



31st August 2023

Week 7, Term 3

"Better Together"
"Mahi Tahī"

Hi. everyone!

The past few weeks we have been focussing on the language being used in our playground. In general there has been a real increase in the amount of unacceptable language. We have talked about "code switching" and that when tamariki come into school they need to switch their language to meet our standards - which means no swearing or foul language. I am not for a moment suggesting the language is coming from home, there are so many places nowadays that the children can pick this up from, and I know some are repeating what they are hearing here.. However, what I would ask is that you talk to your child about using appropriate language. I know that some of our younger students are repeating words that they don't know the meaning of and it is not what we want here, or you at home need either.

Ashley Rakahuri School Health and Physical Education Survey 2023

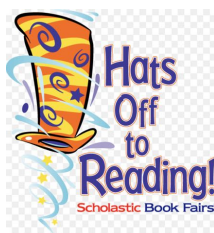
Thank you to the 31 people who have responded to our survey so far - that still means that we have not heard from many of you. Please ensure you have your say by clicking on the link below.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oh4j-AYPgiPqy5f3H2J4hovW5hC7oza_N_k0VdqiSK4/edit?ts=64d19f6d



I have heard that some in the community are wondering why the Board of Trustees has opened the school zone this year and a concern around class sizes.

I just wanted to take a moment to let you all know the reason why we did that. This school is classed as a U4 school which means that in order to maintain the funding we have and the number of teachers we have we need a certain number of students in the school. The number is 151-300 students on July 1st. We like to have around 165-175. Due to many families moving back to their home zone because of transport costs, some moving overseas and others going to intermediates, we lost approximately 17 children at the start of the year who were not year 8s. This has a flow on effect. Even with opening the zone we are today, at 150 students. This means that there is a risk that we lose a teacher. We do have comparatively small class sizes in our junior and middle school. We have been doing everything we can to avoid a surplus staffing issue and only time will tell if the Ministry of Education deems us to be close enough to this figure to maintain the 7 classrooms we have. As you can appreciate, the Board of Trustees, as good employers, have been proactive in trying to avoid this situation. It would be great if those with concerns came in for a chat with me about this to avoid misinformation.



Book Fairs build the **excitement** and fun of



reading in a **pop-up bookshop** event at your school. It brings students, teachers, families and the community together at their school to **celebrate reading**, and **raise funds** for books and resources for the school. We get 30% from each book sold.

Every book that is purchased earns the school reward points that it can redeem on books and resources for your school.

Every Scholastic Book Fair is packed with a multitude of genres, including fantasy, classics, reference, award-winners, humour, nonfiction and mystery. We ensure there are a diverse range of books for all interests and reading levels at a range of affordable prices for you to purchase

[Ashley Rakahuri School Book Fair is on Monday September 11th - Friday 15th in the Library](#)

[NB: This will be a cashless event - we will have eftpos available](#)

Book Fair dates: Monday 11th September - Friday 15th September

VOLUNTEER at our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair!

Could you spare 30 mins to volunteer to help us during the week??

Either 8:30 -9:00am or from 2:55pm - 3:30 pm.

You will be rostered on with a staff member to help man the desk and sell the books.

Could you please Email me and let me know the days and times you're available or pop in and see me in Kōwhai.

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ASHLEY RAKAHURI SCHOOL ART SHOW

Our tamariki have been working hard on creating their wonderful art work

Buy your ticket to the art show or pre purchase your child's artwork on kindo

Sales will be available to parents only from 6-7pm during the art show

Sales will be open to all from 7-8pm. Artist stalls and art available to purchase from throughout the night

Art show 8th September 6-8pm.
Complementary drinks and nibbles.
Ticket sales through kindo or by emailing pta@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz.
This is a R18 event. Cash/bank transfer sales on the night.



Lock in the date and please start buying your tickets on Kindo. On the night you will be able to come and see all the artworks of our tamariki, and also purchase your child's artwork.



This week is all about **TIKTOK**.

