



22nd September 2022

Week 9, Term 3

## **"Better Together"**

**"Mahi Tahī"**

Kia ora whānau

As mentioned last week we have been extremely busy this week at school. Today has been extremely interesting for the tamariki as they have learnt about forestry, watched the drone fly that they use to check the forests, had lessons within the classrooms and then had a chance to sit in the logging truck where the discussion was around blind spots and making sure children are visible when they are out on the roads. A huge thanks to the team involved - Wood is Good, Rayonair and Steve Murphy Transport. What a great team, and programme to be bringing into school for free to educate the next generation.

Thank you to all who attended the learning conferences on Monday afternoon and evening. It is so valuable to have that time to sit together - whānau, kaiako and tamariki - to discuss how things are going, and what the next steps are for your child's learning. With only 10 school weeks left this year we really are focussed on getting as much done as we can - while still maintaining the fun element to learning.

### **Working Bee**

Sunday 25th September

10am- 1pm

Please come along and help at our working bee if you can for a few hours this Sunday. Bring along shovels, spades, wheelbarrows, weed eaters, hammers, crowbars and the like to help us tidy up for the coming term.

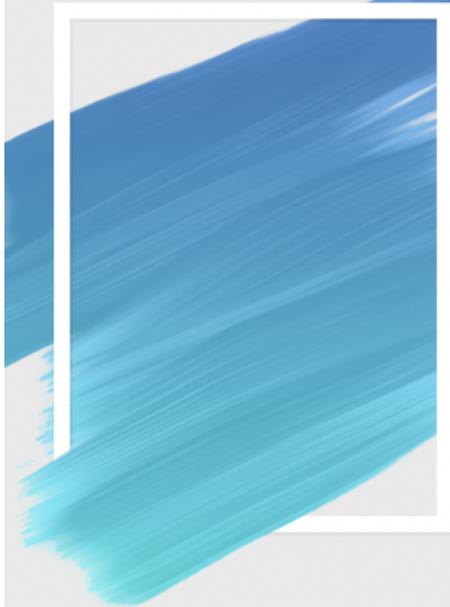
### **Ashley Colour Fun Run and Walk**

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: **Gratitude**

## This Week's Focus: Gratitude



### What are Gratitude?

Gratitude is pausing to notice and appreciate the things that we often take for granted, like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends, family, even computer access.

It's taking a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are when something good happens — whether it's a small thing or a big thing.

We can use lots of words to describe feelings of gratitude: We might say we feel thankful, lucky, fortunate, humbled, or blessed.

I know when I was in the classroom and we did reflections each Friday I used to ask children what they were grateful for. It was fascinating to see the children develop a greater sense of what being grateful means as the year progressed...that it is not just about having the latest game, the flashiest bike or the newest phone - but is more about the people, memories and the way people help us that are important.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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

25th September	Working Bee 10am - 1pm
<b>26th September</b>	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Memorial Day for the Queen</b>
<b>30th September</b>	<b>Whole School Assembly 2.30pm - our first Friday one this year!!! Parents welcome</b>
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
<b>4th November</b>	<b>Gumboot Friday</b>

10th November	Teacher Only Day
11th November	Canterbury Anniversary Day Holiday
<b>18th November</b>	<b>School Disco!!!!</b>
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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