

Newsletter August 24 2020

Welcome to week 6 of term 3. By now you should have received an update on your child's progress through the HERO app. We are posting two this term and two next term including an end of year comment in term 4. We urge you to check these and make an appointment with the classroom teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

The teachers are resetting goals twice a term however please remember the goals come from a level that can take a child 2 years or more to complete depending on their progress. If you are concerned your child is on a goal for a length of time then please check in with the teacher. The relationship between home and school is vital.

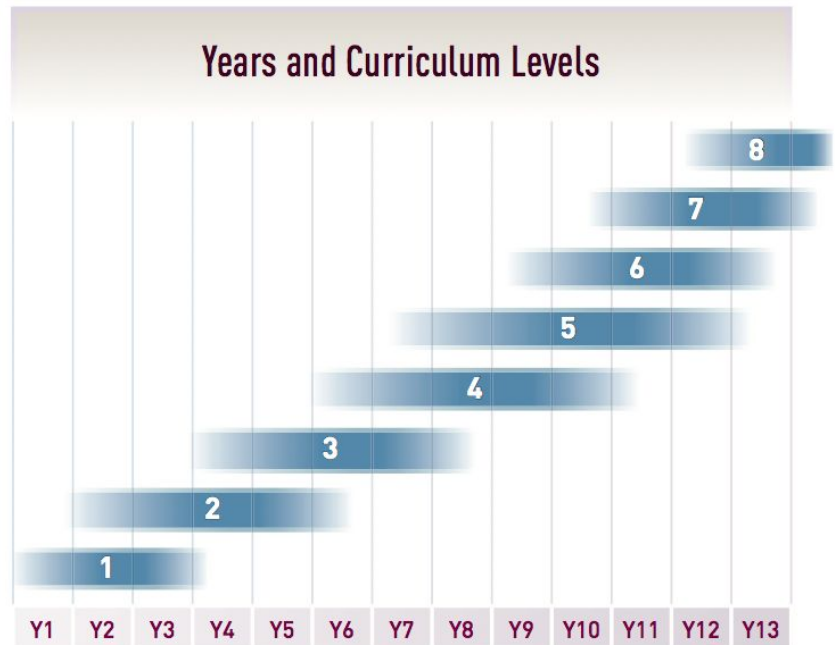
The goals after July first are aimed at being met by the end of December and hence you may see a drop in levels due to the fact that your child may have under 50% of goals achieved at the higher level eg: level 4 and more than 50% at the lower level eg: level 3. The computer algorithm will select the level where more than 50% are achieved. The staff are making sure this is corrected with moderation and Overall Teacher Judgement to ensure progress is recorded accurately.

I know this is all a little frustrating however we are confident staff are on top of this work and we spent more time on it at our Teacher Only Day on Friday.

Teacher Appointments

I can confirm that Mrs Smith has won the permanent position at Rakaia School. Mrs Smith will continue in Room 7 for the remainder of the year however in 2021 will move to Room 3 and Miss Anderson moves to Mahitahi.

Mrs Fekitoa (Miss Bell) will go on Maternity leave in term 4 and Mrs Stapleton will be teaching full time with Mr Dawson for term 4. The rest of her maternity leave in 2021 will be covered by Mrs Linda Gosling who has accepted the fixed term position of Maternity cover 2021 and will work in Whanau 7.



2021 staffing will look like this:

Room	Staff
Ako 1	Miss Bridget Grant / Mrs Natasha Baxter
Ako 2	Mrs Alisha Hall / Mrs Jenna McNeur
Ako 3	Mrs Amanda Smith
Whanau 7	Mrs Linda Gosling
Whanau 8	Mr Morgan Platt Deputy Principal / Mrs Simone Stapleton
Mahitahi Year 5-6	Mr Shane Dawson
Mahitahi Year 5-6	Miss Alissa Anderson
Mahitahi Year 7-8	Mrs Natasha Jenkins

Rakaia Softball

Calling all you keen Rakaia softball players. The club is in need of some new faces. Anita and Michelle are ready to hand the reins over to some new up and coming softball parents.

If you have children keen to play softball this year please drop an email to rakaiasoftball@gmail.co.nz

From these numbers we can see if our little club has a future.

An AGM date can be set once we have a plan and we will advertise asap.

If you think you could take the reins of the club then also drop us an email and we can tell you more. (It isn't overly difficult, just need to have a Treasurer and Chairperson to handle finances and registrations).

Stay safe

Anita Freer

Rakaia Softball Club Chairperson.



The Full School Assembly on Friday will be for students only during the COVID level 2. If plans change on Wednesday with the Prime Minister's announcement we will let you know. This also means the Book Fair Dress Up day will be shared with you via facebook and unfortunately you cannot be on site. So sorry but out of my hands as we act to be safe in the current health climate.