



29th September 2022
Week 10, Term 3
"Better Together"
"Mahi Tahī"

Kia ora whānau

With the holidays upon us it is good to reflect on what a busy and full term we have had here at school. There have been so many great opportunities for the tamariki and the staff have been involved in some excellent professional learning around mathematics. As I write this the children are out practising for the athletics sports day on the first Wednesday of next term. With all children attending it is a big day out with so many events for them to compete in. You will have received notification of the events and timings on a Seesaw announcement last week. I do know that John is still looking for some parent help for this so if you are able to help out please contact him on: j.lynskey@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz

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 week at school we have a kiwaha or phrase we like to practice. This is introduced at Monday hui each week. This week's one is below.

Kei te pai koe?

-Are you OK?

Each term the teachers who hold units share an update of what they have been doing within their chosen unit. These units relate back to the needs identified at the start of the year within our kura. Below are their term reports.

Suzy Parker - Enviro Schools

Well Term 3 has whizzed by and what a busy one it was with our amazing production. With so many of our tamariki involved within production we were unable to get stuck into our proposed projects. I was very impressed with the level of thought and consideration tamariki gave to their submissions as to why they wanted to be a part of the enviro group. We are hoping to be able to get into the full swing of things during term 4.

Here is one of our tamariki proposal for joining the enviro group:

The environment is a special place. It is important to look after it because without it we couldn't survive. I want to be in the enviro group because I want to keep Canterbury clean (Year 4 student).

Suzy Parker - SENCO

Well the year is whizzing by and we are rapidly approaching the silly season. Term 3 was a hectic term all round for akonga and kaiako but we all managed to produce a fantastic whole school production.

Within the perspective of SENCO we had a number of RTLB referrals which has seen tamariki receiving additional funding for their learning. With the recent success of the boys playground group in term 2 and the transferal of skills learnt during this into independent times we have seen the need for a girls social skills and leadership group. This is to promote the understanding and development of skills to promote and maintain positive friendships. This will be run over term 4 with Sue Graham our LSC. This is an excellent program.

Wellbeing North Canterbury is offering "Tuning into Kids". This is a great opportunity for our rural communities to be able to access this emotion coaching course for parents. This course is during the day but we will be running evening online courses in 2023.

This course will be facilitated by Kelsi Thompson and Sandra Keenan who are Mana Ake Kaiārahi and who are experienced with running online parent education courses. This is commencing Tuesday the 18th of October, and finishing on the 29th of November.



Julie McDonald - PB4L

It has been yet another busy term for our students and staff on our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) journey, so here is an update:

We have continued our Monday REACH assemblies which focus on positive behaviour for learning for 2 weeks at a time. It has been fantastic to come together as a whole school again for these assemblies and the student council are doing a great job with their presentations.

This term we have had these PB4L focuses:

- Showing respect to others
- Showing respect for our spaces and things
- Empathy
- Flexible thinking
- Integrity
- Gratitude

Once these positive behaviours have been introduced in our REACH assemblies, teachers then create their own lessons within their classes to practice the positive behaviours and strategies throughout the week.

These focuses have also been included in our weekly newsletters, which can then be reinforced at home and out in the community.

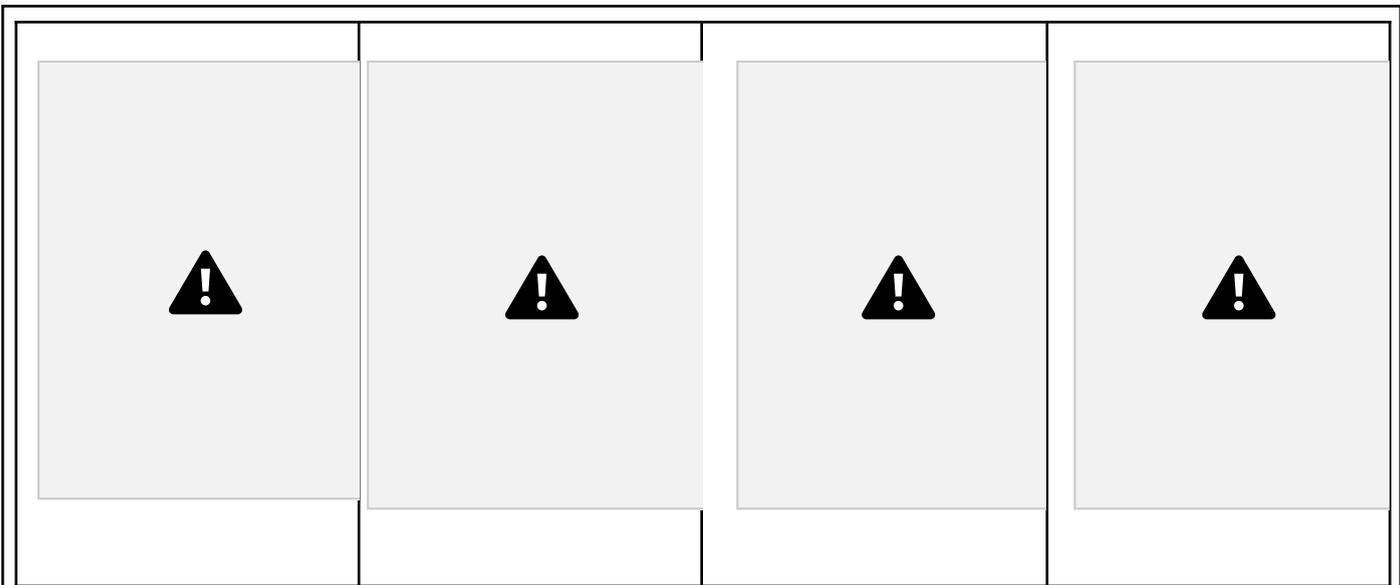
I attended another PB4L coaches meeting for North Canterbury schools along with Linda and other principals in the area. It was great to hear others' points of view, strategies and successes of PB4L within their schools.

