

Newsletter Monday August 6 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Another busy week begins and School photos happen tomorrow August 7th. Please ensure children have the correct uniform and everything is clean and tidy for the big day. Year 8 to wear their shirts and we will get a Year 8 photo done as well.

Thank you very much to those who attended the assembly. It was great to have Daniel and Alan there sharing some of their musical talent before they start to offer the music lessons. Please make contact directly with Daniel and we can see how it develops.



It was another great opportunity to share in the success of our students and we appreciate you all coming to join us.

Thank you also to those who made the school interviews last week. Turnout was very low and we would dearly love to see you all and urge you to make the time to get to an interview with the staff.

Please make direct contact through the school emails which you can access on the school app. We have mid year reports for you to follow your children's progress.

Download our **free** school app 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.



Allergy Reminder - Can we express the fact that we have a student with a high egg allergy alert and she may require an epipen as intervention if egg substances are present. Please no sharing lunches and a reminder if cakes come to school for birthdays we need to ensure you have considered this issue for us please. We had a delayed reaction last term that caused some very uncomfortable symptoms for her.

BOT Comment - Teacher's Strike - Good Afternoon,

I'm sure the holidays are a bit of a memory now and all school families are right back into it. On an important note, I am sure you are aware that the union staff at Rakaia School are involved with some pay negotiations presently. This may result in strike action on the Wednesday 15th August that will affect the whole day.

This is an important event, one that has not happened within 24 years. The Board of Trustees had a special meeting over the weekend to discuss how this may affect our community, staff and support team.

It is important to recognise that the Rakaia School Board of Trustees have elected to support our teachers on this occasion.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

The school will need to close during this strike.

Thank you for your understanding. The situation is dynamic and negotiations are continuing through the week, I will keep you updated with developments. Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Yours sincerely
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Tuesday, 7 August
School Photos
Friday, 10 August
Team Mahi Tahi assembly @ 2.15pm
Monday, 13 August
Mahi Tahi Swimming
Tuesday, 14 August
Mahi Tahi Swimming
1:00pm TOD 3 for COL - School clo
Wednesday, 15 August
Mahi Tahi Swimming
NZEI Teachers Strike - SCHOOL CLOSE
Thursday, 16 August
Mahi Tahi Swimming
Friday, 17 August
Mahi Tahi Swimming
Team Whanau assembly at 9am in room