

Welcome to term 3

Welcome back to another busy term in our inspirational school. We hope you were able to check out the issue of the Guardian on Monday that had the school featured. The children may also want to watch the Erin Simpson show next Monday where we think Mrs Marr may be on the show after the crew came to school last term and caught her out with the help of the Room One students.



We have a busy term ahead with assemblies and visits from groups.

Event Calendar – as of today

Friday 24 July	Winter Sport Practice Year 5-8
Monday July 27	Year 5-8 Indoor Bowls team to play in Ashburton
Friday July 31	Assembly 2.15pm
Monday August 3	Swimming Year 0-4 Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6
Wednesday August 5	Visit from Kahurangi Dance Group \$2 per child please
Thursday August 6	Winter Sports Tournament Years 5-8 in Ashburton
Monday August 10	Indoor Bowls team and Junior swimming
Tuesday 11 August	Room 1 and 2 Indoor Bowls
Wednesday August 12	Tennis Years 3 and 4
Thursday August 13	Ski Day – Mt Hutt
Friday August 14	Assembly 2.15pm
Monday August 17	Junior Swimming
Wednesday August 19	Tennis Years 3 and 4
Monday August 24	Indoor Bowls team and Junior swimming
Friday August 28	Assembly 2.15pm
Monday August 31	Visit from Bob Bickerton Musician
Friday September 4	Cultural festival in Ashburton-some groups performing
Friday September 11	Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday September 24	School Concert at night
Friday September 25	Assembly 2.15pm

Welcome to School

Fletcher Rhodes, Chelsea Bennett, Harry Ford who have all started in room 4. I am not sure if we had welcomed **Feao Manu and Jack Docherty** to school they are also in Room 4 with Mrs Doody. We have also welcomed **William Perry** to Room 1 last term. It is great to have you all at Rakaia School.

We have had to shift a few children through to Room 3 and I am sure they are enjoying their new classroom. The school continues to grow with a current roll of 128 and growing this term to approximately 132. Our new classroom will hopefully get underway this term for a 2010 finish. The new room will be for the seniors and we hope to have a straight Year 7-8 class next year for that room. Numbers are the important thing and we will keep you up to speed with developments for next year.

Next week we welcome an American teacher Miss Emily Berg to school. She is on an exchange to Rakaia for 3 weeks and the children will all have a chance to meet her.

We are very grateful to Miss Johnson for her work in getting Emily to Rakaia and look forward to working with her.

Some Reminders

Please talk to the children about their stationery requirements as we hit the mid part of the year. Some children are needing to replenish glue sticks and pencils so they are all ready for a days work. These can be purchased at school or in Ashburton.

We would encourage some of the older boys to have a change of clothes for their rugby games at lunchtime. This will stop their uniforms getting dirty and their knees bringing in half of the field to the classroom. It is also important that all of the children are warm at school as well. If they do not have a school sweatshirt to wear please aim to get them into a blue one. Pink and red stand out and are not school colours.

As we all lead very busy lives with work, sports practices, homework and friends and family commitments the occasional reminder for the children to look after their basic hygiene can be missed. Please encourage the hand washing at home, brushing teeth, combing hair, putting out dirty clothes instead of wearing them again the next day showering every day or second day and the use of deodorant if children are getting older. It can be unpleasant for children and teachers to have to call you or talk quietly to your children if they require some reminders of these basic hygiene standards in our families.



Junior swimming starts on August 3 at the community pool in Ashburton. The subsidized cost for this is \$30 per pupil for 9 lessons. We have 3 this term and 6 next term. The children travel by bus and parents are welcome to travel their own way to Ashburton to watch the children. We have 82 children going this time and they will be in 12 groups with each group swimming for 20 minutes. There will be 4 trained tutors working with the children and we will require some parental support to help some of the youngsters change and be ready for the lessons.

The \$30 is due at the office this term please. We still have some outstanding senior swimming fees we are chasing.

Mid Year Interviews

Following the Mid Year reports we offer the opportunity for parents to come to school and meet the teachers to discuss progress and achievement. If your child received any red indicators in their recent report then we would actively encourage you to make contact with the teachers. Interview dates and times will be made available early next week. We are looking at early August for time slots.