

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Newsletter Wednesday April 4

The staff all hope you had a wonderful Easter break. If anyone managed to see Ed Sheeran we hope you enjoyed it and negotiated the traffic safely.

It is a very short week with a Full School assembly on Friday at 2.15pm. Please join us to celebrate with all of the school and we may see some of you at the Rakaia Sports awards on Saturday night.

School Survey - The BOT are currently working on the development of the next Strategic Plan. To ensure we have your voice in this document we will be conducting an online survey. This will be sent as a link on the School App and Facebook page. We encourage you to grab a cup of tea and fill it in. We do anticipate it being a 15-20 minute activity that will provide us with vital information.

To encourage the completion of the survey we will be offering a family pass to the movies and Partnership tokens for the children in the families who complete this for us.

We will also have some printed versions in the school office if this is a better way for you to connect.

Survey link - <https://goo.gl/D9qUUf>



Rippa Rugby went well this year and we appreciated all the support from parents with transport and management. Thank you so much.

Big Changes coming in Education - The Government has launched *the Education Conversation* | *Kōrero Mātauranga* and wants to hear the views of all New Zealanders who have an interest in education.

The Ministry of Education has set up a [website](#) to encourage children, young people, parents, teachers, employers, iwi, families and whānau to share their views about building not just a better education system, but the world's best. There's an online public survey, and a hashtag for promoting the discussion on social media (#EdConvo18). This public conversation, as well as the hui planned for May this year, will provide input for the review of Tomorrow's Schools, and other important education policy initiatives such as the 30-year plan for education.

Please take time to comment if you can. <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/>

Drive in movie

Rakaia Toy Library has combined with Rotary Neighbourhood Project and Firefly to bring Rakaia its first ever Drive In Movie! The Movie that will be showing is Moana.

Hot food from the Lions van, Shotz Coffee Van, Popcorn, candy floss and fizzy drinks will be available. Face painting from 5.30-7pm.

Tickets are \$30 per vehicle (max of 8 people per car please) OR \$8 for an individual.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM
<http://www.firefly.nz/movie/moana-rakaia/>



<https://www.facebook.com/events/844103122426>

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The School Morning

8.30am the children enter school to start the day. This is a time for them to settle in and see their friends before tuition starts.

During this time teachers welcome interaction with parents to say hi and catch up and make appointments.

If you have a deeper discussion or concern to raise then please make an appointment so it can have the listening ears and time required rather than a busy morning with children floating about.

My staff are available as part of an open door policy but not to be yelled at or confronted in front of other pupils.
Thank you.

