

Newsletter February 16 2009

Hello again everyone,

Week 3 has begun. Thank you very much to all of the parents and supporters who attended the assembly last week. It was tremendous to welcome the new pupils and to celebrate with the Principal's award recipients.

Principal's Awards February 13

Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
Ashleigh McBride	Daniel Hadfield	Nina Atkinson	Stacie Cameron	Samantha Doak
Connor Young	Casey Smith	Chris Stowell	Annya Rawlings	Danielle Morrison

Caught Being Good Awards

Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5
Joel Altenburg	Sarah O'Reilly	Amon Pongia	Moses McGoon	Claudia Brown

School Support Group

I would like to express my sincere (and overdue) thanks to the parents who helped with all the fundraising last year and to the organizers of the events. The School Support Group is an essential part of the school as they complete the fundraising efforts for the school and this money is directed back towards your children.

The first event for the 2009 calendar year is the Annual meeting on **March 12 at 2pm** in the School library. We would love to see you there especially if you are new to school. We will have a small afternoon tea and work through the AGM and events for the 2009 year.

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We will be having an Easter Raffle for term 1 and would gratefully accept any donations for this raffle. These donations will have an Easter theme and as in the past they will be grouped together into prize baskets. The children will have tickets sent home to sell and they will be drawn just before the end of term 1.

As principal of Rakaia School I see all parents as being involved in the School Support Group and would urge you to help where you can. It is a great chance to meet other parents and to support your children financially with the fundraising efforts.

Class Meetings – February 23

Our annual class meeting will be held on Monday February 23. This is a chance to meet your child/children's teacher and to hear about a normal day. The teacher will present their expectations for the children and discuss important issues for their room. This meeting is held in a group forum and individual meetings can be made with the teacher for another time.

Room 3	Room 1	Room 2	Room 5	Room 4
6pm	6.30pm	7pm	7.30pm	8pm
Miss Johnson	Mrs Marr	Miss HP	Mrs Breen	Mrs Doody

Swimming Sports - 7yrs – 13yrs

These will be held Wednesday at the Ashburton Community pool. All of the children will need to be seated by 11.45am. Events will begin at 12 noon.

Some children are traveling by bus and should have completed a note for this and should have paid the \$4 charge for this service. Please contact the office if you need more information.

The Swimming bus will leave school at 11.15am and all other swimmers will need to be collected by this time so staff can head away to prepare for the event. The bus will return for the normal afternoon school bus run

Second Hand Clothing

If you have any old uniform i.e. navy boys shorts that your child has out grown Mrs Doody would appreciate them.

Listed below are the Rippa Rugby Teams for the Ashburton competition starting Tuesday February 24.

Year 3-4	Year 5-6	Year 7-8
Rakaia Rams	Rakaia Redskins	Rakaia Raiders
Preston Docherty	Sarah O'Reilly	Ashleigh Carmichael-McBride
Jack Helem	Dana Logan - Leech	Damian Anderson
Shaun Robertson	Joshua Boag	Simon O'Reilly
Dominic Sonnenberg	Daniel Hadfield	Chris Altenburg
Laulelei Finau	Connor Young	Joel Altenburg
Jessica Lima	Dylan Williams	Lacie Williams
Daniel Stockdale	James Wild	
Tyla Harraway	Hannah Helem	

Community Notices

Rakaia Cubs – For Boys and Girls 7 years – 11 years held at the Rakaia Den on Tuesdays 6.30pm – 8pm weekly. If you are interested please contact Natasha on 3020908.