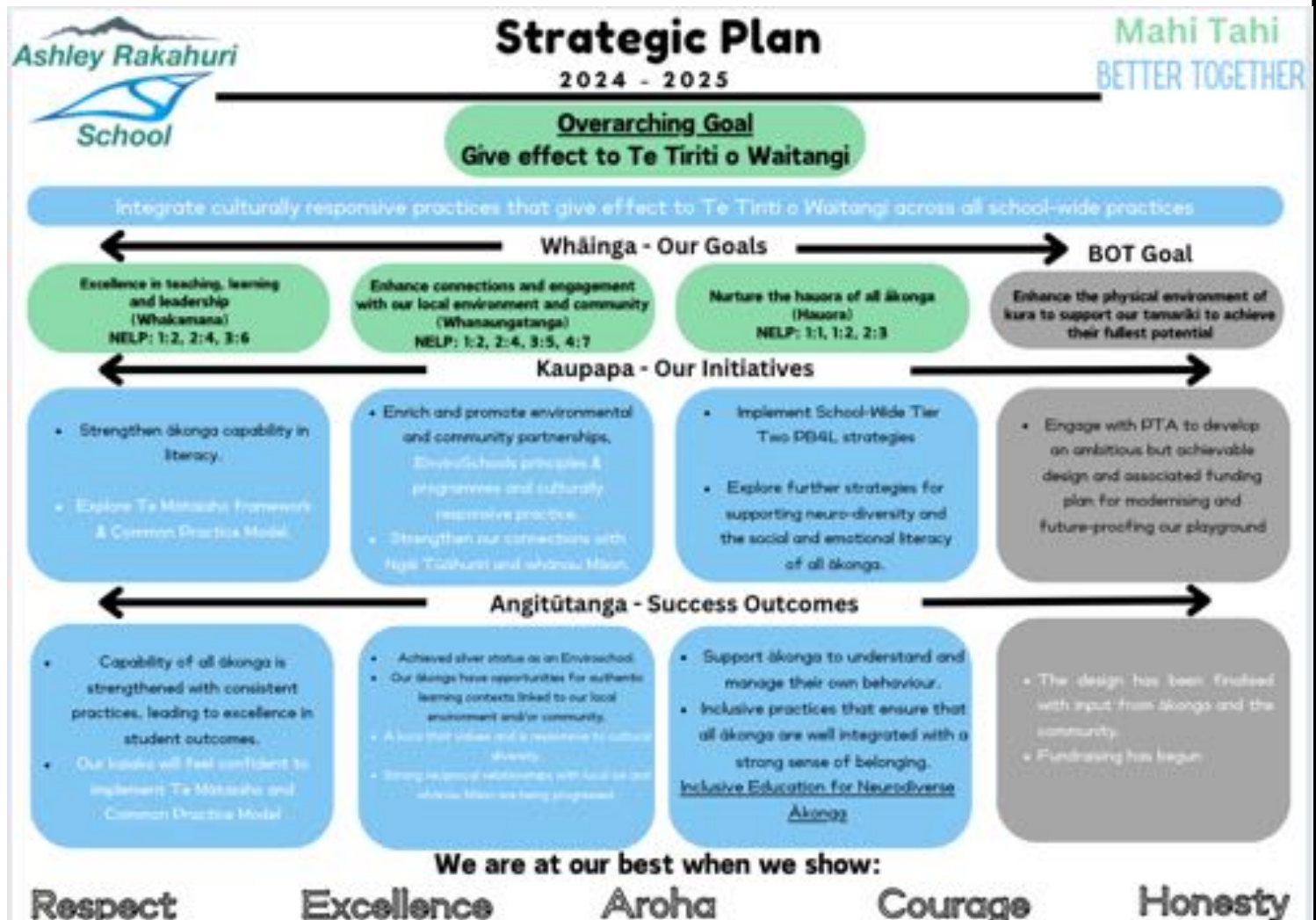


Kia ora

Today your children will be bringing home a notice around our visit to **Rehua Marae** in Christchurch on the 27th March. We would love whānau to join us and be part of this wonderful opportunity. If you are planning to attend then please return the notice so we have an idea of numbers. While we are there all day some of you may choose to come along just for the pōwhiri which is fine too.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Last year the BOT surveyed the community, staff and students asking what we were doing well, what we could improve on and aspirational ideas moving forward. From this, we spent a couple of days with a facilitator who supported us in collating this information and assessing what would fit with our kura in terms of strategic direction for the next two years. The plan below is the outcome of this. Each week I will share in more detail what each area means we will be focussing on for 2024. We would welcome any feedback either to: bot@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz or via myself at: principal@ashleyrakahurischool.nz



