

Mālo e lelei

This week is Tongan Language week and as a close family member of mine is Tongan I am trying hard to learn more about the pronunciation of this beautiful Pasifika language and the culture in general. I am definitely a work in progress when it comes to the language but think it is so important to embrace the wonderful diversity of our nation as a whole. Ma'ū ha 'aho lelei (Have a nice day)



Next week I will be launching our school Readathon at the Monday assembly which will be followed up by a letter being sent home to all children who are oldest in the family. Keep an eye out for this. All funds raised from this will go towards our new playground.



Would your child like the chance to be in the top seat?

We have a rear chance for one child to take over Mrs Horne's seat and become our PRINCIPAL for the day (open to all Ashley Rakahuri School Students). This has come about as the family that bid for and won the auction at the Quiz night want to help make more money for the school.

Dress the part, have lunch with the staff - or get out and play alongside the others...

Give your child the gift of a day as the Principal where they will see first hand all the ins and outs of running our wonderful school. What ideas will your child come up with? Longer lunches? Sport instead of writing? While all ideas need to stay within school rules, and in agreement with Mrs Horne, there is so much potential for a fun filled day.

Just \$5 gets you 1 chance in the draw. There are no limits on tickets per person. Catch up with the whole family or even the neighbours, tell them what you would do if you were Principal for the day and see if they will contribute to a ticket for you or someone you think would love this chance!

All funds raised will go towards our new playground fund to help reduce the wait for somewhere new to play. See Kayla Brunt each morning before school in Tōtara until Thursday the 12th of September with your money and she will put you in the draw.

Winner will be announced in assembly on Friday the 13th of September with Principal for the Day being held on the 27th September.

Enrolments

Thank you to everyone who has enrolled their children for 2025.

On the flip side of enrolling, if you know your child is moving school for 2025 can you please let us know as this helps me sort our numbers.

**Reminder: Teacher
Only Day Friday
23rd August**

REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

Relating to Others (Respect)



Examples

How can you show this during the week?

- 1) Kind hands, Kind words, Kind feet
- 2) Be polite (good manners) when interacting with each other.
- 3) In order to relate well to others, you need to be a good listener.

Puritia mai rā tika he kōrero
Puritia mai rā te pono hei
wānanga
Puritia mai rā te aroha he
awhina i te ngākau a tangata
Kia tū, kia atea, kia mārama
Hui ē, Tāiki ē

Allow the truth of the mind to speak freely
Allow the truth of the heart to learn
Allow the love of humanity to be open to
opportunities
So as to stand unencumbered and with
clarity
Let us be one, united in our thoughts



Kiwaha

Karawhiua!
-Go hard, give it
heaps



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

23rd August Teacher Only Day

28th August Whole School Poetry Finals - 11am

2nd-13th September - Water Safety Lessons at Dudley

16th September Learning Conferences - early close of school 12.30pm

20th September Ka Matakura o Ruataniwha - North Canterbury Kapa Haka Festival 12-2pm Rangiora Baptist Hall

27th September - Term 3 Ends

14th October - Term 4 starts

28th October - LABOUR DAY

1st November - Gumboot Friday

3rd November - Colour Run

14th November - Teacher Only Day

15th November - Canterbury Show Day

24th November - Tūhono Kapa Haka Festival

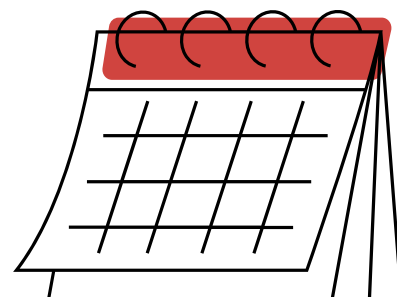
10th December Year 8 Leavers Dinner

12th December School Reports Go Out

13th December Christmas Mufti Day

16th December Whole School Prizegiving

17th December End of School Year



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