

Newsletter 19th of June 2017

Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome to Week 8.

It has been a busy time here with lots of exciting learning happening.



In the Ako team the children have been having a wonderful doing PMP on Tuesday afternoons. If you are free to help out with this, we would love to see you. On Fridays the children take part in their developmental programme and it is wonderful to see children hammering away, painting, taking turns and being creative.

The Whanau team have been excited to be getting their 'Flat Stanley's' back from all over New Zealand and the world. This inquiry learning has meant the children are learning about different cultures and how these differ from our own.

In Mahi Tahi the Year 7/8 's have been fortunate to have Youri come out from Christchurch to teach them skills and rules of Korfbal. A team will be picked to represent Rakaia at a tournament in Christchurch on July 3rd.

School Sponsors - Please support them where you can!

I have been working with our current sponsors of the classrooms and newsletter as we prepare to reprint the newsletter and move into another sponsorship year.

It is important to realise that their donations support the school to release money in other areas. We encourage you to support these sponsors with any work or service they can offer you at home or in your own workplace.

Currently our classroom sponsors are:

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| Hitplay | - Room 1 | Noti Raureka | Ako Team |
| Heartland Ricoh | - Room 2 | O Tu Roto | Ako Team |
| Ti Kouka Developments | - Room 3 | Okapoha | Ako Team |
| Rakaia 4 Square Railway Terrace | - Room 4 | Rakaia wai ki | Staffroom |
| Plucks Engineering | - Room 7 | Rakaia-wai Pakihi | Whanau Team |
| Stocker Dairy Plumb | - Room 8 | Whakamatau | Whanau Team |
| Dynamic Computer Services | - Room 10 | Mahitahi | Mahitahu Team |

Our newsletter sponsors also include local businesses like Rural Co, Rakaia Automotive, Cranfield Glass, Charlie Tomlin, Railway Tavern, ASB, Rakaia Mobil, Roberta Rutledge and Laser Electrical.

Fidget spinners

These seem to be the new thing on the block. Many of the children are bringing them to school but not actually using them for the purpose and therefore they are treated as a toy.

The School's decision is that they are welcome at school for use at breaks but not in class. While being used in class we have had more distractions with them being lost or taken or shifted. Then children get off task solving the lost item and losing the momentum of work.

As for toys at school our advice is that anything bought to school is at risk and so it is your responsibility to talk with your children about how to care for them and where to put them when they are not being used.

If used in class then they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.



Interviews/ reports - School to close at 1pm on August 1st 2017

School interviews for years 4-8 will be held on August 1st and 2nd in week 2 term 3. These are three-way conferences and the children are encouraged to attend so they hear exactly what is said about their progress and next steps.

Go to this page and use the code **j6zwd** to make your booking

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?z=CWsTSR>

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Gretchen in the school office can book this for you if you have any difficulty.

A big thank you to the 'Cake Fairy' who kindly left a cake in the staffroom last week with a note of appreciation. It was very much appreciated by the staff, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Good luck to Chris, Mikayla and Faith who are off to Christchurch on Wednesday for the Canterbury Schools Cross Country.

Coming up:

Wednesday June 21st: Wig Wednesday; wear your wacky wig or hairstyle and bring a donation for The Child Care Foundation.

Friday June 23rd: Team Ako Assembly 2.30pm and Friday Sausage Sizzle

Friday June 30th: Full School Assembly 2.15pm