

Kia ora koutou

This week has flown by so far and, after a cold Monday, the sunny days have meant that the children can be out on the field burning off energy at break times which is great to see.

I wanted to say a huge thank you for the way that so many of you have already embraced the concept of the Readathon by getting your children signed up. At the time of writing this we have 68 out of 169 of the children signed up and have raised just over \$3100.00. Tomorrow at Assembly I will be drawing the first prize winner by using a random number generator. The prize winner will come from anyone who has signed up - even if no donations in yet. The prize looks great so take a moment to get your child signed up so they don't miss out on the opportunity.



So far the option of being in to win the Principal for the day has raised around \$270.00

Be in to win if you want your child to have the chance.

### 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

Next week our Out of Zone applications for 2025 open. We have up to 10 places. If you are a family who lives out of zone and have not yet registered a sibling who is starting next year please do so by emailing the office.

If you have friends or family who may wish to apply please let them know. The advert will be in the North Canterbury News next week.

*the beginning of  
♥ a new chapter ♥*



Today the staff had a morning tea in honour of Krysta and Lance and the arrival of their baby - possibly next week!!

Krysta has worked in our kura for nearly two years and had a variety of rolls - teaching in both Harakeke and more recently Mānuka and also in a Classroom Release Position across the school. As part of that role this year she has focussed on our enviro - schools programme and has left us with the most wonderful , child led vision for our school.

We look forward to updates from Lance on new Baby Taylor and can't wait for Krysta to bring baby over to meet us all. From next week Kayley Dunn will replace Krysta in her rolls.

## **Water Safety Lessons**

These lessons start next week and for all but Tōtara run for 8 sessions. Please note that the purpose of these sessions has moved away from a learn to swim programme as such to having more of a water safety focus. We do not swim on Thursdays in either week due to the pool being booked out. For these sessions, children are required to have NAMED togs, towel, swimming bag and goggles.

Please send your child with extra food for the next two weeks as these sessions are tiring. The children will travel by bus to and from the pool and have their breaks around the lesson schedule which your class teachers will share with you. For Mānuka children we would appreciate help at the pool. You are also more than welcome to take them home after their lesson as they swim last each day and so will literally be travelling back on the bus to pack up and go home. Please let their class teacher know if you are taking them from the pool.

## **Heritage Photos**

The packs and way to order was sent home with your children today. The orders are due online by Monday 16th September to ensure free delivery.

Any orders made after this date will incur a \$10 delivery fee.

## **GRAPHIC DESIGNER**

Our playground fundraising team are on the lookout for a graphic designer to help put together a brochure that we can take to sponsors and to add to our grant applications. If you think you can help out then please let me know on my email:  
[principal@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz](mailto:principal@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz)

# Drop Off Zone

Please make sure that you are not parking and getting out at the drop-off zone as there are many parents who need to drop and go as the zone is intended, to get off to start the rest of the day.

Also please do not stop at the entrance to the car park to let children out as this causes cars to be backed up on the road which is dangerous for all concerned.

Lastly, the actual carpark is for staff only so please do not use this unless by arrangement.

# Eating a Rainbow

During our shared book time within our Harakeke Space we have been learning about what helps to keep our body healthy. We have recently learnt about putting the correct fuel into our bodies and what this will help our body to do ( obviously petrol and diesel are off the menu!). Our tamariki have been learning about eating a rainbow - not a real rainbow - but all the natural foods that make up the colours of the rainbow. As a follow up task to this we designed our own "Rainbow Lunch" and brought these to share on Wednesday. I was so impressed with the effort all the ākonga and families had gone to to partake in this. It is such a fantastic life long skill to learn early and they certainly enjoyed eating and discussing these. Check out the image below with all the children's wonderful ideas.



# 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, Kind voice
- 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



Mō taku hē  
-my bad!

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

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

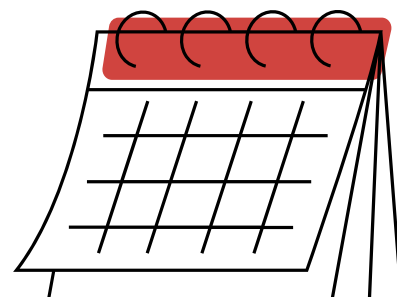
10th December Year 8 Leavers Dinner

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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