

Dear parents and Caregivers

Welcome to week 3

It has been a busy start to the term with the swimming carnival and assemblies. The events this week are also upon us quickly with the Year 5-6 Cricket tournament and also the ACS and Dorie swimming sports at the EA Network centre.

Tomorrow evening, Tuesday February 12, we will hold our meet the teacher evenings. We invite you to school at 6pm for the Team Ako meeting, 6.30pm for Team Whanau and 7pm for Mahi Tahī meeting. This is a chance to find out more about a regular school day and what your children can do at school. BOT members will be present as well to hear and answer questions as well.

If you are wanting your children to take part in Kapa Haka then let the office know please. We are getting together a group of 40 or so students to get ready for the Hakatere Festival. Primarily Year 3-8 students but all considered with your permission and contact.

Congratulations to the following who are competing at the ACS and Dorie/Rakaia swimming sports on Wednesday February 13.

Melissa Mattson, Jarrod Geeson, Paige Hart, Malaika Dunlea, Lachie Jones, Sam Kennerley, Summer Gulleford, Pippa Jones, Isla Hart, Faith Tait, Haymesh Francis, Tayla Davidson, Meadow Gulleford, Tara Annan, Allelie-Rose Anday

This Friday is Whanau Assembly at 2.25pm and we invite you to attend. It is a great opportunity to see what the children have been up to and to share in some of their successes.



Enrolments now open

Monster Music (Formerly Daniel Hitchens Music) is again offering music lessons at Rakaia School in 2019. Do you want to learn how to play Drums, Guitar or Ukulele in a modern and relevant way? Choose an option below and get in touch before spaces fill up!



Drums

Available in either private lessons or small group lessons



Guitar

Available in either private lessons or small group lessons



Beginner Guitar Group

This is a group starting for beginner Guitar players with no experience.



Ukulele

Available in either private lessons or small group lessons

For more information and pricing

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The first **BOT** meeting of the term will be held Monday evening February 18th at 6.30pm. These meetings are open to the public however speaking rights need to be organised through the chair. Elections will be held later this year and we do encourage you to think about standing if you are interested in supporting your school. We do know that there are some changes at the drawing board with the recent review of education and this has created some questions about what a BOT may look like in the future but it is better to be involved at the start of change rather than entering the discussion later.

What does a board do?

First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents, community and the Crown. The board also has the overall responsibility and accountability for the school | kura.

The legal responsibilities of boards of trustees are determined by the Education Act of 1989. Schedule 6 of the Act outlines the functions and powers of boards:

4 (1) A board is the governing body of its school.

(2) A board is responsible for the governance of the school, including setting the policies by which the school is to be controlled and managed.

5 (1) A board's primary objective in governing the school is to ensure that every student at the school is able to attain his or her highest possible standard in educational achievement.

(2) To meet the primary objective, the board must—

(a) ensure that the school—

- (i) is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff; and
- (ii) is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs.



Thank you very much to the parents who have returned the pink slips with updates for the students. We appreciate the prompt reply so we can be aware of new numbers and addresses.

Please remember to download the school app if you haven't yet. Keep an eye on the facebook page and enjoy the updates.

Have a great week.