



2nd February 2023  
Week 1, Term 1  
**"Better Together"**  
**"Mahi Tahī"**



What a great start to the year we are having. The children are settling in well and learning the routines and expectations of their new teachers. Hayley and Chris who are relieving for Juanita and Suzy know our school well and so the children are in good hands.

There are many things in the pipeline for this year and so we are excited to get going.

As some of you may have seen **Mr Taylor is in charge of sport outside the classroom** this year, with **Mr Lynskey continuing with Sport within school.**



This year the staff are taking on new things to help engage the tamariki. These will be explained to the children in the coming weeks and will be available for different age groups (some age groups still to be determined)

**Mr Lynskey** - Chess Club

**Miss McDonald** - Year 5 and 6 Jump Jam

**Mrs Standen** - Lunchtime art group

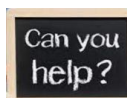
**Ms Parker** - Enviro group and senior choir

**Mrs O'Loughlin** - Garden Club

**Mrs Daly** - Mānuka Lunchtime Club

**Mr Taylor** - School

Council/Whānau House Leaders



Do you have a spare chess set that you no longer need at home? If so could you please donate this to John's Chess Club?



This year Year 4 - 8 will be attending **swimming sports** on the 14th February at the Dudley Pool. A note will go out to these children so you can help them find out what they want to compete in.

**Swimming Lessons:**

At this stage these are for Year 1-6 and take place in the last two weeks of term. We will be travelling to Dudley Pool daily for lessons on buses. There may be an opportunity for Year 7 and 8 to have 3 safety lessons and we will let you know when we find out more.



**Ashley Rakahuri School  
Community Picnic**

**When:** 17th February

**Time:** 5.30-6.30pm

**Where:** at school

**What to bring:** BYO food and drink, blanket, maybe some games to play

Come along and meet other members of our community. We would love to see you all here.



**WORKING BEE**

**When:** 19th February

**Where:** At School

**Time:** 10am - 1pm

Please come along for an hour or two and help us clean up the gardens and playground areas. Many hands make light work.

**Whānau Houses**

This Friday we will be starting our Whānau House games just after 2pm

For this the children can come to school in their house colours. Please make sure they still have their sunhat as it is going to be hot! Feel free to come and join in the fun.

**Tāwhirimātea** - Air - silver, grey, white

**Rūaumoko** - Fire - Red/orange/yellow

**Tāne Mahuta** - Earth - green/brown

**Tangaroa** - Water - Blue



Please make sure that you have signed up to your child's Seesaw account. If you are not sure what to do then please get in touch with your child's teacher. This is how your child's teacher will communicate with you. All school wide information and outside school sport information will come via eMail this year.

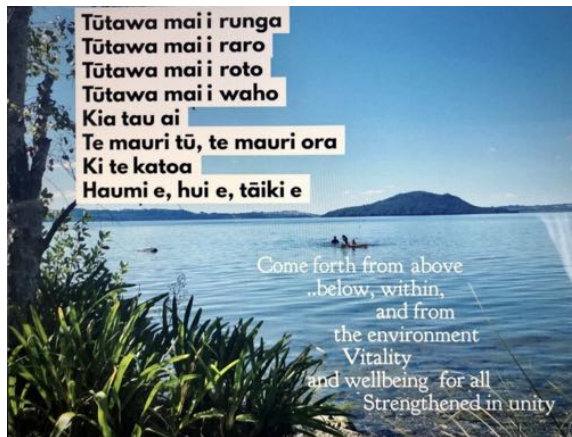
# WELCOME



We welcome Krysta Taylor to our teaching team. Krysta will be working in Harakeke Pūkeko on Tuesdays and throughout the school on Wednesdays.

## OUR LOCAL CURRICULUM

This year we are hoping to utilise our local area more and get out amongst it. We already have a plan in place with the Ashley Rakahuri RiverCare Group for the Year 7 and 8 students. We are hoping that the seniors will make their way up Maukatere (Mount Grey), that Harakeke will be able to get down to the river (dependent on algae) and that Mānuka will get across to the village. We are also looking at the possibility of getting in to some programmes that are run in Christchurch.



Each day we start classes with a Karakia. A karakia is used to start the day in unity. Please take the time to ask your child about this...and maybe have a practice.

We will change the karakia each term - to your left is this terms' karakia.

Each fortnight we have a focus at school that we share with the children in Assembly on Monday. As we have not had an Assembly yet I would like to recap our REACH values. These are an important part of our identity at Ashley Rakahuri School and we love when we hear that these same values are being used in the home too.

**Respect:** Show Manaakitanga with integrity, sincerity, and respect towards yourself, others and the environment you are in.

**Excellence:** Strive to be better than the day before in order to achieve your personal best.

**Aroha:** There are many expressions of love, including caring, giving hospitality to visitors, helping and being considerate.

**Courage:** Challenge yourself to come out of your comfort zone. Move forward. Speak up. Take action.

**Honesty:** Being truthful to oneself.



## Term Dates for 2023

**Term 1:** 30th January - 6th April  
**Term 2:** 26th 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

3rd February	Whānau House Games - children to come in mufti 2.10pm start
6th February	Waitangi Day - school closed
13th February	BOT Meeting 7pm Staffroom
14th February	Year 4-8 Swimming Sports at Dudley Pool
16th February	PTA Meeting 7pm Staffroom
17th February	Community Meet and Greet 5.30pm
19th February	Working Bee 10am start
22nd February	Special Education Parent Information Session 2.30pm
27th February	Tri-Schools Swimming sports at Dudley Pool
14th March	Rakahuri Swimming Sports at Dudley Pool
16th March	PTA AGM Meeting 7pm Staffroom
20th March	Goal Setting Interviews with teachers from 1.30pm NB: School will close early
21st March	NC Swimming Sports at Dudley Pool
27th March - 6th April	Year 1-6 swimming Lessons at Dudley Pool
6th April	Canterbury Swimming
6th April	Last day of Term 1
7th April	GOOD FRIDAY and school holidays begin
24th April	Teacher Only Day
25th April	ANZAC Day
26th April	Term 2 begins

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