



8th December 2022

Week 8, Term 4

## "Better Together"

"Mahi Tahī"

Kia ora whānau

As this will be the last newsletter of the year I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support throughout this year. It has been a year that once again was marked by Covid - and while parts of that feel long ago we are starting to see the signs of a Covid case increase again - even here at school. I feel extremely fortunate that we have had at least a couple of terms that have felt relatively "normal" where we have been able to welcome everyone back on site. To me this is what schools are all about - **community and whānau** and so when you were not able to be onsite it felt rather strange to say the least.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our **whole staff** as they have had to adapt and change the way they do things this year, and a lot has been asked of them in terms of professional development and expectation around programme delivery and assessment. Throughout it all they have continued to work professionally and with good humour.

Thank you also to **The Board** who works in the background providing governance support and advice. They are an unseen group who take on a huge responsibility for ensuring policy, finance, property and the like are implemented in the agreed manner.

Our **PTA** is also another group of parents who support our school by organising fundraisers. Without their support we would not have as much teacher aide support, and the resources and other things that we are able to buy thanks to their efforts. Everything they do they do with a passion to provide better for our students as a whole.

To our **Year 8's** who are leaving, and the **other children throughout the school** who are moving on we will miss you all. Each and everyone of you is important to our school community, and with you leaving things will look different. We wish you all the best for the next stage of your school life - wherever that may be.

To our returning students we hope you have a restful break and come back ready for another great year. You have all worked so hard this year and should be extremely proud of all your achievements.

### Last Day of Term

The last day of the term is Thursday 15th December. School closes early at 12.40pm

### Prizegiving Evening 13th December 2022

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.

**Please note:** all children are to attend and are to wear school uniform (no sweatshirt or jacket please as it gets too warm)

### 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.

### 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.

This raffle will be drawn at our prizegiving.

### 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.

### Seesaw reports and Class Lists

**Class Lists:** these will be sent out on Friday 9th December so that we can have some transition visits next week. It has been a very difficult process this year with the spread of numbers around the school. We now believe we have sorted the best lists for the students.

**School reports:** will be loaded onto Seesaw by the evening of Wednesday 14th December. Seeing as Seesaw allows you to have many family members attached we are asking that you let your child's teacher know if you would like the report sent to you via eMail instead. You may not wish for grandparents and family friends to have access to their report at the same time as you. If we do not hear from you we will assume that loading it to seesaw is fine.

### Whānau/Teacher Conferences 30th January 2023

Please look out for the booking information for these around the third week of January. We encourage you all to book a 15 minute slot to share your goals and aspirations for your child for 2023.

## 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](mailto: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!!!!**

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**



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**What is actively listening?**  
Active listening requires you to listen attentively to a speaker, understand what they're saying, respond and reflect on what's being said, and retain the information for later. This keeps both listener and speaker actively engaged in the conversation.

- 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.

<b>9th December</b>	<b>Christmas Mufti Day</b>
13th December	Whole School Prizegiving 7pm Rangiora Baptist Hall
14th December	School Reports will be published via Seesaw
15th December	Term 4 ends at 12.40pm
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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