

Newsletter March 19 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Wow! Easter is almost here and I am sure you know that this means a long weekend. Schools also get the Tuesday off so children will be due back April 4 to a very short 3 day week. The school term finishes April 13 and starts again for Term 2 on April 30th.

The School holidays will again include ANZAC Day where we invite all the children who can be there to march with the school and attend the service. Please keep an eye out in the Rakaia News.

AGM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This Thursday evening at 7pm we will hold the AGM for the School Support group. We actively encourage you to attend to help this group carry on the tremendous work in the school.

Please join us for Coffee and Cake at 7pm and bring a friend with you. Thank you.

A huge congratulations to Tayla Davidson who has been chosen to represent NZ at the 11th World Karate Federation Camp and Tournament in Croatia. Tayla travels there in July and will be fundraising for the \$7500 trip and with local support hopes she can bring home another medal and World Championship like she did in Australia last year.

In this newsletter Tayla has the support of Harvey's Bakehouse and family orders for pies and savouries. If you are interested please support her and place an order.

Rakaia School Policies and Procedures

Last year we made changes and joined the School Docs environment making all school policies and procedures available to you online. The online page is

<http://rakaia.schooldocs.co.nz/> The user name is **Rakaia** and the password is **Dunford**

We encourage you to view this page and contribute to reviews. This term we have a review on home learning and it is available for your comment.



Changes in Education - <http://www.education.govt.nz/>

There are some large changes that may occur in our Education system and a stakeholder review is planned for this year. If you are interested in reading any information and updates then please use the Ministry of Education website to read and watch the proposed changes and any information they provide.

BOT Update

Hello everyone, we've had a bit going on so I'd thought I'd share some thoughts.

In this issue you will find the SSG Playground project. This will be the final consultation you will have officially - so please indicate if you are happy with the fitness trail, or you would like something else. Now is the time to consider another trampoline due to some drainage works planned. The dollar figures go up pretty quick the larger the structure!

SSG are having their AGM this week (Thursday night 7.00pm Mahi Tahi) and are looking to fill some key positions. We need to support this important charitable organisation as they are dedicated to raising funds for the school. If you wish to be involved, or want to find out more - just turn up!

Next Monday (26th) is BOT meeting night. Not the best one to attend due to the fact we are asking for an update around data from the SLT (senior leadership team) for the Term. You are welcome to turn up for the bits we can share with you and as always contact me if you have something for us to consider.

We have some property enhancement in the pipeline, with tenders going out this month. This is part of something called the 10y property plan. The ministry provides these funds to ensure their building stay in good shape. We identify which areas need attention and try and plan for future needs. We would like to make the staff room and offices functional, provide a waterproof veranda along the main block and do some work with drainage in front of the Room 7/8 block.

Have a great week and start thinking about firewood.

Grant Lorimer
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Thursday, 22 March
Year 7/8 Technology
Friday, 23 March
2:30pm Team Ako Assembly
Thursday, 29 March
Year 7/8 Technology
Tuesday, 3 April
Easter Tuesday - school closed.
Thursday, 5 April
Canterbury Swimming Sports
Year 7/8 Technology
Friday, 6 April
2:15pm Full School Assembly
Thursday, 12 April
Year 7/8 Technology
Thursday, 3 May
Year 7/8 Technology
Thursday, 10 May
Year 7/8 Technology
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