



7th April 2022
Week 10, Term 1

“Better Together” “Mahi Tahi”

Kia ora whānau

This week we have had 8 new cases of Covid within our students which brings our total number of positive cases to 26 since they started in our kura. This equates to 17% of our total student population. Many more have been at home as household contacts. Having become a household contact myself this week I can fully appreciate the strain that this will be putting on you all - with young families and work/businesses to take care of. I feel extremely fortunate that I can still work from home knowing that the wonderful team at school can keep things going in my absence. Juanita has stepped up admirably into the onsite management role and each and every member of staff has contributed to the continued smooth running of things.

Before this week I had not had a test for COVID and now I feel it has become part of my new normal. Although I do find it makes my eyes water and makes me sneeze a lot. I also think I have become a little neurotic and any hint of a symptom has me wondering. On day 3 I am all clear, but this too could change. It's a fast changing world we live in where your whole world can be flipped at a moment's notice. Thank you to you all for your continued support of how we are doing things and the way you are communicating where things are at for your family.

If your child does test positive at any stage then **please give me a ring/text on: 0272233959** so that I can action things at this end. Please make contact even if it is in the weekends or after hours so I will then be in a position to notify the school community of the class it is in and next steps. My eMail is: principal@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz

At the moment, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am working my way through a risk assessment and management for COVID-19 changes that came into effect last week and on some more late Monday. This is one of the reasons we have made no changes to our current practices as we need to assess things moving forward. How we will do things at RED next term, and what changes we will make if we move to ORANGE are also being considered. Below I have some information asking for your input into this to see how you feel with the measures we have in place and any concerns you may have moving into next term.

Risk Management and Assessment Feedback From Community

As you know from the vaccine mandates have now been lifted and the COVID-19 protection framework updated. This means that workers and volunteers onsite do not need to declare their vaccination status. I understand that for some of you this will cause anxiety or concern about the health and wellbeing of the staff and your children. The BOT is required to complete a full risk assessment of the new settings and regulations.

Last week I attended a Health and Safety webinar with NZSTA, NZEI, PPTA and MOE and from this I have completed a draft risk management and assessment for our school site. We already have in place high levels of control to ensure our level of transmission for any communicable disease is rated at medium and is at a reasonable and acceptable level for the current situation. We have in place strong hygiene practices, mask wearing, ventilation, limited parent access, good cleaning practices and ready access to sanitiser, masks and RAT tests. Our communication systems with the community are ongoing and timely.

As part of the risk assessment we need to consult with you all. If you would like to raise any concerns, and or point out what you like about our current practices, could you please reply directly to Linda at this eMail: principal@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz so that we can consider your concerns during our risk assessment. We will share the outcome of the risk assessment with you once it is completed. As always, we continually review risks and work to mitigate any that may occur. Health and Safety of all is always a priority to us.

Could I please have your feedback by Monday 11th April as we would like to complete our risk assessment ready to start the new term. As you are aware we have not changed any of our current practices even though the Framework guidelines changed as we needed to complete a thorough assessment first.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Parent Interviews with Mrs Standen

Student Meetings are now on Monday 11 April and Wednesday 13 April 2022 for Mrs Standen, Kowhai. Interviews starts at 3.15 pm with the latest time slot being - 5.45 pm Monday and Wednesday. Each meeting is 15 minutes long.

Parents can log on and book the time that suits them as a family on <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> using the school code xexrw

Go to the top right to make a booking.

To attend these meetings please be symptom free and wear a mask.

Bookings are open now and will close on Monday 11 April 2022 9am.

If families do not have access to the internet, bookings can be made through the office between the hours of 9.15am - 2.45pm. Please phone Tanya 313 8907.

Please contact Tanya at the office if you need to cancel or change your bookings. Please don't go through Mrs Standen or we will end up with double bookings.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Thursday 14th April 2pm

Next Thursday at around 2pm we will be holding an ANZAC Service with members of the RSA present. Due to the current restrictions this service will be held at the Cenotaph only. The children will leave the school grounds at 2pm and cross the road. We will sing the National Anthem and then have speeches, The Ode of Remembrance and The Last Post. The children will also place flowers and wreaths on the cenotaph.

This will go ahead unless there is a downpour, although if the weather is bad we will not take the junior classes.

If you are planning on attending please meet us over at the Cenotaph.