INTRODUCING... MORE OF OUR AMAZING TEACHERS

My name is Krysta Taylor (wife of Mr Taylor). I am super excited to be back 3 days a week at Ashley Rakahuri School for 2024. I look forward to spending each Tuesday in Pūkeko and across the school in various classrooms each Wednesday and Thursday. I love being outdoors; walking, running, gardening, swimming and playing games. Reading is another passion of mine- I love books! Also I love to bake and cook yummy things. I can't wait to meet you all soon! :)



Kia Ora. My name is Catherine Te Aika, and I am the Reading Recovery teacher at Ashley Rakahuri School.

I work with 6 year olds and give them a boost in literacy. I love seeing the changes in children as they develop skills and confidence in their reading and writing. I get to travel around a cluster of 5 local schools daily.

I live in Tuahiwi with my husband Sam, and one very spoiled empty nest cat. Our two children are grown up and living in Christchurch, though our daughter is currently travelling and seeing the world.

In my spare time I enjoy reading (funnily enough) travelling, biking, and spending time with family and friends.



Sue Graham

I am a trained teacher of many years, and the Learning Support Coordinator - LSC , for both Ashley – Rakahuri and Loburn Schools for three days a week. My role is to advocate for tamariki, whānau and teachers to ensure all children have access and the support they need to effectively engage in learning – “The child the heart of the matter” is central to my work. I communicate regularly with teachers and whānau , and work with children often in smaller groups. I also communicate regularly with outside agencies.

I am passionate about maths teaching and learning and am an Accredited Professional Learning Facilitator for the Ministry of Education. In this role I have been privileged to lead the Maths professional learning for the Ashley – Rakahuri staff over the last two years. I live with my husband Kevin , Rastus the cat, and Ellie the Miniature Long haired Dachshund on a lifestyle block where we run cattle.

My interests include tramping, mountain biking , gardening and the reading of a good book.



School Council Easter Raffle

This year's school council are looking for fun ways to support our fundraising for our new playground (more information on this to follow in coming weeks). They have come up with a fun Easter Raffle for the children. Tickets can be purchased from their classroom teachers. Please send the correct change along. The PTA will be banking the money for us for our fund.





Working Bee!

24th March 10am - 1pm
Please lock in the date to
come and help us out
around the school

ANZAC DAY

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Our annual ANZAC Day Service will be held
this year on the 12th April 2024 at 2pm.

We will start in the hall and then all move
across to the cenataph to pay our respects.

Please come along and join us.

On the morning of the 12th we would love any
donations of greenery or flowers and some
volunteers to arrange these for us.



REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

Aroha

Aroha is the third of our
REACH values and it can be
shown in many different ways.



Examples

- Treat people with respect, fairness, and kindness.
- Do things in the right spirit and expect nothing in return.
- Go out of our way to help someone.
- Visit whānau who are unwell or need cheering up.
- Do the little things that help others feel special, or like they really matter.
- Actively listen to people when they are talking.

Karakia

E te whānau hui
 Whāia te mātauranga kia mārama
 Kia whai take ngā mahi katoa
 tū māia, tū kaha
 Aroha atu aroha mai
 Tātou i a tātou katoa

For this gathering
 Seek knowledge and understanding
 Have purpose in all that you do
 Stand tall, be strong
 Let us show respect
 for each other



Kiwaha



Ahiahi mārie
 -Good Afternoon :)

Our karakia for this term -this is how we start our day and also any assemblies. This was chosen this time by our Kaitātaki and Mrs Standen.

