



16th September 2022

Week 8, Term 3

"Better Together"

"Mahi Tahī"

Kia ora whānau

Wow! What a night last night at the Production was! Our tamariki never cease to amaze me how well they perform on the night. After weeks and weeks of practice the show was a huge success. This only happens through the hard work and preparation of the kaiako and staff. I take my hat off to the dedication of the staff. Through it all they smile and laugh and see the best in situations.

Our children worked through their anxieties, their nervous energy and excitement to get on the stage and work with their peers to support each other. For some this was their first time on stage and to be able to perform at the Rangiora Town Hall is a huge event.

To all of you - thank you for sourcing costumes and supporting us on the night. The feedback has been incredible and is a huge lift to some very tired, but proud staff.

Next week we continue the march towards the end of the term with Quad School speech finals at North Loburn, Canterbury Rugby doing a skills and drills session with some tamariki, and the North Canterbury Kapa Haka Festival on Thursday night. Alongside this the shift is now to get in two weeks of practice before athletics sports in the first week back at school next term. We also have a "Wood is Good" programme in school on Thursday promoting safety around logging trucks and a brief look at forestry.

Learning Conferences Monday 19th September

Please note that the **school closes at 12.40pm on Monday** as has been stated in the calendar below most of the term. Learning conferences run from 1.30- 7.45pm.

If you have not yet booked an appointment please ring Tanya in the office as she has the master list for these. If you book through the classroom teacher we end up with double bookings. You can phone Tanya on 03 3138907.

This week I had the privilege of attending the New Zealand Principals Federation Principals conference in Christchurch for 2 of the 3 days. This event was held at Te Pae Convention Centre and I must say what a stunning venue. Otautahi are incredibly lucky to have a venue of this standard. What struck me from the conference - the keynote speakers, the youth panel, the breakout sessions and even the exhibitors looking to sell their products, was just how much everyone is invested in doing better for the benefit of our tamariki. The passion and shared vision to look for solutions rather than at the problems made this such a valuable opportunity. To be alongside around 900 other Principals and hear some of their stories was fantastic.

Ashley Colour Fun Run and Walk

This is being held in the Ashley Forest with a 10am start on 30th October. Please secure your spot by following this link: [Ashley Rakahuri School Colour Fun Run Walk](#)
This event is one of the PTA's big fundraisers for the year so your support is appreciated.

Each fortnight we have a focus at school that we share with the children in Assembly on Monday. The focus this week is: **Integrity**

This Week's Focus: Integrity

What is integrity?

- Integrity is doing the right thing even when it's hard or **when no one is looking**. Many people only do what they are supposed to because they know that someone is watching.
- True integrity is following by the rules because you know that it's the right thing to do.
- **Which REACH values do you think relates to integrity?**
- **How can you show integrity at school?**

How has your child shown integrity this week at home? If you can capture them showing integrity then please let their classroom teacher know as we would love to celebrate this at assembly on Monday.

A few weeks ago students from our kura represented us in a trampolining competition. Here is a recount from Rachael about her experience.

Ice Trampoline-Competitive sport

It first started when Eli and I saw the Ice trampoline bus at school. Eli's friend, Jacob went on that bus along with Jemma and Chloe.R. Then every Friday me and Eli would join them on the bus, along with Maddy (Jacobs little sister). There were badges that you could do and flips you could master. So far, I have only achieved the Red badge. I did that on my second time going round there. You can do flips and backdrops (it's not as bad as it sounds) and there are competitions that you can do.

Mum put me in the competition coming round on Sunday. This was my fourth week and I haven't even practiced. Eli was there even longer than me because he did it on Saturdays as well. I had

to do Blue Badge and it was my first time ever doing that badge. Jacob, Chloe and Jemma were relaxed, they had already done a competition before. Me and Eli were the new ones.

It was pretty scary standing up alone on the tramps with the judges watching your every move. I think I did alright, not as good as I would have liked but still. Eli did well, so did Jemma, Chloe and Jacob. They were amazing.

Once we all had done, we waited around for medals (apart from Chloe). Eli got 2 gold medals along with a lollipop and a certificate. He was up against two competitors. Then Jemma got 2 medals as well. She did really well. Jacob got two medals out of five people. Jemma and Jacob got a certificate each and a lollipop. Then I was up, I got 11th and 12th. I got a lollipop and a certificate. Who needs a medal when you have got a lollipop and a certificate? That's all I came for. Chloe did well as well, I think she got 4th and 5th. Overall, Ashley came second in team trampolines. I think we did really well. Ice trampolines is fun and the competition is scary, but we made it in the end.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

19th September	Learning Conferences - school closes 12.40pm
25th September	Working Bee 10am - 1pm
30th September	Term 3 ends
17th October	Term 4 starts
19th October	Whole School Athletics - Loburn Domain
24th October	Labour Day Holiday
30th October	PTA Colour Run
10th November	Teacher Only Day
11th November	Canterbury Anniversary Day Holiday
13th December	Whole School Prizegiving 7pm Rangiora Baptist Hall
15th December	Term 4 ends
30th January 2023	Whānau/Teacher Conferences - 15min slots throughout the day- school not open for instruction
31st January	School open for Term 1 Instruction

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