

Term 1- Week 1

Kia Ora Ramarama School whanau,

Welcome back to school everyone and a very warm welcome to our new families that have started at Ramarama School this year. Last Thursday I sent out an email from our student management system known as E-Tap. This is the way all bulk emails are sent, including the fortnightly newsletter. If you use hotmail it is blocking this so you will need to add etap.co.nz to your list of approved safe senders. Please email me if you need some help with this.

We have had a very settled start to the school year and it is lovely to have the school filled with laughter and smiles again. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who have sent stationery along to school so that the students can start the year off with everything they need. All Year 4 - 8 students who intend to bring a Chromebook to school will need to sign the BYOD agreement, so look out for this in your child's bag this week.

If your child does not have a BYOD Chromebook then they will be able to use the school owned devices- this is not a 1 to 1 situation as they are shared between students.

- **After school procedures**

School finishes at 2:55pm and teachers remain on duty with children until 3:15pm. The carpark at the front of the school is **drive through only**. So if you want to park and get out of your car please use the parks on the road or park in the carpark closest to the school hall.

If you are picking your child/children up from school please use the top carpark if your oldest child is in Year 4 or above. If your oldest child is Year 1, 2 or 3 they will be waiting for you in the bottom shelter.

If you are staying to play after school on the courts or the playground please park on the road.

Please do not block the road if you are wanting to turn into the school driveway- if the driveway is full please drive past, turn around and come back a few minutes later.

- **School Info & Meet the Teacher afternoon**

On Tuesday 16th February we will be holding a School Info & Meet the Teacher afternoon. This is a chance to come along and hear about the goals for the school in 2021 and learn about how we are managing the growth that will be happening in the school in the next few years.

I will present this in the school hall at **3:30pm and then again at 5:00pm**. In between presentations the learning spaces will be open for you to head in and see your child's teacher. The teachers will have further information on their class and it will also be a chance to have an informal chat about how the year has started for your child.

The PTA will be running a sausage sizzle from 4-6:00pm so bring some money and buy a sausage and drink.

- **Uniform reminders**

Students are expected to wear their school uniform correctly and with pride. **In Term 1 school hats are compulsory and need to be worn everyday.** School shoes and sandals need to be black and we do not allow students to wear jandals or slides.

This year we are allowing students to wear the school sports shirt with their school shorts or culottes in Term 1 as it is lighter and cooler. The PTA will be selling these for \$2 each. This is to clear stock that does not have Ramarama School branding- but are in our school colours. Sizes range from 10- XL. Please bring cash. The PTA second hand uniform shop will be open every Thursday before school or send along the money with your child and we will sort them out.



- **School Communication**

If you have any questions please contact your child's classroom teacher.

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- **Week 1-3 Events**

Date	Event	What to bring	Who
Friday 5th Feb	Awhina Groups	Wear your Awhina t-shirt	All students
Monday 8th Feb	Waitangi Day Observed	School closed	
Friday 12th Feb	Awhina Groups	Wear your Awhina t-shirt	All students
Tuesday 16th Feb	School Information & Meet the Teacher afternoon	Money for a BBQ sausage, ice block or drink	All Welcome
Friday 19th Feb	Senior School Swimming Sports	At Ararimu School	Year 5-8 students

- **Skids- Before School and After School Care**

Skids are looking for someone to run their before school and after school care here at Ramarama School. If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Rose King - rose@skids.co.nz

Nga mihi nui,

Tania Campbell- PRINCIPAL