Each week we have a new kiwaha (saying) that we practice as a way to build up our reo. This is introduced on a Monday at assembly.

Whānau House Points

Last week we started our whānau house points with the tamariki. They are working towards a shield that will be presented at prizegiving. Points have so far been awarded for championship swimming at our school sports and whānau house games. Our REACH values and how our leaders interact and represent themselves are the way points are earned. Each fortnight I will share a points update.

Below is how the points are awarded at whānau house afternoons.

WHĀNAU HOUSE POINTS SYSTEM

	Points Out of 5
Respect	
Excellence	
Aroha	
Courage	
Honesty	
Leader's Name:	Points Out of 5
Organisation and preparation before activity	
Input and contribution to running the activity - enthusiasm, engagement	
Help tidying up and cleaning space	

House	Total Points Week 6
Tāne Mahuta	79
Tangaroa	82
Tāwhirimatea	79
Rūamoko	76

Sunday March 10 and 17th starting at 9am and all over by midday.



The riverbed site chosen for clearing is alongside the local airfield at the North end of Mertons Road. Those interested should gather in the large open area alongside Groyne 2, between the airfield and the riverbed. The weed-clearing area is within easy walking distance of the car-park, so anyone, of any age, is welcome (but not dogs). The occasion is also an excellent opportunity to learn more about what the Group does to assist the birds. Gloves will be needed, and a small handsaw and/or grubber might be useful – but not vital. Make sure you have appropriate clothing for the day, plus footwear (which might get wet).

There is no need to register your interest – just turn up by 9am.



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@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz



PTA 2024 AGM

Please join us
We need YOU!

Thursday March 14th 7PM

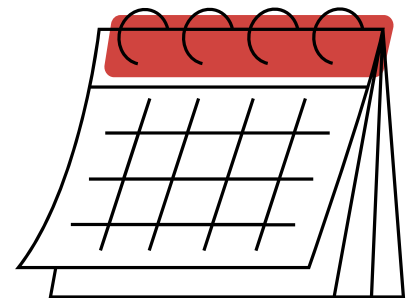
School office

Drinks & Nibbles provided

RSVP to email: pta@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 14th March PTA AGM in school staffroom 7pm
- 20th March Paid Union Meeting for Teachers - school closing 1pm
- 24th March Working Bee at school 10am - 1pm
- 25th March Learning Conferences - school closes at 12.30pm
- 27th March Whole school marae visit - Rehua Marae
- 29th March Good Friday Holiday
- 1st April Easter Monday Holiday
- 2nd April Easter Tuesday Holiday
- 12th April ANZAC Day Service 2pm in school hall**
- 12th April End of Term 1
- 29th April Term 2 Starts



Linda Horne - Principal/Tumuaki
principale@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz

COMMUNITY NEWS



YEAR 1 & 2 NETBALL

LEARN BASIC NETBALL SKILLS IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT

TERM 2 - 2024

Thursdays: 4 pm to 5 pm

MAINPOWER STADIUM

**BOYS
& GIRLS**

**For more info & to register visit:
www.ncnc.org.nz/year1-2**



**Rowing For Life
Aotearoa NZ 2024**

Raising funds for...



**SURF LIFE SAVING
NEW ZEALAND**

Waikuku Beach

9th March

11am-4pm



Supported by Local Lions Clubs NZ



Family Picnic Day

Crew arrive 12noon approx

Games for children

Food and Ice cream available to buy



Understanding Your Brain Building Resilience & Maximising Learning

Clarkville Te Kura Ki Waimatao School / CLARKVILLE KAIAPOI
Thursday 18th April / 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Tickets at www.eventfinda.co.nz



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Girls Smash Spectacular

Girls cricket like you have never seen it before!!
Our Girls Smash Spectacular days are a great way to try Cricket in
a fun and safe environment. Sign up Below!!

Mainpower Oval (Rangiora)= 12th March, 5:15-6pm

Foster Park (Rolleston)= 13th March, 4-4:45pm

Free session, free T-Shirt, music and good times!!

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/401e7c>