If you have any greenery or flowers that can be used in arrangements can you please drop this in the hall before school on Thursday ...or have your child bring it in. If you are keen to help make up the wreaths then please contact the PTA on: pta@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz

Hot Cross Bun Pick Up of Orders



Thank you to everyone who put in orders for these. The buns will be at school for pick up on Wednesday 13th April.

Please head into the hall for pick up between 2.30-3pm. The PTA will be there with your order all ready to go. Please do not go into the classrooms or remain on site any longer than is needed and remember to wear your mask. If you foresee any issues with picking these up and/or want them given to your child to bring home then please eMail the PTA: pta@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz

In Totara (Year 7 and 8) the children are part of a 100 word challenge where they write about an image and the word limit is 100.

Here are two very powerful examples of what our seniors are capable of. I am sure there will be many more that are shared throughout the year.



I was lying in the trench motionless, my arm throbbbed with pain while blood pooled around

Bombs rained down around me. Dirt was flying up into the air and big lumps of

me. That's when I realised I was going to die there; bloody in a trench. I couldn't let that happen so I dragged my feet along the rough dirt floor and I walked a step then collapsed. Germany just bombed us and my arm was just hanging on.

Surprisingly I woke up the next day. It was fuzzy but I could still make out people standing over me. One person with a red cross on their shoulder then I clicked the y were medics...*ahh memories.*

By Saoirse McAllister (Year 8)

sand were pounding down on my head. I couldn't see very well, everything was fuzzy, all I remember seeing was hundreds of men fleeing the trench.

Next thing I know a gun is fired and the bullet is flying towards me. I raise my arm to shield my face. The bullet injected itself into my body and there was a red waterfall pouring onto the rough, torn up ground. All I was thinking about was my daughter who might never see me ever again.

By Emily Smith (Year 8)

SAVE THE DATE! 4TH MAY 4PM - 6PM ISH

If the restrictions around Covid remain the same we would like to have a welcome back gathering for whānau in the first week back in Term 2. We are working on plans to make this a true community celebration as we can't wait to have everyone back on site after 6 months of restrictions.. More information will follow once we have plans in place.

Poppies for Sale

If you would like your child to have a poppy to support ANZAC day, then please send them along to the office with a gold coin donation. These will be available for the rest of the term.



School Donations

Thank you to those of you who have already paid this donation...or set up payments to do so.

The **school donation** amount for **one child is \$65 and for two or more it is \$120**. You will be invoiced for this shortly. If you would like to contribute more to the school to help improve what we can offer as a school, then we welcome donations of larger amounts at any stage. This would be best for our accounting purposes as a separate donation so that we can receipt this. For example if you would like to contribute \$80 or \$100 then we would ask that the \$65 is done first and then another donation separately. This is due to our SMS system that is unable to code things as well as we would like.

The school relies on this funding to enable us to carry out our daily programmes. This is because as a decile 10 school (the highest ranking a school can have) the Ministry of Education assumes that the community will contribute to the ongoing costs of education.

We fully understand that not everyone is in a position to do this but are just putting it out there as an option.

The school invoices have the school bank account number on them.
Ashley Rakahuri School 03 0855 0437419-00

DATES TO REMEMBER

Please note: new additions to this are highlighted so it is easy for you to see.

4th-14th April	Swimming lessons - Year 1-6(9 lessons)
7th April	PTA Meeting 7pm Google Meet or in Staffroom
13th April	PTA Hot Cross Bun ready for pick up 2.30pm
14th April	ANZAC Day Service 2pm at Cenotaph
15th April	GOOD FRIDAY - Term 1 ends
2nd May	Term 2 Starts
4th May	Possible welcome back community gathering 4pm at school
13th May	Whole school cross country
23rd May	Tri Schools Cross Country
20th May	Possible PTA Disco (depending on restrictions)
3rd June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
6th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
8th July	Term 2 Ends
25th July	Term 3 Starts

Ray White Morris and Co does it again!!!!




PROUDLY SUPPORTING

ASHLEY RAKAHURI SCHOOL

For some it's business, for us it's family.

We are a locally owned company with a strong commitment to giving back to our community.

Our daughter Eve attends Ashley Rakahuri School and as part of its family we want to give back to all of our children, but we all need to work together to make it happen.