TikTok is a free social media platform that allows users to create, share, and watch an endless stream of short-form videos online. It started life as Musical.ly before being bought, thoroughly overhauled, and rebranded as TikTok in 2018. [With more than 1 billion active monthly users](#), it has grown to be the world's sixth most popular social media platform behind Facebook, YouTube, WhatsApp, Instagram, and WeChat.

TikTok's video content features almost anything, including dance challenges, lip-syncing, ASMR, life hacks, comedy skits, or viral trends, and although at first glance, the platform appears to be a fun, creative and highly entertaining social media outlet, it is certainly not without online safety risks, and inappropriate content is rife. So, what is it about TikTok that young people love, how are they using it, and how can we make it safer for our teens?

What is the minimum age to use TikTok?

TikTok's [terms of service](#) prohibit users under 13 years of age from using the platform, and although there is an age-gate when an account is created, it isn't verified. Children who are underage need only enter a false birthdate to gain full access to the platform.

Please follow this link to find out more:
<https://ashleyrasahuri.onlinesafetuhub.nz/parent/deep-dives/tiktok>



Just a reminder that the library is open to our school parent community so you can borrow books on behalf of/ and with your children.

Tuesdays 8.30-9am

Please come in and share some time with your child and choose some exciting books to take home for the week.



Thank you to those of you with children in Years 5 - 8 who have already paid their donation for school camp for your child/children.

If you have not yet could you please start to get these payments in and reference them with your child's name and camp beside them. If you want to you can set up a payment plan to pay it off over time.

School Bank Account number 030 855 0437419-00



RAKAHURI RIVER CLEAN UP

SAVE THE DATE:

Date: 24th September 2023

Time: 10 am – 1:00 pm

Location: North bank of Ashley/Rakahuri River - High Street, Ashley Township

TUNING IN TO TEENS
A FREE six-session programme for parents & caregivers of teenagers
Presented by Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust
Proudly supported by mainpower

LEARN HOW TO
Work with your own and your teenager's emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating.

WHERE AND WHEN
LOCATION: 200 King St Rangiora
TIME: 6.30 - 8.30pm
DATES: Thursdays
14 & 21 September
12, 19 & 26 October
2 November

HOW TO REGISTER
To register or find out more email: info@wellbeingnc.org.nz

Please note you are required to attend all six sessions.

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North Canterbury Trust

Tuning in to Teens

This is our kīwaha for the week.

Have a go and see if you can use it during your week somewhere.

Ka kite anō
-See you later

Ashley Rakahuri School

Term Dates for 2023

Term 3: 17th July - 22nd September
Term 4: 9th October - 15th December
Term 1 2024 Start Date: 30th January

NOTE: Teacher Only Day will be 16th November

Our REACH value focus for the week...

This Week's focus: Being a Role Model

A role model is someone others look to as a good example.

A Role Model:

- ★ A role model is a person someone looks up to- this means thinking really great things about them and maybe even wanting to be a little like them.
- ★ Role models can be someone you know or maybe someone famous which you've seen, heard or read about.
- ★ Role models set examples for how to do good things
- ★ Anyone can be a role model when they show respect for other and treat people kindness.



DATES TO REMEMBER

8th September	Ashley Rakahuri School Art Show 6-8pm
11-15th September	Book Week and Scholastic Book Fair
15th September	Book Character Dress Up Day 9am Whole School Parade
15th September	Bob Bickerton to visit Te Ao o Taonga Presentation whole school
18th September	Learning Conferences - 12.40pm school finish
22nd September	End of Term 3
9th October	Start of Term 4
19th October	Whole School Photos
23rd October	Labour Day Holiday

29th October	Ashley Rakahuri School Colour Run
3rd November	Christchurch Schools Music Festival
13-15th November	Year 5 and 6 Woodend School Camp
16th November	Teacher Only Day
17th November	Canterbury Anniversary Day Holiday
20-22nd November	Year 7 and 8 Living Springs Camp
8th December	Christmas Mufti Day
12th December	Whole School Prizegiving 7pm Baptist Church Hall East Belt
15th December	End of Term 4

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