

Newsletter July 31st 2017

Kia Ora koutou

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Week two is underway with a very icy touch to the mornings. Please be very careful with ice coming into school and encourage your children to use the paths not the grass. I would also remind all parents to indicate when pulling into and out of car parks. The staff have seen several cases of no indicators and the Police have been asked to keep an eye on the school at key times to ensure the children are safe. Thank you.



Thank you to those who made it to the full school assembly on Friday. We had a different approach with a TV show theme and I think it worked well although some children took a little time to settle back into routine. Congratulations to all awards recipients.

School closes at 1pm tomorrow Tuesday August 1st for year 4-8 interviews. Buses will be running at 1pm. The interview bookings have closed and if you have missed a slot then please make contact with your class teacher to make another suitable appointment. We prefer e-mail as a point of contact especially after some staff have been getting texts after 10pm at night looking for answers to questions. It is our aim to be available and to communicate effectively but i think that texting a teacher after hours needs some clarification.

Our staff are available from 8-5 every day for normal work conversations but we ask respectfully that all staff have private phones and if they have given their number to you and you text outside these hours their response time will, ideally, be within a 24 hour period. Many of us use our phones as alarms and they stay on at night by the bed but to be woken by a text at 10 or 11pm at night is not helpful. We do realise it may be delayed from your provider but ask for some consideration please when wanting to talk with staff after hours. E-mail is best. Thank you.

### **School Policy Reviews - using Schooldocs**

**We have current reviews in place and welcome your feedback.**

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

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1. Visit the website <http://rakaia.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

2. Enter the username (rakaia) and password (dunford).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

## The NED Show

Today we had the NED show at school sharing the



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This is a free show due to the fact we have merchandise for sale over the next 5 days in the school office. Please feel free to call into school to have a look and purchase if you wish.

Please talk with your children about the show.

Thank you for your anticipated support. Proceeds from sales make the show available for the next school to view for free as well.

## School Support Group Reminders:

- The next SSG meeting will be held Friday August 11 at 1.45pm in Room 4. All welcome to attend.
- Vege Soup is now Week 3,. Dates: Wed 9th = Ako, Thurs 10th = Whanau, Fri 11th = Mahi Tahi. Please check in with Lara Reihana if you can help on any of those days.



- Secretary - is anyone interested in taking on the Secretary position for SSG please come along to the meeting on Friday August 11 or contact Lara at school. Thank you.