

October 12 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to term 4 2020. It will be a very active and busy term for the school with Athletics, Pet day and camps.

We welcome Mr Morgan Platt and his family to Rakaia and wish them all the best for the move to the South island.

A list below details some of the important fixtures to be aware of:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Technology Training Year 7 and 8	Every Monday
Full School Assemblies	October 16 and December 11
Labour Day	Monday October 26th - No School
Athletics with Dorie and Ash Christian School	Tuesday October 27, PP next fine day
Ako Swim Week	Monday 19th October - 23 October
Whanau Swim Week	Monday November 2nd - 6th November
Parent Night - Hero and Digital Citizenship	Wednesday October 21st 7pm
Life Education	29th Oct - November 3
County Athletics	Friday November 6th
Top Team event at school	November 10th
Teacher Only Day	Thursday November 12th - No School
Show weekend	Friday November 13th - No School
Pet Day	November 20th
Senior Camps	November 23-27th - Year 5-6 is 3 days and year 7-8 away for the week.
School Picnic	Tuesday December 15th
School Prize Giving	Wednesday December 16th
Last Day of school - ends at 12 noon.	Thursday December 17th

More events may pop up and we will make sure you have ample notice for these. I hope this plan helps a little with some of your planning .



### **Parent Information evening:**

The year is zooming by and I am hoping to see many of you next Wednesday night October 21st to discuss the reporting and use of the HERO app that the school uses to give you feedback on the progress and achievement of your children. At the time of writing this newsletter I have also invited a local speaker to address digital citizenship and I hope she can make it. The evening will start at 7pm in Mahitahi.

### **Reminders:**

#### **Miniball 2020:**

We still have space in both our mixed Yr3/4 and Yr5/6 miniball teams. Miniball is a great sport, where the children get to develop their ball skills, teamwork, fitness and they also have lots of fun. Please email Miss Anderson at [alissaanderson@rakaia.school.nz](mailto:alissaanderson@rakaia.school.nz) if your child might be interested in giving miniball a go, if you would like any more information, or if you have any questions. You can also let the staff at the school office know once we are back on Monday.

We are also on the hunt for a parent in the Yr 3/4 team to be the team manager, and if anyone knows a referee for our Yr5/6 team please get in touch.

#### **November Rippa Rugby:**

There is a short Rippa series being offered on Tuesdays throughout November for students in Years 3-8. Teams are mixed with games played at 5pm and 5:30pm at Argyle Park in Ashburton. Competitors get a free sausage sizzle after each game. Keep an eye out for a notice with more detail on Monday, or email Miss Anderson at [alissaanderson@rakaia.school.nz](mailto:alissaanderson@rakaia.school.nz) in your child is keen to play.

A reminder that we are a sun-safe school and to bring your sun-safe hat (wide-brimmed; no caps) to school from Monday for our summer terms - term 4 and term 1, 2021.

Hot food has also finished for the year so please don't send any food that needs to be heated this term.

