

Kia ora

Thank you to all who returned their slip around our visit to **Rehua Marae**. We are excited that approximately 20 of you will be joining us in Christchurch for this. Just to clarify things this is a school trip and as such all children will be attending. When you enrolled your child you gave us blanket permission for trips and so that is why we have not asked for specific permission to attend this. We will be going in on buses and have around 35 adults attending in total. Please ensure your child has their lunch and water bottle with them.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Strategic Plan Information

Attached to the newsletter email will be the first goal of the strategic plan in more detail. As you will see from this our big focus this year is around reading and strengthening ākonga (teacher and student) capability in this across the school. While the base of our programme is around instructional, structured literacy there are many facets to an effective literacy programme which are called the "Six Pillars of Reading" and have the following components:

Oral Language, Phonological Awareness, Phonics, Vocabulary, Reading Fluency, Comprehension

Update on Mānuka Refurb and Refit

This is at the surveying stage with our project managers. From here it will go to the Ministry of Education who will be asked for the extra funding needed to complete this project. At this point in time we have no reason to believe it will not be started later this year, however, it is dependent on what the MOE comes back with.

Education Review Office (ERO)

At the end of 2023 we started our cycle with our ERO partner who will be working alongside our kura for the next three years. The model of how ERO works has changed markedly and, instead of being in a school for a week and writing a report based on what they see and learn within a week, they have a new methodology. We are in the very early stages of the review where we are working through the compliance information they have requested. We look forward to continuing this work and taking on board any feedback and feed forward we receive.

INTRODUCING... TANYA AND GARY

My name is Tanya Lewis and I have had the pleasure of working at Ashley Rakahuri School for 20 years. I spent the first two years as a teacher aide before going to office administration work.

I love being outdoors enjoying the sunshine, walking, swimming and gardening. I have two adult children Jacob and Claudia who are both married and have a son each, Nash and Jag.

Jake's son Nash is 4 months old and Claudia's son Jag is 2 years old. Being a grandma is definitely the highlight of my life at the moment and keeps me busy.



My name is Gary Simpson and 'I'm the school caretaker. I look after the school grounds and all the maintenance. I am an A grade auto engineer by trade and use this to design and build many of the structures you see around the school.

I love to build different things for the children and staff to enjoy.

Looking forward to another year and watch this space for something special for the children.

I live in Loburn on a lifestyle block with my wife
In my spare time

I play the drums in a band and also do session drumming in the recording studio.



HIGH ACHIEVING ATHLETES!

As a team, the North Canterbury Athletics Club ranked 4th overall out of 18 participating clubs which is the highest ranking in the club history, and everyone smashed it with PBs across the board. Below is an update on all the individual achievements for the Ashley athletes:



Walter - Placed 4th overall in his grade
4th in Shot Put 4.76m (PB)
5th in Discus 10.72m (PB)
6th in Long Jump 2.78m (PB)
Made the final for 60m sprint 11.20sec (PB)
PBs also in 100m and 200m sprint distances

Charlie - 4th in Discus 16.16m (PB)
Made the final for 60m sprint 10.06sec (PB)
PB in 200m sprint 34.88sec

Ruby - Finished 1st in the 1200m Race Walk, but unfortunately disqualified for a heel lift in the final 100m dash.
PBs in Long Jump, 100m, 400m and 800m run.

Jackson 4th in Shot Put 10.31m (PB)
4th in Discus 30.82m (PB)
PBs in 100m and 200m sprint distances
Throwing over 10m in shot put and over 30m in discus were his season goals, so a big achievement for him!

Thanks to Bev Archer for the update.

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.

CHILDREN EASTER
RAFFLE BE IN TO WIN
AN EASTER TREAT!

TICKETS WILL BE \$1 EACH FROM
YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER.

THE TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN
ON THE 28TH OF MARCH 2024 AT
2:30 IN THE HALL

CLOSING: 27TH OF MARCH 2024





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.

