

Newsletter Wednesday August 16

Dear Parents and Caregivers, Kia ora koutou

It's amazing how quickly the days slip by. The staff have just met as part of their normal staff meeting to look at the concert at the end of the term. It will be a great experience full of dance and songs you will all recognise. We are looking carefully at change and our inquiries are centered around the decades and events that occurred as well as the music and fashion.

I wanted to highlight the school activity fees and what we are spending this on. These events can change every year but this is a list of some of the things being covered by your contribution to activities.

- N4L Internet fees for the fibre - \$18 per student per year
- Kahurangi Dance theatre was \$4 per child
- Life Education \$4 per child
- Buses to sports events are subsidised
- Marae Visits will be covered
- Kapahaka costs are subsidised
- School app hosting \$2 per student per year
- Mr Yipadee Concert

Congratulations - We have a world champion!

Tayla Davidson just competed at the GKR Karate 9th World Cup which was held over 3 days on the Gold Coast Australia. With over 1000 competitors from around the world competing this was an awesome experience.

On the Friday night Tayla competed in the team Kata events but was eliminated by the eventual gold medallists. They did NZ proud as the division was under 18 boys and girls and included many black belts.

On the Saturday Tayla was crowned Double World Champion in the 10-11yr girl 3rd Kyu and above Kata and Kumite divisions. The competition was fierce with over 20 competitors and no break between competitions.

She will never forget being draped in the NZ flag standing on the podium and being interviewed by Channel 7 News. An amazing moment for a very proud Rakaia.

Wednesday, 16 August
Mahi Tahī Swimming EA Network
Thursday, 17 August
Mahi Tahī Swimming EA Network
Friday, 18 August
» 3:00pm Mahi Tahī Swimming EA Ne
9:15am Team Mahi Tahī assembly
Monday, 21 August
12:00pm Mahi Tahī Swimming
Tuesday, 22 August
Mahi Tahī Swimming
Wednesday, 23 August
Mahi Tahī Swimming
Thursday, 24 August
Mahi Tahī Swimming
Manual for Year 7-8
Friday, 25 August
» 3:00pm Mahi Tahī Swimming
2:15pm Full School Assembly
Friday, 1 September
2:30pm Team Aka assembly

GoogleCalendar



Rakaia School would like to express their thanks to the School Support Group for the generous Soup days held at school last week. The Partnership between home and school is what makes the school strong and so we value these days and the children loved having hot soup and buns to warm them up on the cold days.

Volunteer Pool Person required - We are on the lookout for a new Pool manager. Paul Counsel has had a change of circumstances with work and will not be available to support the school as much as last year. We would like any interested people to contact Mark in the school office. Your role would involve chemical handling and testing of the pool and we will train you with this. It may involve a course in Christchurch that we would pay for. We desperately want to keep the school pool going and will not be able to do this without a volunteer manager.



School Ski Trip - Payments are due by August 25th please. I am sure you will have a fabulous day up there with the current base. Mrs Bonnington and Mrs Young will be attending on the day and times will be followed closely to ensure all have the best day to ski. The bus will leave school at 7am sharp and will be back for 2.30 as staff have meetings from 4 pm that day.

We have them back again - What are head lice? Head lice are small flat insects, about 2–3 mm long. They live on the scalp (the skin on a person's head where the hair grows from). Head lice lay their eggs (nits) on strands of hair.

Anyone can get head lice – it doesn't matter how clean or dirty a person's hair is. Head lice spread by crawling from one person's hair to another's – usually between people who are in close contact, such as family or school classmates.

Head lice: cannot jump, fly or swim, do not carry disease, stay on the scalp after swimming or bathing/showering.

Eggs (nits) - Female head lice lay about 7–10 eggs each night. The eggs are small and hard (like a grain of salt) and are normally pale grey in colour. Eggs are laid close to the scalp and are normally pale grey in colour and are firmly glued to strands of hair. After hatching, the empty egg cases are white.

Eggs hatch in 9 days, and head lice live for 40 days. We have some treatments available in the school office supplied by Kidscan. These are available to support the treatment if you see head lice in your child's hair. There is also a new product called **nit-enz** available at Methven and Leeston Pharmacy so we should see that in the Rakaia Pharmacy store soon.