

Kia ora koutou

As we fast approach the end of the year we have lots of things to tidy up and get done. The first of which is the **chocolate fundraiser**. We are **still waiting on at least 10 payments which equates to around \$960** that is outstanding. It is imperative we get this money back. Please pay directly into the PTA account or send the cash to school tomorrow so that the PTA can have this sorted by year's end.

The account number is: 03-0674-0072238-00 (this is the correct one ☺)

With some people returning part boxes we are also seeking some people who are willing to sell a few more for us. Please let the PTA know on: pta@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz



A Visit From Serge in France

For the past few years Chris Meehan, as part of a blog she had with her class here when she worked fulltime in Year 7 and 8, connected with Serge and his class at Brindas School, France. It is a connection that has stood the test of time. Serge has come to New Zealand and on his first day in Christchurch he asked if he could come and visit to strengthen the connections and see what life is like in an NZ school. It was a pleasure to host Serge and have him share stories about France and his school with our senior students. It just goes to show the power of a blog where connections can be made across the world. Serge gifted a French flag so we can always remember the wonderful connections made.



Lost Property

The bin in the entrance of the hall is full to overflowing which means there are hundreds of dollars worth of clothing sitting there. Those that are named will be returned to the owner. Those that are not will be repurposed through the office and given away in the new year. Please go and have a look through if you are missing anything.

Whole School Prizegiving 2024

When? 16th December 2024

Where? Rangiora Baptist Church Hall

Time? Starts at 6.30pm so please have children seated by 6.15pm at the latest. No sweatshirts please - and in uniform

Awards are given from Year 0-8 so we ask for full attendance please

Water Fight Is Cancelled

We are so sad that this is the case. Let's hope that we can have this the end of next year.

Class Lists

These will be sent home tomorrow via email. If you have any queries regarding the lists, then please direct them to me as the decision sits with the senior leadership team. We are a small school with composite classes and the only guarantee of where children will be is New entrants, Year 5 and Year 8. The rest of the school children have to be split, and the decisions on who is where are discussed in detail.

School reports will be sent after 3pm Friday to your Seesaw account.

Cultural Lead Rochelle Standen

In Term 4 the junior school (Mānuka and Harakeke) continued to participate in our Kapa Haka programme - learning a number of waiata including waiata-a-ringa (action songs) hakas. The whole school will be performing together at the End of Year Prizegiving. In 2024 we have established two new leadership roles/opportunities for our seniors - that is the role of Kaitātaki. Kaitātaki a leader, usually associated with Kapa haka but for our context these tamariki have lead the Kapa haka group, assisted with organisation, discipline and leadership, they have also sat on the school council where they have kept a Te Aō/Te Reo lens on all things happening and assist with a number of activities in and around the school. Hunter and Kayla have done a magnificent job, they have both contributed so well and both have developed their leadership capabilities but also they have grown in their wairua and mana within the Kapa haka group and as part of the school council. Our Kapa haka group attended the Tūhono Kapa haka festival on 24 November. Our group made us very proud, they performed to their absolute best and they showed great mana and wairua by getting on the stage and performing in a very big venue in front of a very big audience. They were in the competition grade and their marks were very encouraging, the judges have given us some feedback to work on for next year so we are looking forward to going again in 2025.



Sports Within School John Lynskey

Athletics

Ashley Rakahuri students have experienced a great athletics season during term four, 2024. The weather has been on our side and we were able to have a great school's athletics sports back in October. We took 60 Yr 4-8 students to the Tri-School's competition on the 23rd of October and then another 24 to the Rakahuri Zone Championships on the 30th of October. 6 of our pupils qualified to represent our school and zone at the Canterbury championship this year. Ammie Parkinson was 1st in the Yr 7 Girls Shot Put. Jackson Atkinson-Gill came 3rd in the Yr 7 Boys Discus. Madeline Isherwood came 4th in the Yr 7 Girls 1500m and Ammie Parkinson came 4th in the Yr 7 Girls Discus.



PALs (Physical Activity Leaders)

Our physical activity leaders continued their lunchtime sports coaching for the final term of the year. Carter and Jakob, Ruby and Elise, Ella and Fern and Flynn and Ethan have teamed up to take Mānuka and Harakeke children for lunchtime games from Monday to Friday. They are enjoying getting out in the sunshine and organising games on the field and court.



Choir Ms Parker

Over the last six months our Ashley Rakahuri Kura worked hard at preparing for our performance in the Christchurch Schools Music Festival at the Town Hall.

Once again some of the songs were tricky but with this year's theme - "E tū: Hand in Hand" - there were some favourites that were easier to learn such as the theme song from "Zootopia and Brave".

Again my ākonga did not disappoint, upholding the pride of our kura and demonstrating their own mana and grace with their heartfelt performance.

The night performance was a wonderful spectacle of talents and I'm sure inspired many of our tamariki. These opportunities are such a wonderful way for our students to experience what our wider world has to offer.

Thank you again to the parents who supported transporting us to rehearsals and getting their students there again that night. Without you these events cannot happen! We are already looking forward to the festival in 2025 with the theme Whānau!



Enviro Group Ms Parker

Over 2024 as a kura we have explored in depth the guiding principles of Enviroschools so we can encourage understanding and engagement throughout our ākonga. We created a new vision for the school.

