



21st September 2023
Week 10, Term 3
"Better Together"
"Mahi Tahī"



It was so good to see such great engagement in the learning conferences on MOnday night. The kaiako always enjoy the chance to catch up with you all with your child and share and celebrate the learning that has happened. It is also a chance to check in on next steps and goals for the coming term.

Alongside this we ran our community survey and I am very grateful for the time you took to fill in the survey for us. This will form part of what we look at when putting together our strategic plan for the next two years. The staff and Year 4-8 students are also completing this survey this week.

The online version of this is open for another couple of days if you wish complete it there.

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As we near the end of this term we need to start preparations for next year. To help us do this we are wanting to know if there are any children, other than year 8's, who are leaving at the end of this year?

If, for any reason, your child is leaving an you let me know by eMailing me on:

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Culturally Responsive Practice/Art Club Newsletter
Rochelle Standen

In Term 3 again a number of staff have taken on the task of working on their Te Reo knowledge and tikanga practice by enrolling in 'Te ahu o te Reo' - a course for anyone working within an education setting that provides instruction and support in learning te reo. We currently have staff, support staff and Board Members working on Levels 1 - 4 of this programme which is run locally by Ngāi Tahu through Whitiōra. This means in classrooms the kaiako are better able to use Te reo to support their tamariki's learning.

The Ruataniwha Kapa haka performance occurred in Week 5 of this term, it was a chance for our Kapa haka group to perform and show all the wonderful learning and all the hard mahi they had put into learning the waiata ā ringa, mōteatea and haka.

All the tamariki definitely shone on the night. Thank you to all the whanau members who came along to support us. A big whero - or challenge for our rōpū this term is learning our new Haka - Te Mana o Rakahuri, once we have it perfected then it will be time to teach it to the rest of the kura.



Art Club:

This term has been lots of fun crafting and learning how to stitch - or remembering how to stitch. The Tamariki have designed patterns using maths grid paper, then we have pre punched the holes to make it easier to sew, lastly the fun bit of adding all the stitching to our work. Here are some examples of what we are working towards.



Enviroschools and Choir Suzy Parker

Choir

The Ashley Rakahuri Kura choir has been working hard at learning the 10 songs we have for the Christchurch Schools Music Festival in November. These all have a galaxy theme and "Rocket Man" has quickly become a firm favourite.

We managed to take a small group (due to a clash with technology day) to Avonhead Primary School for our first rehearsal. I was extremely impressed with our ākonga and the way they represented our school.

They were amazed at the amount of schools that were participating and the size of their choirs! It was fantastic to hear all the tamariki singing together - we are really looking forward to performing in the Christchurch Town Hall Auditorium on November 3rd - it will certainly be impressive with a child's orchestra and conductor.

Enviroschools

Ashley Rakahuri Enviro Group has been meeting each week to discuss any problems we see around the school that need to be addressed. The group takes the time to consider what Enviroschools principles that these relate to and use this to guide their inquiry into finding a solution.

They have been helping to include an enviroschools focus in each REACH assembly and help to encourage the whole kura to consider sustainability.

The group has also been working towards our clean up plan of the septic area and reintroducing the butterfly gardens with native plants. They have been collecting items for our insect motels and rocks for our pathway. We are getting this area sprayed over the holidays and begin the tidy up over term 4 - this project has encouraged other children to join so that has been fantastic.

We are also looking forward to our future Enviro Leaders hui at Tūhaitara Coastal Park, Woodend in October. This is where our students can learn about biodiversity and take the time to explore our own biota nodes. The tamariki will come back and share their learning with our kura.

Jump Jam/PB4L/Whānau Houses Julie McDonald

This term we competed in the Jump Jam Regional Competition in the Strictly Freshmen Category (only 20% of the team could have competed at a Jump Jam competition before) and came in first place! We also received a Merit award in technical execution and an Excellence in our performance presentation. The team has demonstrated fantastic teamwork, dedication and attitude throughout the year during their training and on the day. This has led to us being invited to compete in the National Competition in the Yr 5-6 Advanced Section where we now include costumes and up to 33% choreography changes. Thank you for the continued support from our teams' families, our community and our kura. We will be competing on November 4th and fingers crossed we have another successful result.

A big shout out and thank you to the McAllisters (EPSNZ LTD) for sponsoring our team and paying for our entry fee for Nationals, we so appreciate your support.

PB4L

This term, after the effort of last year's completion of SET data, we began our Tier 2 training for PB4L. Myself, John and Linda completed our first training session and have our final day next term. We will be reporting back to staff at the start of next term. Tier 2 training aims to support communities as they work towards the vision of students who are confident, connected, actively involved and, who will go on to be lifelong learners. It also provides particular support for:

- the principles of high expectations and inclusion
- the values of equity, community and participation and, integrity
- the key competencies of managing self, relating to others and, participating and contributing.

The student council continued to do a fantastic job running our REACH value assemblies on Monday. This term's Reach assembly focuses have been: **Think before you speak (true, honest, inspiring, necessary, kind), being a role model, positive relationships, self-esteem and patience.** These focuses have been added to our newsletters to communicate our whole-school focus which can also be reinforced at home and in the community.

“Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi engari he toa takitini. Success is due not to the work of one but the work of many.”

Whānau Houses

I always look forward to whānau houses each Friday fortnight- It is awesome to spend more time with other students within the school and to come together as a group. The purpose of our whānau houses is to foster our tuakana-tēina relationships within the school with our seniors role modelling and supporting our junior students. We have welcomed many new junior students and their whānau to our kura this term and this is a fantastic opportunity for these students to meet new people in the school, interact with our teachers and be in new spaces.

For book character week we spent time in our whānau groups with the teachers reading picture books and the students reading to each other- I'm always blown away by the aroha and role-modelling shown by our senior students towards our NE-Y1 students.

This term due to the cooler weather we have continued to run our indoor activities Next term our whānau leaders will take on more responsibility for organising events with support.

Within School Sport/PALs/Chess Club

John Lynskey

Winter Tournament

On Tuesday 8th August 50 Yr 5 and 6 students from Kowhai and Ti Kouka competed at the annual One Day Winter Tournament. The event included rugby at Southbrook Park where our team competed admirably against much larger schools. Ben Genet was a great coach and our team relished winning their final game. We had two netball teams coached by Amanda McAllister and Katie Steele. We had an overall win in the B grade competition and a number of wins in the C grade. Rochelle Standen and Hana Gray looked after our hockey team who played competitively in their grade. Carrie Fairbrother and Meika Foster looked after our football team who finished strongly with several wins in their competition. It was exciting to see Ashley Rakahuri pupils try new sports. The event helped build stronger relationships and our tamariki showed great pride in the school and its uniform. Our REACH values were on show yet again. Great to see lots of tries and goals scored and so much fun being had.



PAL'S

Our physical activity leaders kicked off their lunchtime sports coaching this term. Bower and Jacob, Evangeline and Matthew, Ammie and Indi and Blake and Milan have teamed up to take Mānuka and Harakeke children for lunchtime games again from Monday to Friday. They have had many wet days and are looking forward to the drier warmer weather in term four.

Chess Club

The chess club has been well supported this term again. There is a regular group of 10-12 players who play every Friday and a wider group who pop in for a game or two. It is great to have Troy and Finn be our monitors and set the boards up each week. This term's chess ladder has pitted stronger players together and matched beginners well.



KiwiRail are contacting you to inform you about the return of the Coastal Pacific train on the Main North Line this will be back in service shortly.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our key safety messages:

- Always expect trains from either direction and at any time
- If you are in a car, always slow down as you're approaching a level crossing and be prepared to **STOP**
- Look out for trains at all times, and **obey signs and signals**
- Stay off railway tracks and only ever cross the railway at approved level crossings.



TUNING IN TO KIDS

A FREE six-session programme for parents & caregivers of children aged 4-12 years

Presented by **Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust**

Proudly supported by **mainpower**

LEARN HOW TO

Help your child understand and manage their emotions, develop resilience and strengthen your relationship with them.

WHERE AND WHEN

LOCATION: Online

TIME: 6.30 - 8.30pm

DATES: Tuesdays
10, 17, 24 & 31 October
7 & 14 November



Please note you are required to attend all six sessions.

HOW TO REGISTER

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

Ashley Rakahuri School

ASHLEY FOREST COLOUR RUN & WALK BACK FOR 2023

We need your help!
If you or someone you know would be interested in business sponsorship for this years event please get in touch for further details.

pta@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz



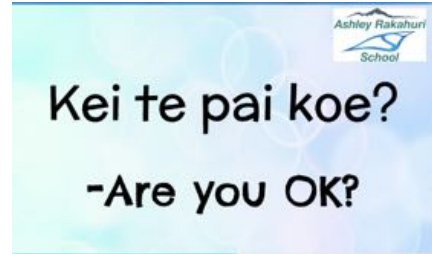
Thank you to those of you with children in Years 5 - 8 who have already paid their donation for school camp for your child/children.

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

This is our kīwaha for the week.

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



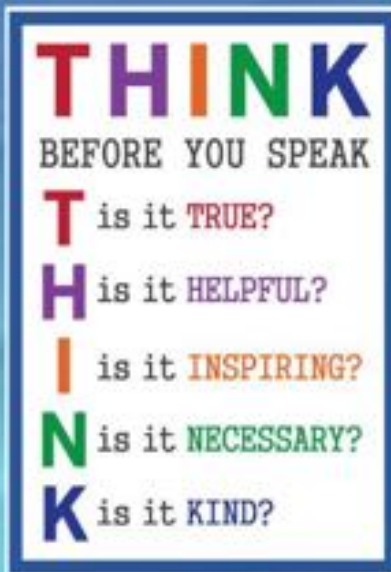
Term Dates for 2023

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: Think Before you Speak



How did you do last week??

Did you think before you spoke?

Does anyone have an example for us?

How do you think it made the other person feel?

DATES TO REMEMBER

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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