

Monday 8th of May

Kia Ora Koutou

We have had a busy start to Term 2 and it was lovely to see many of you on Friday at our assembly.



A big **congratulations** to Tayla Davidson who has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth Karate Championships in South Africa in August.

Tayla competed at the WKF Karate NZ Open on April 21st and 22nd involving 41 clubs and 250 competitors. She won a Bronze, silver and gold at this event.

She was invited to a training camp and then selected as the youngest NZ competitor to head to South Africa. Her selection means she will be monitored by High performance sport with an aim to compete at the 2024 Olympics.

Big dreams and we hope that they come true. Best of luck Tayla and well done from your Rakaia School family.

Tayla's dreams are 100% self funded and so she will be doing a lot of fundraising but also looking for any assistance or advice. Maybe a sponsor could be interested in helping Tayla out?

**Absentees:** please use Rakaia School app to record absences first thing in the morning or ring the school office before 8.55am. Leave a message if no one answers.

You can download the school app for **free** from the App store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) on compatible iPhones, iPads, Android phones and Android tablets. Just search for "Rakaia School" to find the app.

The app enables you to see our events calendar, newsletters, key weblinks and school contacts, as well as report absentees and receive alerts.

**Duffy Caught being Good Mum Award:** we are celebrating our wonderful Mums, thanks to the Duffy Foundation with a special book and award. To win this we ask children to bring a photo of their Mum and write a brief blurb of what Mum is doing in the picture. Please bring this to school, put in classroom box by May 26th. These will be displayed in the library and at the next Full school assembly one of these Mums will be awarded the special Duffy Prize.

**Book Week:** Book week will run from Monday 22nd - Friday the 26th of May. Books will be on sale in the library before school from 8.30am and after school 2.55 - 3.30pm. There will be no sales on the Wednesday due to Cross Country.

Friday of book week we will have a dress up day with the theme of 'Bookaneer' which is pirate themed. Children can come dressed up in "pirate theme" or as their favourite book character. More information about this will come home next week.



**Cross Country-** all classes are practising for our annual Cross Country which will be held on Wednesday 24th of May (p.p date 26th May) at 146 Harrisons Road - Dorie. This will begin at 12.15 pm. There is parking on the grass verge. More information will come home next week regarding buses and times. Cross Country is part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum so all children are expected to partake in practises and at the event. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for running.

**Egg Reminder-** Please think carefully about **NOT** sending eggs to school; this includes quiche, bacon and egg pie or egg sandwiches. This is due to Maddie (Room 2) having a severe egg allergy. Maddie has anaphylactic reactions that can be life threatening and so it is very important that students and teachers working with Maddie understand and respect her needs. Her allergy is so severe that holding her hand after touching eggs will set things off.

**Team Ako Developmental:** Team Ako have an open morning this Friday 9.00 -10.00. This is a chance for parents and whanau to come and see what we do during developmental time and join in if they wish.

#### **Year 7/8 Work Experience & 5/6 Community Work:**

As part of the Year 7/8 curriculum and the Social Sciences curriculum the Year 7/8s have been completing work around goal setting, identifying their own skills and learnt how to apply for a job as part of this they will then complete a day work experience to gain an insight into the job, learn new skills, develop an awareness for their own skills and qualities and understand the process of applying for a job.

**This will take place on Wednesday 21st of June, however requires support from our community. We need businesses or workplaces that would host two of our students for the day. If you can help with this please let Mrs Paul, Mr Dawson or the school office know as soon as possible.**

Similarly, we need the same for our Year 5/6 students as they are completing work around community and partnerships within Rakaia. This will take place on Thursday the 29th of June. If you can help with this please let us know.

**Sausages :** Rakaia School Support Group are running weekly Friday sausages sizzles during Term 2. \$2 sausage in bread or \$1.50 GF. Orders to the office by 9am Fridays with money, child's name and room.

