

Newsletter Friday March 6 2009

Dear Parents and caregivers

Welcome to the end of week 5. We are half way through the first term already. The children are very busy with their work and we have made the final staffing changes to the school with the appointment of Miss Anita Winter to teach our Year 4 pupils in Room 6. This room will be refurbished in the School Holidays and so Anita is working out of the library.

We had larger than desirable numbers in Rooms 5 and 3 and so a decision was made at the BOT meeting to employ a 6<sup>th</sup> teacher for the remainder of the year. The Year 2, 3 and 4 classes are now separate and the numbers are very manageable. The BOT also finalized decisions for a new playground extension and tidy up as well as the lease of 6 more computers for the school to meet the increase in numbers. We will be working on a very favourable ratio of 1 computer to 5 children in the school.

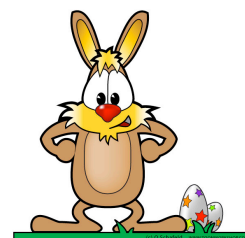
Our School assembly was held today and we finalized responsibilities for the students. Congratulations to:

- School Leaders :** Ashleigh Carmichael McBride and Kayti Carrick
- House Captains:** Cody Elvy, Lacie Williams, Ashleigh Wilson, Thomas Heywood
- Librarian:** Jordon Lima
- Physical Activity Leaders:** Jordyn Clark, Hanah Helem, Sophie Moore, Amanda Hamilton-White, Sarah O'Reilly, Dana Logan-Leech, Dylan Williams, Jordin Robertson
- Tech Team:** Simon O'Reilly, Daniel Rawlings, Chris and Joel Altenburg, James Wild, Ryan Jackson
- School Council:** Nikita Glasson, Hailey Bonney, Michael Grange, James Wild, Ryan Geeson, Annya Rawlings, Riley Langley, Felix Gore

### **School Support**

We are holding a School Support meeting on Thursday at 2pm in the Staff room to welcome new parents and discuss the fundraising for the year. The School Support group are the parents in the school who give up their time to manage the fundraising efforts of the school as well as supporting us with Sausages and Discos and events for the children. Without their support extra work would be placed on staff and our fundraising would be more difficult to manage. We would love to see you there so put it in your diaries for **2pm Thursday March 12.**

**Easter Raffle** – We are still collecting Easter items for the raffle so please drop in your donations to the office and we will get the tickets out to you soon. We have lots of Chocolate so any thing else or novelty-based items would be appreciated.



**The School Support group will now be selling meat patties and sausages at the Friday BBQ. We still encourage orders to be in on Thursday so we can plan for the required numbers. \$1.50 per item in a named envelope please.**

### **Rakaia Rugby Club**



**Registration Day is 18<sup>th</sup> of March 4pm-6pm.**

**Questions to Mark Boag 0274383846 or 3027457**

Rippa Rugby started last week with a lot of fun and vigor. Please check your children's bag for the Tuesday draw.

### **BOT Casual Vacancy**

**Marion Logan has resigned from the BOT and so we have a vacancy to fill. We wish Marion all the best and have appreciated her input to our meetings and her passion around children's educational opportunities.**

**Therefore:**

The Rakaia BOT has a casual vacancy for an elected parent representative.

The BOT has resolved under section 105 of the education act to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson  
Rakaia Board of Trustees  
Dunford Street  
Rakaia

- **Please note the School Pool is now closed due to the weather and chemical levels. Keys can be returned to school and refunds will be organized.**
- **Does anyone have an older Fridge Freezer they are not using that we could put in the staffroom? We are running out of room. Thanks.**
- **Please also note that Head lice are again in our school. Room 5 has a reported case so has Room 3 and Room 1. Please check your children carefully and shampoo as required. Information is available at school.**

**Thank you.**