

Kia ora

Welcome to Week 8 of the term. This means that there are only three weeks left and it is the holidays again. It seems like we just started back and yet so much has happened already across the school. One of the highlights of the year will be heading to Rehua Marae next week and sharing this experience with not only our tamariki but also about 40 whānau as well. With this in mind if you are able to make it to the practice tomorrow morning, at 9am, here at school then please come along. It will take about half an hour. For those that are attending, you should have received a detailed letter from Rochelle and myself on what is happening on the day, including the dress code. It is important that we respect the wishes of the marae and stick with this dress code.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Strategic Plan Information

Attached to the newsletter email will be the second goal of the strategic plan in more detail. As you will see from this our big focus in this area is all about getting out into our local area and engaging with both the environment and the community more.

Two practical examples of this are the Ashley Playcentre coming for a visit to our kura to connect and build relationships with our New Entrants. The other is that senior members of our enviro school team have headed to Tūhaitara Coastal Park to look at our bioda node that the school has and to learn more about the area in general. It is hoped that the tamariki will continue to go back throughout the year to look at this more.

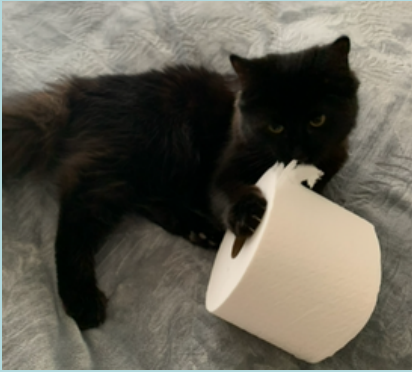
The other focus is on our EnviroSchool status. We currently are at Bronze level with this and are going to work hard over the next two years to get ourselves to silver status. As part of this the children work with Krysta Taylor on a Thursday to work through components of the programme. At the moment they are learning about the guiding principles of the programme which are:

- **Empowered Learners** participate in genuine ways in their community. Their unique creativity, perspectives and questions are valued and honoured. They feel connected to the whenua and support each other as a learning community to create meaningful change and hopeful action.
- **Learning for Sustainability** is a holistic, action and future-focused approach to learning, that engages our whole selves and addresses all aspects of our local and global environment.
- **Te Ao Māori** holds insights, knowledge and ways of being in relation to the taiao. Honouring this acknowledges the unique relationship of tangata whenua with this land. When we are envisioning and taking action for a sustainable future in our community, we are guided by the history, knowledge, tikanga, traditions and aspirations of local hapū.
- **Respect for Diversity** is celebrated, and all forms of identity and ability are respected. Cultural traditions and practices from all people are experienced, valued and appreciated in learning spaces, honouring practices led by that community. Access to safe and engaging learning is available to everyone.
- **Sustainable Communities** act in ways that nurture all aspects of nature, including people, now and in the future. By working together and supporting each other we create safe, healthy, equitable and thriving communities.

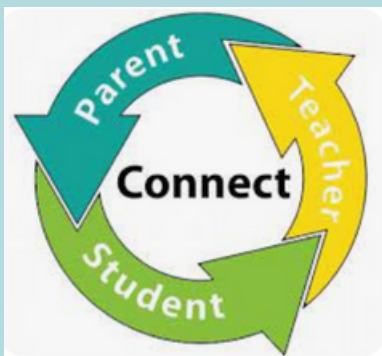
INTRODUCING... MYSELF AS PRINCIPAL

I have been part of the North Canterbury community all my life as I grew up on a sheep and cropping farm in Loburn and attended Loburn School. I then went to Rangiora High School and from there to the University of Canterbury. I love the Ashley community and have been here for the majority of my teaching career - first in the classroom, then Deputy Principal and now in my current role. I see it as a real privilege to lead this school, and to be constantly looking for ways to improve the learning outcomes for our tamariki. The support from the community is a contributing factor to why I have stayed so long.

I have two children who are now adults who attended this school in their primary years. In my spare time, I love to get to the beach, claim to like gardening (although the weeds would tell you otherwise), and reading a good novel. I have two cats that rule the house, in fact the little black one takes great delight in destroying almost everything, and who seem to have a mind of their own.



Learning Conferences



These are taking place on **Monday 25th March** and the school will be closing at **12.30pm**. If you have not already booked a time please do by Friday 22nd 9am. This is your chance to hear how your child's year has started and for you to share back to their teacher. It is expected that your child will attend these conferences with you.



Ashley Rakahuri School
PTA

Non Uniform Day

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

American Hot Dogs Lunch
Purchase via Kindo before Wed 26th 8pm
(vegetarian option available)

**Funds raised go to our new
playground project**

Donations made via Kindo

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

Being a respectful visitor



Examples

- Follow the rules of your host e.g. no shoes on inside, karakia before eating, look after your things and clean up after yourself.
- Use your manners and be polite e.g. please, thank you, pardon, excuse me.
- Listen and be respectful when hosts are speaking- this can include showing 5.
- Showing your REACH values

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

Kei runga noa atu!

- Outstanding,
great work.

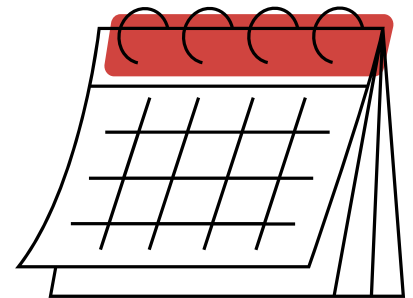


Our karakia for this term -this is how we start our day and also any assemblies. This was chosen this time by our Kaitātaki and Mrs Standen.

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.

Dates for your diary

- 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
- 28th March - Non Uniform day and hot dogs**
- 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
- 10th May - Whole School Cross Country 12.30pm start**
- 17th May - Pink Shirt Mufti Day - fundraiser**
- 24th May Whole School Disco**
- 31st May - Teacher Only Day**
- 3rd June - King's Birthday Holiday**
- 20th June - Whole School Production at Rangiora Town Hall**
- 27th June - Matariki Community Breakfast**
- 5th July Term 2 Ends
- 22nd July Term 3 Starts
- 12th August - School Photos
- 17th August Quiz Night
- 2nd-13th September - Swimming Lessons at Dudley
- 27th September - Term 3 Ends



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**RAISING THE
NEXT GENERATION
WITH CONFIDENCE**

a series of
parenting workshops

CAN NUTRITION HELP SOLVE THE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS?

Speaker: Dr Julia Rucklidge

Professor of Psychology, University of Canterbury and Director of Te Puna Toiora, the Mental Health and Nutrition Research Lab

Dr Julia Rucklidge is passionate about advocating that a good nutritional foundation is central to helping people prevent and recover from mental health challenges. For more than a decade, her lab has been running clinical trials investigating the role of broad-spectrum micronutrients in the treatment of mental illness, including ADHD, mood disorders, anxiety and stress.

**Thursday 11 April
7–8.30pm**

**MainPower Stadium
289 Coldstream Road,
Rangiora**

\$10 per person

PLEASE REGISTER HERE:

events.humanitix.com/parenting-with-confidence-2axwjru6

OR SCAN BELOW:



*One in four young
Kiwis struggle with
mental health issues*

