

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to Term 4. It was so lovely to have the students and staff back together on Monday and hear all the stories about their holidays. Term 4 is always such a lovely term as we start to see the fruition of a years worth of progress for our tamariki. There are always many things to tick off in terms of events, and end of an era things for the year 8's. We love the energy that this brings to the school as a whole.

This term we have welcomed Mrs Jenny Layton to Mānuka Tuakana and she will be the teacher until the end of the year. She has really enjoyed the first week getting to know the children in the class and also make connections with others across the school. Athletics Day was a great opportunity for this.

Athletics day was big, and we had such wonderful weather, children who gave it their all, supportive whānau and friends, and a team of dedicated staff who did their utmost to ensure the day ran smoothly. **For those who have done well in Year 4-8 they will now head off to Tri-School Athletics at the same venue on WEDNESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER not the 21st as previously advertised.**

In 2025 we will be welcoming a replacement for the year for Mānuka Tuakana as mentioned to you over the break and we will be interviewing for this in the next couple of weeks. Alongside this I have decided to mix the teaching teams up slightly in 2025 and Rochelle Standen will be moving to the middle school team and Suzy Parker will be moving to the senior school.

Thank you to everyone who has found, or purchased sunhats for their children. We do still have a number of children who say they can't find theirs so can you please check in with your child that they are sorted.





ASHLEY FOREST COLOUR RUN & WALK

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

2km loop around the Ashley Forest.
For event details and tickets visit
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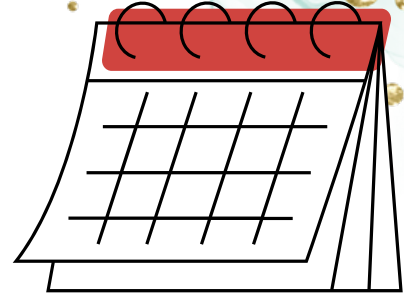


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Dates For Your Diary!

23rd October Tri School Athletics Year 4-8
28th October - LABOUR DAY
30th October Rakahuri Athletics
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
28th January - School open for whānau hui only
29th January - School open for instruction



REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

Respecting our Environment and being a positive citizen

RESPECT
We are a community. We make a difference.

Examples

This week we are focusing on respecting our school environment, (inside and outside.)

- It's important that we take care of our environment and **work as a team** to **respect** our spaces and belongings. This will result in a positive learning environment.

A good saying to remember is ...
"Don't put it down put it away!"

Karakia Timatanga

Horahia te marino
Kia aio te rā
Manaakitia mai mātou
i ā mātou mahi
mō tēnei rā
Tihei mauriora!

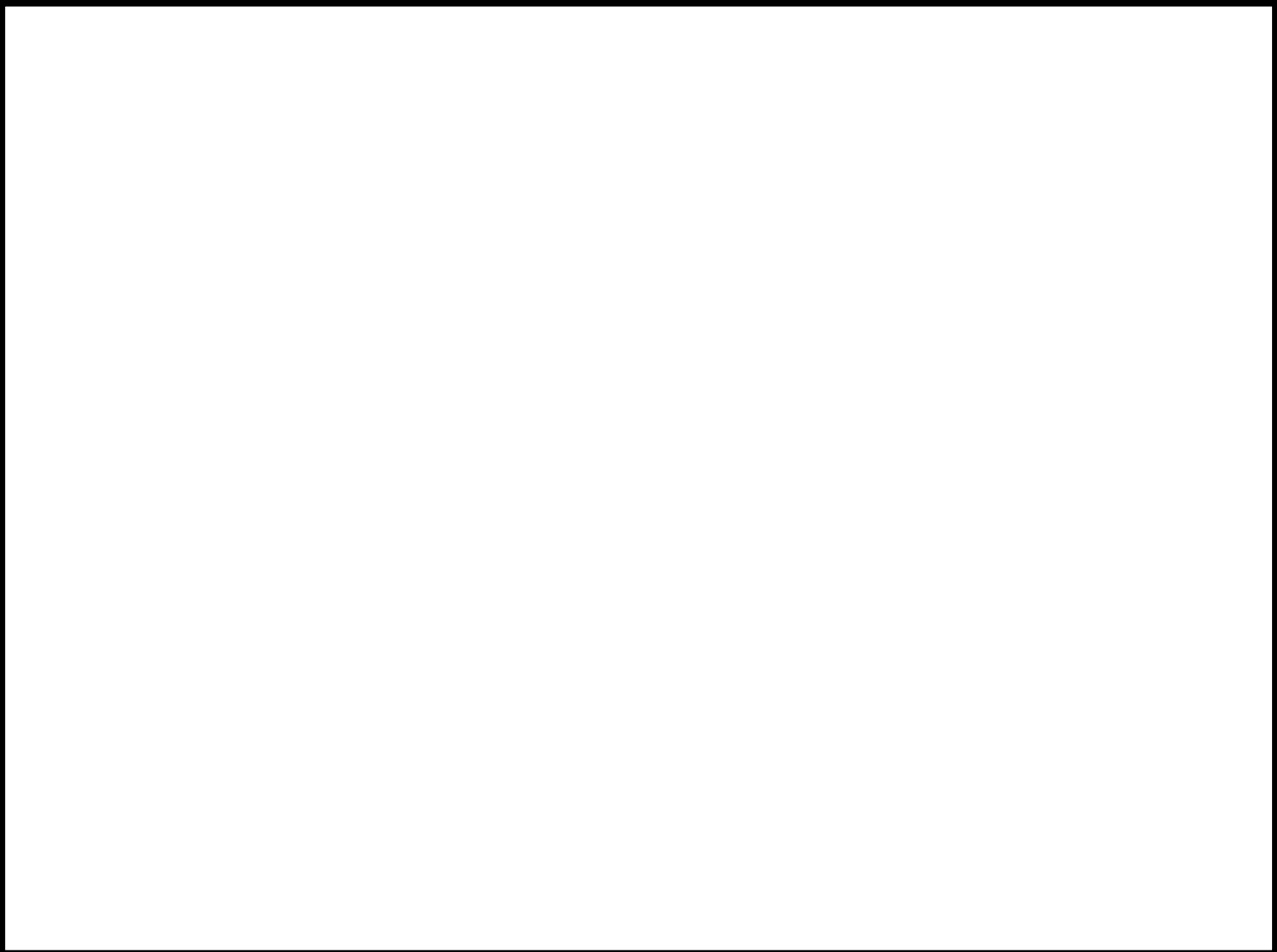
*May peace be widespread to bring calm to the day ahead
Bless all tasks which lay before us
Let there be life!*

Kiwaha

Tino pai!
-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.



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