

Kia Ora

It was great to see so many families at our community picnic last Friday night seeing as the weather was a little chilly throughout the day. The surprise appearance of Mr Whippy was an added bonus as they had said they couldn't attend - but apologies to anyone caught off guard by this.

This week we had swimming sports on Tuesday and it was a pleasure to see how our children competed and supported each other. While swimming is a favourite of some, it is a challenge for others and so everyone who gave it their best and got in the water showed courage and excellence. Those going through to Tri-schools will be notified in the coming days.

We have whānau house activities again this week where our leaders will have the chance to once again get involved and show their leadership skills. While having a chat with them they talked about wanting to support the younger children and to get involved more in school life. Their enthusiasm is evident and I look forward to seeing what they achieve this year. This year we are starting a Whānau House Competition where there will be a house cup or shield. At this point in time we are working out what we would award points for. We will have more information in a few weeks time.



Whānau House Leaders

Back Row: Madison, Millie, Shilo, Jonty
Front Row: Ruby, Jadore, Finn, Maddy

Introducing to you all...the Mānuka Teaching Team!!

MĀNUKA

Meet Our Team

Karen Daly

Hi, my name is Karen Daly. I am delighted to have the opportunity to join the wonderful team of tamariki and kaiako in Mānuka at Ashley Rakahuri School.

I am delighted to be teaching our New Entrant and Year 1 lovesies in Teina.

I live in Kaiapoi with my husband Steve and daughter, Sophie. I have always taught in North Canterbury and the majority of my primary teaching experience has been in the Junior School. I enjoyed playing and coaching football for many years.

Lately, I have started giving yoga classes a try and always look forward to attending the occasional retreat!
Karen x



Julie McDonald

Kia ora,

I am the Year 1-2 teacher in Mānuka Tuakana. This is my 5th year at Ashley Rakahuri, I spent 2 years previously teaching Years 5-6 at Auroa School in Taranaki.

I grew up in Kaikōura and now live in Rangiora with my partner. I have a cheeky English Springer Spaniel called Milo who likes to bark at birds and keep the local vet in business. I'm really looking forward to our upcoming new build to modernise our learning space.

Julie



School Council 2024



Back Row: Hunter, Zoe, Claire, Chloe, Chloe

Front Row: Evangeline, Tyler, Milan, Kayla

Absent: Aurelia

This year's school council are buzzing with ideas and things they want to achieve. They have fundraisers, raffles, the possibility of the Koru games, running assemblies and so much more in mind. They are already role modelling the type of behaviour we expect of our seniors and we look forward to the rest of the year.

Board of Trustees Update

At the end of 2023 the Board of Trustees made the decision, after advice from New Zealand Trustees, **to change our constitution** and go from a six member board back to a five member board of parent representatives. This is in line with most other schools around the country.

On another note the Board has just signed off on the concept plans for the **Mānuka block** refurb and refit so that this project can progress to the next stage.

Lastly, it is time to **review policies** for Term 1 and we welcome your feedback. Please have a look at our website via "school info" and then "policies and procedures". If you want to suggest any changes please make a comment using the comment feature in School Docs.

Kaitātaki 2024



Hunter and Kayla

Our newly created leadership role of Kaitātaki this year has meant we have a clear way for student voice to be heard and a tuākana role across our kura. Both Kayla and Hunter were chosen by their peers and staff as having mana (charisma and a role model), a true sense of wairua (embrace the spirit of kapa haka) and manakitanga (integrity, sincerity and respect towards Māori beliefs, language and culture). As Kaitātaki they are also part of the school council.

Watch this space as they get to work as I know one of the goals is fundraising for Korowai cloaks for the Kapa Haka leaders for competitions.

PTA

We have our first meeting on the **21st February** in the school staffroom at 7pm.

We would love some new members so please come along and see if it is something you want to be part of.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21st February First PTA Meeting NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

26th February Tri schools swimming sports

7th March Rakahuri Swimming Sports

14th March PTA AGM in school staffroom 7pm

25th March Learning Conferences - school closes at 12.30pm

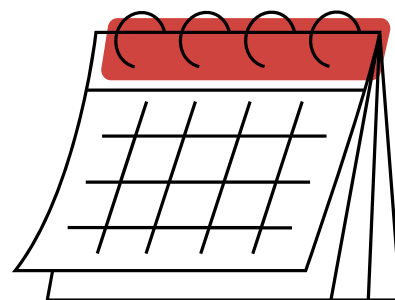
29th March Good Friday Holiday

1st April Easter Monday Holiday

2nd April Easter Tuesday Holiday

12th April End of Term 1

29th April Term 2 Starts



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!!!



Ashley Rakahuri School

Out Of Zone Enrolments

We have spaces available for 2024.

Please apply with an expression of interest including your child's name and DOB to:

office@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz

Scholastic Book Orders

These are due March 15th please.

We would love some new faces to come and join our happy crew!!



Ashley Rakahuri School

PTA 2024 AGM

Please join us
We need YOU!

Thursday March 14th 7PM

School office

Drinks & Nibbles provided

RSVP to email: pta@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz

Linda Horne - Principal/Tumuaki
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