

Afternoon Everybody,

The Board at Rakaia School thought we'd "check in" with our community to say a few words.

Firstly, hats off to the essential workers amongst us. This daily added stress around working, childcare, staying safe and also making sure your bubble is intact is really hard stuff.

Secondly, those who's employment has been affected somehow. The Board asks that if you need help, reach out to others and the community services we have available.

This COVID event will alter how we place importance on our connections with others, how vulnerable we actually are and how much a smile does the world of good. These things are not at all bad to be reinforced on us and may they last well after this event.

We recognise that some peoples actions (rightly or wrongly) are out of fear or trying to make sense of this new normal. We ask that you take a breath and look after your bubble – because that's what is important. The other stuff will come and go.

In terms of school – we are really impressed at the level of feedback from you. What we now would like you to do as we come to the end of the holidays is to "make every day count"

Step One: Catch learning opportunities

Step Two: Record that they have happened

Step Three: Celebrate the time you spend with them

Step Four: See Step One.

So when you're making the chocolate afghans (I'm assuming as there is a shortage of flour) and they measure out the ingredients, take a photo and tag/email/post a teacher and then share a bikkie.

School will come back soon enough, and we'll be here to continue to provide quality learning.

Regards

Rakaia School Board or Trustees

We want to thank you for your flexibility and resilience around what has (and continues to be) a difficult time. To enable our learners to be supported at home with work and be there

for them for questions as well as manage your own bubble's priority is a juggle, and we recognise that.