

Welcome to term 4 2017

We all hope you had a great holiday break with the children and are ready for the last term of learning in 2017. It will be a very busy term with a lot to fit in so please check the school website, Facebook page and the app. We are endeavouring to make sure you have the information in as many places as possible.

It is term 4 so all children need a sun safe hat to wear. This is not a cap but must have a brim to keep the sun off. Children without hats will be asked to play in the shade.

We have held interviews in the school holidays for positions in 2018. All of the successful applicants have been notified and we await their written confirmations so we can advise you all of the changes for the next year.

Mrs Bonnington will be on maternity leave for all of 2018 as will Mrs Young. Mrs Paul will remain on leave until June when she will consider her options for returning to work after the birth of Zoey.

Mrs Doody is resigning after a truly influential time at Rakaia School and we will be holding a morning tea celebration for her on Monday December 11th. This will be a chance for all current parents and students to wish her the best in her retirement (I am sure Mrs Doody will be back to relieve in some capacity). Past parents, students and community members will be invited to attend as well to make sure we wish Pauline all the best and thank her appropriately for her service to the Rakaia community. Respectfully Pauline has asked for no fuss, but it is appropriate she has the send off she deserves. If you have photos of old classes and events at school with Mrs Doody please hunt them out so we can begin to copy them. We would appreciate them dropped into the office to create a photo board for the day. We will also be collecting messages from everyone and ask you to extend your facebook influence and mention the event so everyone gets the right information.

Monday, 16 October

Swimming Week - Team Ako Rooms 1 and

Tuesday, 17 October

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Wednesday, 18 October

Swimming Week - Team Ako Rooms 1 and

Thursday, 19 October

Swimming Week - Team Ako Rooms 1 and

Manual training

Friday, 20 October

Swimming Week - Team Ako Rooms 1 and

Team Mahi Tahi assembly

Friday, 27 October

Athletics Day

Monday, 30 October

Athletics PP Day

Wednesday, 1 November

Manual training (please note change of day)

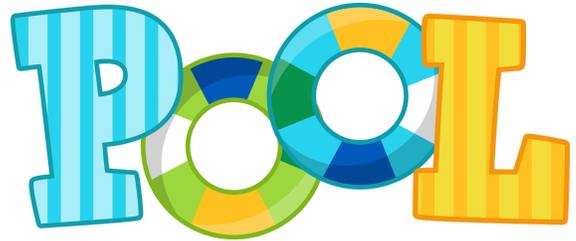
Thursday, 2 November

Pet Day

Friday, 3 November



School Swimming Pool - We are working on getting the pool ready for the 2018 season. Our last Pool person cannot continue and I am in the process of getting a certified person to oversee the pool however it will not be able to be open without the support of the parents. I will need volunteers to test the water daily and this will include an evening check and a morning check. I will also need someone to oversee the management of the filter and backwashing.



It is a challenge and I think the best way to do this is to roster it and if you can help then we can reduce your key cost. The pool runs at a loss for the school every year but we continue to keep it open for the children in the junior school and also those hot days when the community key holders can make use of it.

If you can offer to help one day a week then that will be great. I need at least 8 people to get a system underway with a set day for you and if you are unavailable then you can organise your swaps. Please advise the office as soon as you can and we can organise a meeting in November to get things sorted.

Wood off cuts: Ako Syndicate would appreciate any off cuts that you can spare for our Discovery Time. Not treated wood though. Thank you.

If you are interested in playing softball please get in touch with Michelle Jones (0273463325) or Anita Freer (0277225772) as soon as possible.



Events to be aware of:

Ako Swim week	Monday October 16	All this week
Labour Day	Monday October 23	No school that day.
Athletics Day	Friday October 27	With Dorie and ACS
Full School Assembly	Monday 30 October	2.15pm in Mahitahi
Pet Day	Thursday November 2	Lots of fun.
Whanau Swimming	Monday November 6	All that week
John Parsons	Thursday November 23	Digital awareness workshops