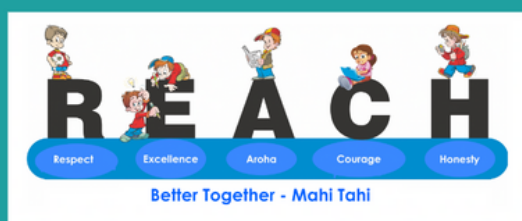


REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

Aroha

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



Examples

- Helping someone when they are stuck.
- Including others in games and / or activities when they seem lonely.
- Helping people with their bags.
- Telling someone they are good at an activity they are doing.
- Give someone a nice compliment to make their day.

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



Pō Mārie
 -Good night :).

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.

100 WORD WRITING CHALLENGE

WHERE DID IT GO???

The sun set, casting a warm glow over the Arctic landscape. As the last rays disappeared, silence fell over the icy empire .

A polar bear, with a curious glint in its eyes, stood on its hind legs, sniffing the air. It had caught a scent, a familiar one. But where did it go? The bear's powerful paws left deep footprints in the snow as it followed the trail.

Suddenly, a playful dance of colours lit up the sky. The Northern Lights had returned, guiding the bear towards it and there it was, the moon, shining brightly in the night sky.

By Annabella Gascoyne
 Year 7



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

TIME TO GET YOUR ORDERS IN!

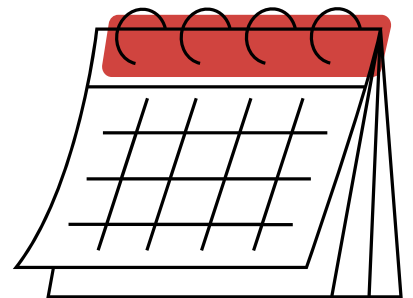
[HTTPS://FUNDRAISE.PASTA.CO.NZ/F/ASHLEY-RAKAHURI](https://fundraise.pasta.co.nz/f/ashley-rakahuri)



The image shows a screenshot of a fundraising webpage for Pasta Vera. The page has a light orange background and a grid layout. At the top right, there are two circular icons: a plus sign and a minus sign. The main heading is "Pasta Vera Fundraiser" in a large, dark font. Below it, the text reads "Orders open from 26 February - 18 March". Further down, it says "Orders to be made here:" followed by the URL "https://fundraise.pasta.co.nz/f/ashley-rakahuri". Below the URL, there is a note: "Please pay by bank deposit, details on order form" and "Pick up from school hall Friday 5th April 2:30-3pm". On the left side, there is a circular image of a pasta dish, specifically a lasagna or layered pasta with a tomato sauce and melted cheese. On the right side, there is a logo for "Ashley Rakahuri School PTA" with a green mountain range graphic above the text. At the bottom, the contact email "pta@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz" is listed.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 14th March PTA AGM in school staffroom 7pm
- 20th March Paid Union Meeting for Teachers - school - no classes running - supervision available 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
principaleashleyrasahuri.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**



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Clarkville Te Kura Ki Waimatao School / CLARKVILLE KAIAPOI
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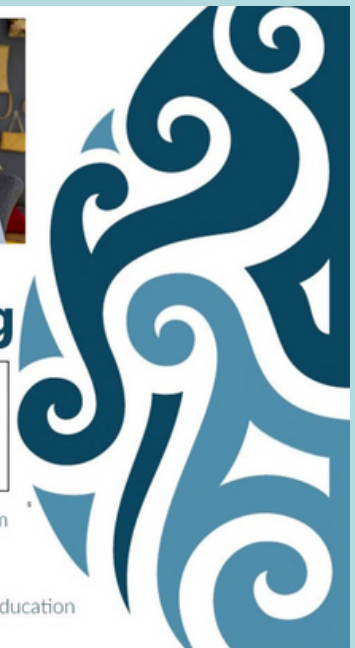
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JASON GUNN

SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2024
DOORS OPEN 12NOON
LUNCH AT 1PM

Two course lunch matched with
wine, sponsored by Lindauer.

Tickets \$100 per person
Tickets available at the bar,
or email rangiorarsa@gmail.com
Tables of 6 or 8 people available on request.
SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLES

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code robots & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big pretend client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have Literati Lab just for girls

Venues: Canterbury Uni & STAC

Dates: 15th - 18th & 22nd - 26th April

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