

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Monday 10th December 2018

### **Wow the last week of school for 2018 is upon us. Where did they year go!**

It's wonderful to see Mr Ellis popping in and out of school as he begins recover his energy levels. We have certainly missed him over the last couple of weeks.

### **Heads Up**

Just to let you know about events happening in the coming week;

- The **School Picnic** will be on Wednesday the 12th of December this will be held at school and begin at 12:00pm. We will have a Family BBQ, so bring along your family members; Nana, Aunty, Cousins and Teddy Bears etc... We will have a special visitor at 1pm and this will be followed by rotations of house activities. For the grand finale there will be a water wipeout. It would be a good idea to bring along spare clothing and a towel if you need to be dry for the trip home. A wet day contingency has been planned for.
- **Prizegiving** will be held in the community hall on Thursday the 13th of December at 1:00pm. We are looking forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the year, student achievement and to farewell our fabulous year 8 students transitioning to secondary school.
- **Friday the 14th is our last day of term** and school will close for the year at 12:00pm. This will be a half day to pack up and distribute belongings, works of art and books to come home.

### **Classes for 2019**

On Wednesday morning of the school picnic (12th of December) students will have an opportunity to meet their new class teachers for 2019.

Students will go to their new rooms for a short time to familiarise themselves with where they will be and talk about expectations, stationery etc.

### **School Camps**

There has been several successful outdoor camps and trips this week and we would like to thank all those, parents, teachers, bus drivers etc... that have supported students to be to make the most of these experiences. There will be some great stories to hear and wonderful memories to store away.



### **School Reading Books**

Thank you to those parents who helped their children to return school books. These are expensive items to replace and we appreciate getting as many of them back as possible. It is very difficult to run the reading programme we need to without the resources required. We are looking for home readers, school journals and library books..

Please look at home for any library books that need returning.

### **Sports shirts**

Please return any sports uniform that you might still have at home. We are still missing quite a lot of uniform and need to get this back before the end of the year.

### **What's happening at Ashburton Public Library this summer!**

The Ashburton Library Summer Reading Challenge is back! Riff Raff the Library reading dog loves to hear that kids are reading lots of books! So come and join in with Riff Raff's summer reading challenge and be in to win one of five \$50 Whitcoulls gift vouchers.

Also get crafty this Christmas and come along to one of our three children's Christmas craft sessions on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of December at 10:30 am.

Finally test your observation skills with our Christmas themed I-spy activity.

The Library is the place to be this Christmas!

### **Lost property**

We have a huge stockpile of lost property here at school. You must be missing something of your children's school uniform, lunch boxes, shoes and socks etc... please come and have a look, you may be surprised at what is there. There has been a small bike and helmet left at school for a number weeks now. Somebody must be really missing having it to ride on the weekends. Please check that it doesn't belong to your child or remind them to bring it home before it is taken by somebody else.

**Have you seen a blue hearing aid - Brooklyn has lost his, please keep an eye out!**

## **2019 Stationary Packs**

Stationary packs will be available from the 21st January at the school office. New Entrants will be \$25, Year 1 \$10, Year 2 \$25, Whanau \$35. Please note the Mahi Tahī Stationary does not need to be collected as it is given to the children throughout the year as needed. You will still need to pay \$35 towards this through the office.

## **SSG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

**Christmas Raffle** – Please support our Christmas Raffle, the raffle goes towards core items SSG funds each year at Rakaia School, including reading and classroom resources. Raffle cards need to be returned by 10<sup>th</sup> December, sold or unsold. We also ask families to please donate items towards the prize hampers, they can be dropped into the school office. Raffle will be drawn on picnic day.