

Rakaia School

Term 1 Week 8

Newsletter March 26th

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Wow, it is the end of week 8. The term is flying by and it's getting a little cooler in the mornings.

Rakaia School is thriving with wonderful students and teachers working hard to enrich their knowledge and skills.

Like many schools we are also challenged by children who require quite a variety of approaches and often you can have a range of levels in any room. It is our job to provide the challenges and to help the learners meet expectations. It is a Partnership with home and we welcome your support and input. Please make appointments to see the staff if you have any questions or comments and the staff will do the same.

Research tells us that the relationship between the learner and teacher is fundamental and it is my job as principal to facilitate that relationship. I apply for extra funding and, with staff, we work to be creative with lessons and our approaches realising that sometimes our brains need a break.

Currently I am on the lookout for any people who may be interested in working with children in the afternoons to create, build, play and learn. You may have an interest in woodwork, building, motors or a certain game. We have some students who would benefit from your support and hope you can contact the school to offer your help. Please do not be offended but you may have to undertake some Police vetting if it all comes together.



150th Jubilee

Our next meeting is Monday April 12th and we welcome your input. We will be exploring the order of events and checking in on the developments.



This is an overview of follow up points from the last meeting:

- Mark to follow up with the Flash Ash about Saturday night and a buffet as well as some accommodation options.
- Carolyn to check with the motor camp.
- Pauline to check with the Hall committee.
- A facebook page to be created MP & ME.
- Carolyn and Pauline to check in with local associations about commemorative material and merchandise.
- The weekend would include a Friday conversation, Saturday parade and event at school to celebrate the heritage and vintage days of 150 years. Clubs and groups could have stalls and photos would be taken as well as a cake cut on Saturday. The local Chairman would speak as well as the Principal. Children would perform.
- Saturday night would be a buffet in Ashburton with buses put on from Rakaia.
- Sunday would be a Church Service and luncheon.
- Merchandise would include a booklet, pen, badge and possibly other items to be ordered.
- A commemorative plaque could be placed somewhere.

Pink Slips

The staff are awarded Pink slips to acknowledge support they have offered each other. These slips can also be presented by students and parents if a staff member has helped you. This small recognition keeps a culture of support ticking along in the school. They are available in the school office.





Congratulations

Students having fun - An awesome afternoon doing fun games and activities with the youth mentors and NZ Police Bluelight team at Cowles Stadium in CHCH. Well done to both Rakaia teams who competed in the main PCT fitness test. So great to see the kids confidence and team work grow over the day. Thanks to our whanau supporters. A big congratulations to Ash Intermediate who made the finals and won a trip to Wellington. So great to see Mid Canterbury school go through! We look forward to competing in 2022!

[Full School Calendar](#)

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Thank you

We have had a great start to the term and the children are working very well with a focus on their whakapapa and looking at "Who am I?" We are really grateful to the parents who are supporting the children with supervision and feedback to help them understand their importance in our world.



Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers who attended the school BBQ and class meetings last week. It was tremendous to see a great turnout and the messages were clear about our values and commitment to staying in contact with you about your child's progress and achievement.



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