



20th October 2022
Week 1, Term 4
"Better Together"
"Mahi Tahī"

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back to Term 4. This term is only 45 school days long and so for our Year 8's in particular this time will just fly by. We talk a lot about making the most of the opportunities that present themselves and I know that this group of year 8's will do just that. Their willingness to step in and help out around the school whenever we ask is just so lovely to witness.

This week started off with so many fun things going on...we had Cycle Sense for our Year 6's on Tuesday, athletics day for the whole school on Wednesday and we are back into Whānau House games on Friday. Please come down and watch, or join in from around 2.10pm every second Friday.

Whole school assemblies will take place on Monday mornings at 9am to set the direction for the week, and on every second Friday (starting next week) from around 2.30pm to celebrate learning. You are more than welcome to attend these assemblies and see what is going on.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their help for athletics day on Wednesday. We always say that we cannot run these events without you - and it is true. There are not enough staff to cover all the events, the 8 year levels and getting the young ones to the next event. Because of you all the day was a huge success. I can only imagine how tired some of the children were...especially seeing around 60 of them then having to play touch...as I was exhausted (but then again I am getting old). Thank you also to Lance Taylor for stepping in to run this with John Lynskey being away.

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.

If being in the colour run is not for you then please volunteer your time to either throw some colour as people come by, cook a few sausages, or generally just help out. The PTA are a small and dedicated group but a big community event like this relies on the help of many and we are needing 20 volunteers for this to run smoothly.

Please eMail the PTA at: pta@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz if you can help out.

Scholastic Book Orders

Please note these close on the 4th November. If you want to place an order you are doing so from Issue No. 7. These orders are to be placed on LOOP only.

We have for this term a resident reporter who is working towards her Poutamu Tamariki work in the senior school. Her name is Lucy Browne and she will be reporting on events that happen around the school. Here is her report on athletics day.

Athletics

By Lucy

162 students, 12 teachers, 6 activities, and a large number of parents return to the domain for another year.

Children were having a great time and shouting with enthusiasm as the sun shone. Year groups from 1 through 8 compete against one another to determine who advances to higher schools and who gets a second chance the following year. At Ashley Rakahuri Kura, it was the year 8 students' final opportunity to participate in athletics, and it seems like they all had a great time.

The children had to complete 6 events, including sprints, long jump, shot put, high jump, long distance, and discus.

Everyone had a really good time by the looks of it, well done to the children who participated, Thank you to all the Parents and Teachers that had time to help out with such a big event for our school!

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.

Tino pai!
-Great work!

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

This Week's Focus: Social Skills



What are social skills?

- Social skills are the skills we use to communicate and interact with each other, both verbally and non-verbally, through gestures, body language and our personal appearance.
- Human beings are sociable creatures and we have developed many ways to communicate our messages, thoughts and feelings with others.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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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