



1st December 2022
Week 7, Term 4
"Better Together"
"Mahi Tahī"

Kia ora whānau

Prizegiving Evening

This is taking place at the **Rangiora Baptist Hall on East Belt in Rangiora with a start time of 7pm**. We would like the children to arrive by 6.45pm. The hall will be open from 6.30pm. We will be asking for a gold coin donation at the door as this will help us cover the cost of hiring the venue.

Christmas Mufti Day

This is on December 9th and is just for fun...no donation required. If your child does not have anything "Christmassy" to wear then they can just come in mufti.

On Monday, I had the pleasure of having one of our Year 8's come in and share his basketball success from the weekend. Izaak had been selected for the North vs South basketball game that is held each year. This is a huge accomplishment as it means that he has been recognised as one of the best players at Friday Night Basketball. Not only did his team win but he came away with MVP for the game. Ka rawe Izaak!



Library is Closed For Stocktake

Please have a hunt for any outstanding library books and return these to school. We would also appreciate ALL reading books that you find around home being returned as we have some sets of readers with a number of gaps.

Thank you.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to everyone for selling these. If you have sold your sheet please return it to the school office. If you would like more sheets then you can collect one from the office as well. These are all

due back on 9th December.

New Enrolments/Leaving

At this time of year we are starting to look at classes for next year. If you know of anyone in our school zone who has a child due to start school next year can you please check in with them that they are enrolled (even if they are not due to start until later in the year).

Equally, if your child is not year 8, but is leaving us next year can you also let us know officially so that we can work this into our numbers.

School Accounts

Please make sure that your child's school account is paid in full (donation is not compulsory) by the end of the year. Next year there will be NO children playing after school sport until the account is paid - or put on a payment schedule. If you are unsure where your account is at then please eMail the office at: officie@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz or pop in from Tuesday onwards as Tanya is on leave until then.

LOST PROPERTY

There seems to be so much uniform that is unnamed - could you please check that your child's uniform is named as this would save the build up in the bin.

Please come and search through this at any time...the bin sits inside the door to the hall and is literally OVERFLOWING!!!!

Can you Help?

The grass is growing SO fast at school that we can't keep up with our weed whacking around the places the lawnmowers can't get to. We would really love it if anyone had a spare hour or two after school, evenings or weekends to come and help us by weed whacking some weeds/long grass around our boundary fences and/or the swale out the front of the school.

Thank you to the Busch Family for taking care of the orchard and septic system area at the weekend.

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.



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

This Week's Focus: Actively Listening



Active Listening

Looks like

- Eyes on the speaker
- Sit still and keep your hands on your lap or desk
- Appropriate facial expressions
- Nodding your head to show you are listening

Sounds like

- One person speaking at a time
- Appropriate comments and questions
- Keeping quiet
- Making notes
- Making it be called to report

This week's focus is Actively Listening

What is actively listening?

- Looking at the speaker and thinking about what they are saying.
- Asking questions to clarify or make a connection.
- Listening and accepting other people's points of view and opinions.
- Encouraging others to share their views.

Term Dates for 2023

Term 1: 30th January - 7th April
Term 2: 24th April - 30th June
Term 3: 17th July - 22nd September
Term 4: 9th October - 18th December

NOTE: Teacher Only Days will be 24th April and 16th November

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

13th December	Whole School Prizegiving 7pm Rangiora Baptist Hall
14th December	School Reports will be published via Seesaw
15th December	Term 4 ends
30th January 2023	Whānau/Teacher Conferences - 15 min slots throughout the day- school not open for instruction
31st January	School open for Term 1 Instruction

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