this Friday July 30th. Please ensure children are in uniform and at school on time so we can get all of the children in the photos.



Emotional Coaching -Rakaia School
25th of August
7pm

Happy. Sad. Frustrated. Confused. Anxious. Excited. Relieved. Disgust. Surprised.

Everyone experiences and expresses their emotions differently, and children are no exception. Sometimes our emotions can get the best of us and even as adults we can struggle to communicate how we are feeling so it's no surprise that our children also struggle to 'use their words' and tell us how they feel.

The workshop will include information on children learning to name their emotions, Time In versus Time Out, Emotion Coaching and Zones of Regulation

All are welcome. This workshop is run by Sandra Keenan (Opuke Mana Ake kaiarahi).

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Welcome back to the new term, we will be having the first second hand uniform sale, this Friday the 30th at school by the sports shed, from 2.45 until 3.15pm.

Come along and see if we can help with your uniform needs for term 3. Good quality swaps are very welcome, cash and we will have eftpos also.

If you have any uniform to donate this is also very welcome, you can bring it along to the sale or leave it in the school office. The second hand uniform sale is run by the school support so all the proceeds from this sale go back into the school via the school support group's donations.

Thank you

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