

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the beginning of school at Level 2.

We can assure you we are following the Health Departments suggestions and we have sanitisers in each room and for the children as they arrive at school. They are being encouraged to wash their hands often and also follow basic hygiene rules.

We are thrilled to have the students back at school and it was wonderful to see their smiling faces at the gate this morning. Thank you for understanding the request for parents to not come in unless necessary. We had 5 parents come in to help settle their children and they all followed the process well.

I want to pass on a huge thank you to all of the families for your efforts over the lockdown. We have done well as a school to continue our engagement and connections.

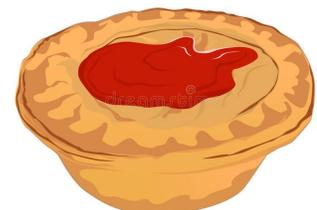


Now is the time for some kindness and understanding as we settle back into school. The return rate was very high this morning with only a few families away. We have made contact with those who have not returned and hope to see their children very soon.

Please stay in contact with the school app, facebook page and your emails as we continue to update you with any changes to the school system or operation.

We will start the **Pie warmers** tomorrow. The children can bring an item to be heated for lunch. It must be in tin foil and named clearly. It will be collected and delivered to them for lunch by the senior pupils.

Ako	Whanau	Mahitahi
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday



We have had a timetable change for winter and to improve the working time in the morning. The children get three eating times (40 minutes), four learning times (4 and half hours) and 2 play times(50 minutes)

Timetable - bell times	Play, Eat, Learn
8.55am	Learning 1
10.00 am	Eating 1
10.10 am	Learning 2
11.10 am	Play 1
11.30 am	Eating 2
11.45 am	Learning 3
1pm	Play 2
1.30 pm	Eating 3
1.45 pm	Learning 4
2.55 pm	End of day

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We are going to have a second hand uniform sale this week but as with all other things at the moment it will be a little different.

The sale will be held at the double gates beside the office on Wednesday the 20th of May from 2.30 till 3.30pm. We will require everyone to write their name and phone number down for tracing and there will be hand sanitizer for everyone to use before touching any garments. We ask that there only be two people at the table at a time and everyone else waits at a safe distance, so some patience will be required please.

We have a list of stock so can check for what you need before we look through the bins of garments. No cash this time we will give you the Rakaia School Support bank account number for you to put the money in that day if possible, your name will recorded and the amount so the treasurer can check the money off.

If you can't make it to the sale you can text me your requirements and I will have a look and let you know. We do welcome any donations of uniforms, thank you for your co operation and support.

Thank you Clare Stewart
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