I'm looking forward to next term to seeing our students' positive behaviour for learning in action.

John Lynskey - Sport

Volleyball

For the first time volleyball was offered this year in term 3 on Mondays. We entered a year 7 and 8 team which competed at the new Mainpower Stadium. Seven children made up this team. They had skills sessions for the first half and then played a series of games against other schools. This was a very popular competition. All the schools were new to this and volleyball clearly now has a home in North Canterbury for primary school sport.

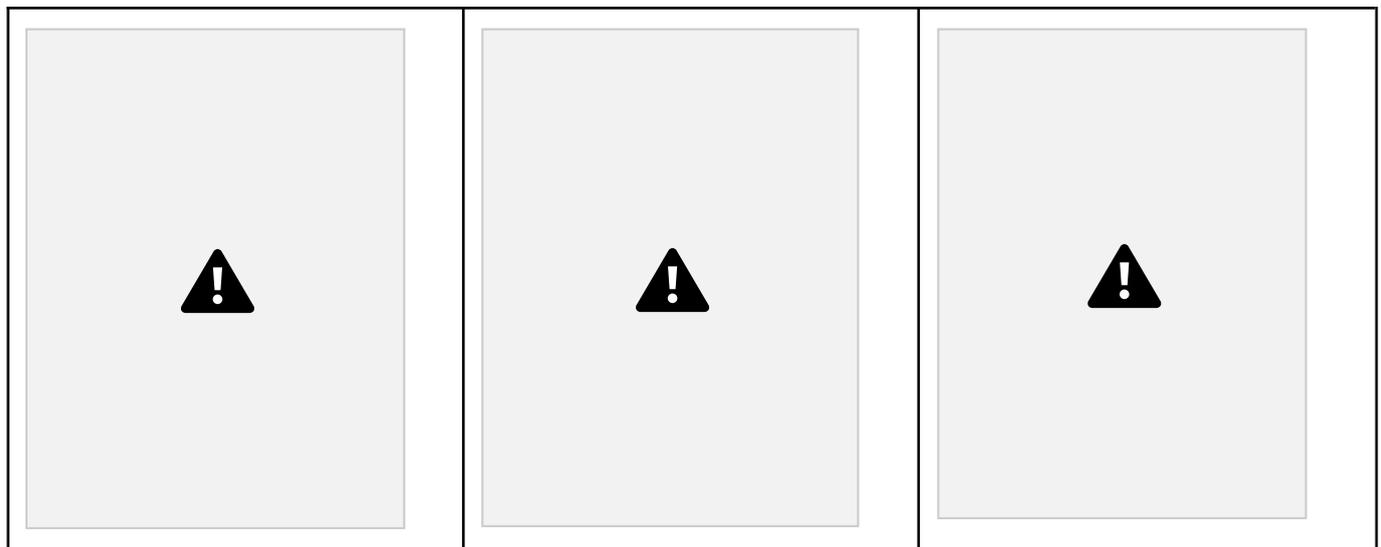


Basketball

3 x 3 basketball was offered again in term 3. We currently have 2 girl's teams (Wildcats & Cobras) and 1 boy's team (Jaguars) entered at year 5 and 6. Fourteen players are involved. I would like to thank Ben Kerr for coaching and Jess Kerr and Karen Clarke for managing these teams. Your dedication drives this game at our school.

PAL's (Physical Activity Leaders)

We currently have 8 Year 6 students who take games and sports sessions for our Harakeke and Manuka children. These activities happen at lunch time and the PAL's have to plan and organise all the activities. There are a lot of skills being learnt by these students about how to teach and manage a group of people.



Looking forward to Term 4

Next term touch rugby returns to SouthBrook Park. We have registered 55 players and 6 teams in the competitions. Good luck to all the players and a big thanks to the coaches/managers and referees who have put their names forward. Another miniball team will play in term 4, which is great to see. More than likely we will be able to enter a football team for twilight football and some hockey players also. We all look forward to our Athletics Sports on Wednesday 19th October at Loburn Domain. This is a family

event and it would be great to see parents attend for the day. Fingers crossed for the weather early on next term.

Each fortnight we have a focus at school that we share with the children in Assembly on Monday. The focus this week is: **Gratitude**. With no assembly on Monday the focus remains the same for this week as well.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

30th September	Whole School Assembly 2.30pm - our first Friday one this year!!! Parents welcome
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
4th November	Gumboot Friday
10th November	Teacher Only Day
11th November	Canterbury Anniversary Day Holiday
18th November	School Disco!!!!
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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