For every house sale made by Stuart that is referred by a member of the Ashley School tamariki we will donate \$500 direct to Ashley School (Terms and Conditions Apply).

Phone Stu 0274 226 395, email stuart.morris@raywhite.com or pop up to our office and ask for Stu or Claire for more information.

www.raywhitemorrisandco.co.nz

Morris and Co Real Estate Limited (REAA 2008)

To date they have donated \$2500.00 to our beautiful kura. Please keep them in mind if you are planning to sell your property.

Community Notices

The Community Dental Service will be providing urgent and relief of pain appointments during the school break at:
Aranui Community Dental Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Christchurch
Hornby Community Dental Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Christchurch

You can access these appointments by calling our Contact Centre on **0800 846 983**.

For any dental advice please call the Contact Centre on **0800 846 983** or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

ICE GYMSPORTS NORTH CANTERBURY					
APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME					
WEEK 1	TUESDAY 19 April	WEDNESDAY 20 April	THURSDAY 21 April	FRIDAY 22 April	
9.00-10.30	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Spaces available
10.30-11.00	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	
11.00-12.00	Team Games	Athletics	Trampoline	Treasure Hunt	
12.00-1.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1.00-2.30	Parkour	Swimming	MasterChef	Trampoline	
2.30-3.00	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Register NOW
WEEK 2	TUESDAY 26 April	WEDNESDAY 27 April	THURSDAY 28 April	FRIDAY 29 April	
9.00-10.30	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Discounts available on multiple bookings
10.30-11.00	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	
11.00-12.00	Tumbling	Flipping Fun	Athletics	Movie/Popcorn	
12.00-1.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1.00-2.30	Basket Ball	Swimming	Wheels Time	Outdoor Play	
2.30-3.00	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	Free Play	

For more information, please contact Nisha: icegym sport@gmail.com

BOOKING OPTIONS AVAILABLE		
School Day	9.00-3.00pm	\$50
Half Day	9.00-12.00pm and 12.00-3.00pm	\$30
Gymnastics Only	9.00-10.30	\$20
Drop-In Sessions	12.00-1.00 & 1.00-2.00	\$10 (an hour)
Family Time	12.00-1.30 (Monday & Wednesday)	\$20

PLEASE NOTE: If you are enrolling more than one child please add all children before starting to book your holiday sessions!
The discounts only get applied when you book all your child's sessions at the same time.

APRIL 7

APRIL 14

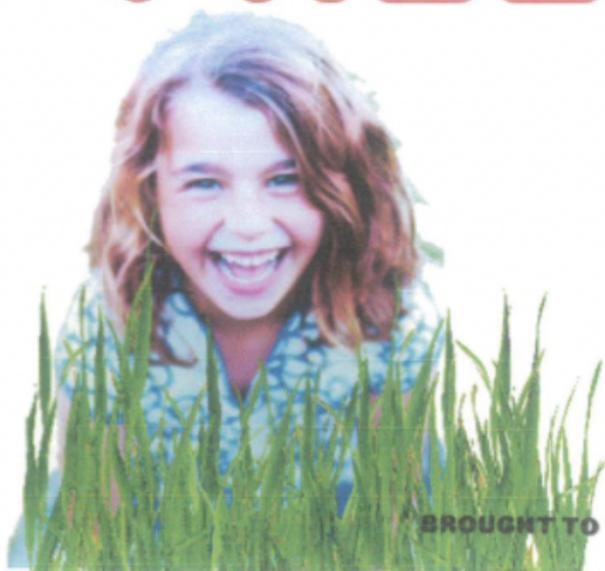
RANGIORA EASTER MARKETS



RANGIORA SHOWGROUNDS THURSDAYS 3-7PM

MUM! TAKE ME TO THE MARKET!

FREE **FACE PAINTING**
EASTER EGGS



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Doggy welcome
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website

Love Thursdays

Family's taking me to the MARKET

Fruit Vegetables
Baked Goods
Pantry staples
Health Stalls
Craft Market

Buskers
Picnic Arena
Swingball
Family Fun

Car Boot
Arena
load up drive
in
sell out

Every Thursday

3 till 7pm

Rangiora Showgrounds



RANGIORA

WELCOME MARKET

rangioramarket@gmail.com

www.rangiorawelcomemarket.nz

April School Holidays 2022



LOBURN

Based at Loburn School in the Mount Thomas Room, 73 Hodgsons Rd.

