

Newsletter February 26 2009

Dear parents

Week 4 has begun and the weather seems to have changed. Please ensure that your children have suitable footwear at school and a jacket just incase the rain settles for the afternoon.

### **BOT News**

The BOT met last night for the first time this year and Julie Boag was reinstated as the Chairperson for the 2009 year. We also accepted Marion Logan's resignation from the BOT effective immediately. Marion has enjoyed her time of the BOT but wishes to devote her time to other things and feels that someone else in the community may want to work with the BOT to achieve their goals for the 2009 year.

We are looking for an interested person who may have skills in the financial area to assist the treasurer and add their voice to the governance of the school. Being a BOT member involves looking at the big picture of the school and supporting learning in other ways such as property enhancements, overseeing legislative requirements, discussing employer responsibilities. For some people it can be a little "dry" but we need BOT members with a vision to see our school into the future with support and inspiration. We meet twice a term as well as other little meetings from time to time and we undertake training and support.

If you are interested in looking at becoming a BOT member then please contact Mark at school or contact Julie Boag.

### **Exciting Staffing news – Sixth Teacher to start in Term 2.**

The BOT also voted last night to employ a sixth teacher for the school at the beginning of term 2. The teacher will be employed fulltime until the end of the year to work in Room 6, which will be refurbished very soon. This means that Room 3 and 5 will be split into classes for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 at the beginning of term 2. Miss Johnson will Teacher Year 2 in Room 3, Mrs Breen will teach Year 3 in Room 5 and the new teacher, to be appointed will teach Year 4 in Room 6. This helps keep all of our classrooms to very enviable numbers and supports a low teacher-pupil ratio for the children.

The funding for this position will come from reserves and money gathered from the rental of the school houses. We also put some money away for this eventuality last year. As Principal I am thrilled this is happening and I am grateful to the BOT for their support.

As a BOT we are also upgrading the library this year. This money comes from the government as part of our capital expenditure. The library will be carpeted and heat pumps installed as well as some pinboard to tidy it up and give space for displays. A donation from

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the Scott family will also see new books purchased, trees planted and a new playground built with the assistance of a \$10000 pub charity grant we have received.

It will be a tremendous year ahead and we are aiming to get the roll to a stage where all classrooms are utilized and we can maintain the sixth teacher with government funding. We all hope that you can see the BOT and staff are working hard to provide a great education for your children.

### **County Swimming Sports – Tuesday March 3**

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to attend the Ashburton County swimming sports on Tuesday March 3. A note has been given to your children.

James Wild	Kees Young	Mary Roberts
Josh Boag	Connor Young	Hannah Helem
Dana Logan-Leech	Thomas Heywood	Cody Elvy

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### **Celebrate Children's Day**

Children's day is March 1<sup>st</sup> and there will be activities and events at the Ashburton Race Course from 10am – 2pm. All activities and entry are free. Please put this on your calendar.

## **REMINDERS**

- Rakaia Netball Club – Junior Registration and trial is Wednesday March 11 at the ATS Courts Rakaia. 4pm registration and 4.30pm trial. Wet or fine. Bring appropriate footwear and a drink.
- Enquiries to Bronwyn Allred 3022838 / 0273266261  
Colleen Beatty 3027497 / 02102345708
- Manual Training is This Friday 27 February and next Wednesday March 4
- Sausage Sizzle is held every Friday at school. Sausages are \$1.50 and we would like orders on Thursday now please to prepare the sausages so we do not over order.