

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to week 3 of the term and we are engaged in our learning with the following topics for the classes and teams :

It is our Arts term and so the children are producing pieces to share at the end of term exhibition on Thursday September 24

- Year 7-8 Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Marr - IMYC concept Relationships. Nature/Living World theme for art exhibition.
- Mahi Tahi Y5/6 IPC topic Making New Materials. Using a range of different materials to create sculptures, art pieces etc.
- Whanau IPC topic Footprints from the Past. Making 3D collaborative art for sponsors. A range of other pieces relating to the topic by Amanda and Simone.
- Ako 3 IPC Our World. Ako 1 and Ako 2 - focusing on art from different areas of the world.

**EPro8** - The EPro8 Challenge is an engineering and problem solving competition. Every year over 10,000 students from 800 schools throughout New Zealand take part.

Teams compete to:

- build large sized structures
- solve practical problems
- engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles
- invent simple machines
- undertake fun experiments
- construct electronic circuits
- solve practical maths problems

The top teams from each town or area qualify for the regional semifinals and a regional grand final events. The winning team will be crowned the region's EPro8 Challenge Champion.

Congratulations to the teams who took part in this event .

This is a picture of Bena, Ben, Cash and Cooper after winning the year 5-6 competition by just 10 points. Well done and a big thanks to the supporters for transport and your time.



**Swim Week** - Next week is the beginning of 9 days swimming for the Mahitahi team. All children will need their togs at school and will travel to Ashburton by bus for this part of the curriculum. The Year 7-8 children will still attend Technology on the Monday and therefore will have 7 days swimming.

**Student Hui prep** - I will be travelling to Methven next Tuesday with our school leaders to look at the preparation for the next Student Hui for our Kahui Ako. I am sure Melissa and Isla will represent the school and the opinions of our students well. A selected few students can attend in September when the hui is held.

**Our Heartfelt sympathies** - go out to Matua Te Huaki Puanaki who tutors our kapa haka group. His wife passed away suddenly in the weekend and so he will be away until further notice. Te Huaki has worked with us for almost 4 years and is a talented musician and tutor. We send our love and aroha to Te Huaki and his Whanau.

*With  
Deepest  
Sympathy*

**School BOT meeting** - our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday night at 6.30pm in the school staffroom. The public are always welcome and we encourage anyone who may wish to be on the BOT to start attending. We will be having elections later this year for some positions on the BOT. It is a wonderful way to serve the school and your children.



**Soup and Kahoot** - Thursday August 19th from 6pm. We invite you all to a great night out at school.

Hopefully we can get some support from you all to supply some soup for the night in crock pots and the school will provide the fun entertainment with a quiz night using the Kahoot platform.

The aim of the night is to have fun at school and soak up the collaboration and atmosphere at Rakaia school where we care about you and your children.

Please do your best to come along and bring a friend. I am sure it will be a fun night to be had by all.

Please register in the office if you will supply soup. We had about 50 people last time and so will need about 5 pots of soup to support the evening. If anyone has contacts for buns that would be helpful as well.

**BOOK WEEK: Dress up Friday 28th August with a jungle theme. Dress up assembly will be at approximately 10.15am. The usual BOOK FAIR will be running from the 24th-28th August, so please come into the office and have a look. A portion of all sales goes to the school.**