8:00am - 3:00pm - \$38.00

*Trip & Activity Fee's extra as advertised.

8:00am - 6:00pm - \$49.00

*See Terms & Conditions for bookings.

WHAT'S ON?

Monday 18th



EASTER MONDAY

CASPA is closed today in observance of Easter Monday.

Tuesday 19th



ORIENTEERING

Show us your map reading and making skills in a fun day of exploring.

Wednesday 20th



WILLOWBANK

Enjoy a fun filled day of animal exploration. Trip Fee \$15

Thursday 21st



NZ CULTURE

Learn about indigenous culture in a day of fun and meaningful activities.

Friday 22nd



Your Choice

A day of autumn art or action at Adrenalin Forest. Activity Fee \$30

Monday 25th



ANZAC DAY

CASPA is closed today in observance of ANZAC Day.

Tuesday 26th



ACTIVE ACTION

Get ready for a fun filled day of sports and action based activities!

Wednesday 27th



CINEMA TRIP

Head to the movies and catch your favourite flick. Activity Fee \$15

Thursday 28th



Colour My World

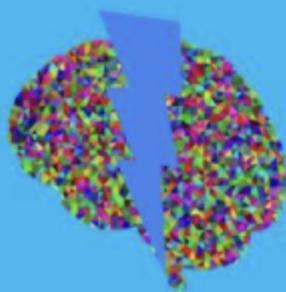
Our world is full of colour. Let's explore it together!

Friday 29th



SLUMBER PARTY

Get cosy in your pyjama's for a day time slumber party!



CASPA
Creative Programmes

Book online to secure your spot!

CASPA.ORG.NZ

For more info go to our website or email us at info@caspa.org.nz

4th Annual Kaiapoi River Wellbeing Walk

Saturday, April 30

Meet at the Kaiapoi Food Forest at 11am for a short walk around the Kaiapoi River and discussion on community wellbeing.

The walk was originally going to be held as part of the Christchurch Walking Festival, but this was cancelled due to Covid-19.

We have decided to go ahead with the walk to support community wellbeing initiatives and in particular the work of the Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust.



sKids
Safe Kids In Daily Supervision
sKids Kaiapoi North
Kaiapoi North School

Holiday Programme
Term 1 2021

Full Day 7.00am to 6.00pm \$55
Short Day 7.00am to 3.00pm \$45

<p>Mon 18th April</p> <p>Easter Monday</p> <p>No sKids today. 😞</p> <p>Enjoy the break with your family.</p> 	<p>Tue 19th April</p> <p>Paint Party</p> <p>Bring your white shirt & don't be afraid to face the paint. Paint brushes, balloons filled with paint, water guns filled with paint, maybe even a lil bit of flying paint!</p> 	<p>Wed 20th April</p> <p>Toy Story Time</p> <p>Bring along your favourite toy & tell us the story. Juniors will also be making something special & seniors will be building some toys.</p> 	<p>Thu 21st April</p> <p>Time Warp</p> <p>Come dressed in your 1970's gear and do the time warp back to the 70's. We going to turn the music up and dive right in!</p> 	<p>Fri 22nd April</p> <p>Freaky Friday</p> <p>Freaky hairstyles, freaky dress, freaky food, freaky games and even some freaky craft. Can you handle it?</p> 
<p>Mon 25th April</p> <p>Anzac Day</p> <p>No sKids today. 😞</p> <p>We will remember them.</p> 	<p>Tue 26th April</p> <p>Out of Africa</p> <p>Grab your safari hats we are about to enter into the wild to experience all things African. Try Zulu dancing, making animal biscuits & feeding lions.</p> 	<p>Wed 27th April</p> <p>Mexican Fiesta</p> <p>Senores & Senioritas there is no time for a siesta, we going to have a fiesta! Grab a sombrero and join us while the salsa is still hot.</p> 	<p>Thu 28th April</p> <p>Hawaiian Day</p> <p>Let's go to the island were its all about sun sand and how low can you go ... make some sli's and some mocktails. Come join us in Hawaii.</p> 	<p>Fri 29th April</p> <p>International Party Day</p> <p>Kia Ora, Bonjour, Namaste, Salaam, Goele more. Every culture has their own food. Bring a plate of food from your culture and let's explore.</p> 

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