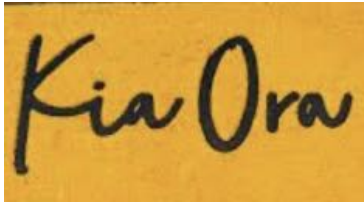




19th October 2023
Week 2, Term 4
"Better Together"
"Mahi Tahī"



I would like to start by thanking you all and acknowledging that by the school being closed on Monday it will have added an unneeded stress to your week. I do hope that by now you all have power restored and the clean up is well underway.

We got off lightly at school with minimal damage and so have so much to be thankful for as not all local schools were as lucky.

Thank you all for the support of our Whole School Athletics day yesterday. It was so good to have everyone together and for our tamariki to have a day out of the classroom. While some children are competitive and sports are their thing, for others it is all about participating and challenging themselves to be courageous. I am in awe of the determination of our students to give all things their best.

To all the parents who gave up the chance to watch their own child compete by helping at a station we are extremely grateful as we cannot run these days without your support.



Please help us ensure that your children are complying with the uniform requirements of the school. We have a number of children turning up wearing **sleeper earrings** and **other jewellery**. Sleepers are not permitted due to the chance of them getting caught and ripping an earlobe. Other jewellery that is not cultural is also creeping in, especially in the senior school and is not permitted.

Nail polish is also not part of the uniform and we need your support to ensure this is not being worn. False nails, gels and acrylics are also not permitted.

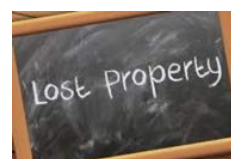


PLEASE NOTE: the carpark at the school is for staff only. Please do not park there to pick up and drop off. Please also ensure you are not blocking the entrance to the carpark.

The drop off zone is for your use for a quick drop off and pick up OR there is parking is along Boundary Road or over at the Cenotaph.



A huge thank you to Jean Foster who worked through the wind storm on Saturday and moved



There is so much lost property that is not named. This is at the entrance of the hall. Please come in

all this sand to the sandpit on their own. It was a mammoth effort and her efforts are hugely appreciated.

and take whatever you think is your child's as if it remains there much longer we will recycle it as uniform to give away to families who want it.



The Annual Colour Run is fast approaching so please follow the link on Eventbrite to purchase your tickets. It is a great morning out with the family and you can go around the loop track as fast or slow as you want, and as many times as you want.

If you are able to volunteer to help on the day can you please contact the PTA on:
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



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?

Equally, if you know of any siblings or local children who are starting school but may not yet have enrolled could you please let us know?

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

principal@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz

Term Dates for 2023

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...remains the same as we didn't have assembly this week.

This Week's focus: Integrity



Integrity is doing the right thing even when it's hard or **when no one is looking.**

True integrity is following by the rules because you know that it's the right thing to do.

It also means behaving in ways that earn the trust of people around you, as well as standing up for yourself and for others in social situations.

GOLD COIN ENTRY  NO DOGS PLEASE

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL KAIAPOI



SAUSAGE SIZZLE - BACON BUTTIES - HOT DOGS
CANDY FLOSS - BOUNCY CASTLE - FACE PAINTING
CRAFT STALLS - WHITE ELEPHANT - CHOC WHEEL - RAFFLES
LIVE MUSIC - LIVE AUCTION - GAMES - ICE CREAM - COFFEE

Saturday 28th October

61 Fuller Street, Kaipoi

3pm - 7pm



STALL HOLDERS PLEASE EMAIL: PTA@STPATRICK.CO.NZ
<https://facebook.com/events/1317110171017101>



Please note that if you are not using the service (eg when the school closed on Monday) it is your responsibility to let the provider know. We provide the venue for pick up but do not contact them for unexpected closures.

DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd October	Labour Day Holiday
25th October	Tri School Athletics - Loburn Domain - Year 4-8
29th October	Ashley Rakahuri School Colour Run
1st November	Rakau Hīkoi up Maukatere
3rd November	Christchurch Schools Music Festival
3rd November	Gumboot Friday Mufti Day and Hot Dogs
4th November	Jump Jam Nationals for Year 5 and 6 Team
12th November	Working Bee 10am - 1pm
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
25th November	Tūhono Kapa Haka Competition at Christchurch Town Hall
5th December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
8th December	Christmas Mufti Day
12th December	Whole School Prizegiving 7pm Baptist Church Hall East Belt
13th December	End of Year School Reports Out
15th December	End of Term 4

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