

April 9 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the last week of term 1. I am sure it will be a fabulous week and thank you very much to all who attended the full school assembly on Friday where we celebrated achievements and covered other notices.



Congratulations to our very own Tayla Davidson who won the Rakaia Junior Sports Awards at the Rakaia Sports award event in the weekend. Tayla had some stiff competition but the judges saw her dedication and achievements stand out and she subsequently was crowned Junior Sportsperson of 2017

A copy of her bio is included below - and Tayla is still looking for any generous sponsors to help her compete in Croatia later this year. We wish her all the best in her travels and karate studies.

Tayla Davidson

A notice to all, don't mess with Tayla. Tayla started Karate four years ago and in this short time at the age of 11yrs has gained 1st Kyu which is one grade away from black belt. Tayla can't grade to black belt until she turns 12. Training 4-5 nights a week in Christchurch and

attending all 2 day Karate NZ camps in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, Tayla has achieved excellent results winning 10 Gold medals. Her list of successes is long therefore I will mention just a couple of her highlights. In 2016 Tayla won double Gold at her clubs nationals for Kata (pattern of moves showing technique) and Kumite (fighting), she won Gold at Karate New Zealand Canterbury invitational in both Kata and Kumite with competition coming from around NZ. In 2017 Tayla won Gold at the Otago-South Island Primary/Secondary schools for Kumite, won Gold at the Canterbury/Westland Champs in Kata. Her highlight for 2017 must be at the GKR Worlds on the Gold Coast with more than 1000 competitors over 3 days and 20 + competitors in her division from New Zealand, Australia, United Kingdom and USA. Tayla won both the Kata and Kumite gold's to become a double world champion. Please welcome Tayla Davidson.

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>

RAKAIA LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT - Major School Fundraiser 2018

Rakaia School Support Group has been given the opportunity to organise the Rakaia Lions Charity Golf Tournament, this will be a major fundraiser for the new Fitness Trail.

The tournament is to be held at the Rakaia Golf Course on Sunday the 3rd of June 2018 and we need your help to make this a terrific success, there are many things that you could help with:

- arranging sponsorship or prizes (or maybe the business you own or work in would like to sponsor)
- prizes and sponsorships need to be collected
- volunteers are needed to help set up signage and deliver prizes on the morning of the tournament
- help in the kitchen later in the day with the dinner and clean up
- also people are needed to run the food and drinks caravan on the course during the day
- and we need golf players, this would be a great event for a group of friends or work mates (\$35 per person gets you 18 holes of golf, morning and afternoon tea and dinner + numerous spot prizes)

Please help us promote this golf match as the more teams we have the better. If anyone can help with any of these things please let one of the contacts below know, or if you require more details don't hesitate to be in touch. Many hands make light work and the new fitness trail will be a great asset for the school and community.



Thanks	Lara Reihana	027 2266134
	Jody Baker	021 1535589
	Clare Stewart	027 4190020

Wellington Camp fundraiser - Burger and Sausage sizzle this Friday order forms to the office by Wednesday 11th April.