A focus for this was to enhance our greenspace with the possibility of actioning ways to enhance native birdlife. Tamariki worked with Mrs Dunn to consider and reflect on what they would like to see to create this. We also worked together as a staff on our recent teacher only day to contribute our ideas for this part of the vision.

The Enviro Group then helped to collate and create our display within the hall to bring everyone's ideas to one space for all to read and consider. Please feel free to come and visit this.

They have also worked hard at contributing to this vision through their work into the septic area. They weeded and prepared the planter boxes for the hebes to attract bees and birdlife into our greenspace. This is an ongoing project with which they are very enthusiastic. Our new plan is to create insect hotels.

They have also noticed the amount of packaging within the school so will continue to advocate for wasteless lunches. If we as a community could get on board with this - it would be greatly appreciated. See the photos for inspiration.

We will continue to explore the ideas of the students and staff and see what actions we can further implement to support promoting native birds into our kura.

Transitions To School

Karen Daly

Meet the awesome New Entrant / Year 1 class of 2024!

Throughout this year, it is so pleasing to see all tamariki in Tēina successfully transitioned into our wonderful school. We have had the pleasure of welcoming and supporting each one of these lovelies as they have started school with us. 😊

At Ashley Rakahuri school we value the importance of a positive transition to school from early childhood. It is awesome to reflect on our journey this year.

This has included:

- school visits with whānau to meet the team - Welcome!
- to become familiar with our class and school routines - see how school works!
- the first day of school for your child - a very special time.
- children beginning to develop connections and friendships with others in our class and across our school.
- joining a sibling / a cousin (or two or more!) already at school. How exciting!
- celebrating the individual milestones your child has made in their own learning journey.
- whānau and tamariki becoming part of our Ashley Rakahuri School family and community.

At our school we appreciate our wonderful senior students who offer their own time to come and spend time supporting Tēina by playing games and activities in the morning before school begins.



Senior students supporting Tēina students. Thank you!

Starting school is a very special time and is a partnership between home and school.

We value working together to provide the best school start for your child.

As our mission statement says... "Mahi tahi - better together".

We wish you many more 'happy school days' with us here at Ashley Rakahuri School.

the 1990s, the number of people with mental health problems has increased, and the cost of caring for them has risen.

There are many reasons for this. One of the main reasons is that the number of people with mental health problems has increased. This is due to a number of factors, including changes in the way we live, changes in the way we think about mental health, and changes in the way we care for people with mental health problems.

Another reason is that the cost of caring for people with mental health problems has risen. This is due to a number of factors, including the increasing use of medication, the increasing use of hospital care, and the increasing use of specialist services.

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PTA

Merry CHRISTMAS

★ OWN CLOTHES DAY ★

JOIN US AND COME DRESSED IN YOUR
CHRISTMAS THEMED OUTFIT! (NO COST)

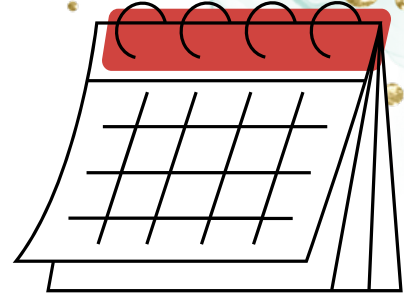
FRIDAY 13TH
DECEMBER

FUNDRAISING SAUSAGE SIZZLE
LUNCH. ORDER VIA KINDO BY
WEDNESDAY 11TH DEC



Dates For Your Diary!

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
6th February Waitangi Day Holiday
11th April - End of Term 1
28th April - Term 2 starts
30th May -Teacher Only Day
2nd June - King's Birthday Holiday
20th June - Matariki Holiday
27th June - Term 2 Ends
14th July -Term 3 Starts
22nd August -Teacher Only Day
19th September -End of Term 3
6th October -Start of Term 4
27th October -Labour Day
10-12th November -Year 5 and 6 camp to Woodend
13th November -Teacher Only Day
14th November -Show Day Holiday
2nd-5th December -Year 7 and 8 camp to Living Springs
Finish date to be confirmed




REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

EXCELLENCE
"BE BETTER THAN BEFORE"

Strive for
excellence, not
perfection.
H. Jackson Brown Jr.



Examples

Excellence is the **second** value of our REACH values and it can be shown and applied in many different ways:

- ★ Trying your best, even when it's hard
- ★ Not giving up
- ★ Showing integrity
- ★ Showing pride in what you do/represent
- ★ Taking your time to complete a task to ensure it's quality work
- ★ Showing your REACH values even when adults are not around
- ★ Setting and achieving your goals

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





Meri Kirihimete!
-Merry Christmas!

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.



Your Christmas is loading and we're here to remind you that we are your one-stop-shop for all things gifts.

We know how busy life can be at this time of year, but you can get a head start on your Christmas shopping at School Fundraising Shop. We have a wonderful collection of gifts, suitable for all the whanau, including the pets. We offer free shipping on orders over \$99. So good!

For every purchase made we donate 10% to your favourite school. All you have to do is shop, and select your school from the list at checkout. Not only are you supporting a local business, you're supporting our Kiwi kids too. Every little bit counts!

<https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz/>

Happy shopping!

RayWhite.

a little
**Ray of
Giving**



Everybody deserves to smile this Christmas.

Drop in a present to go under our Christmas tree and we'll make sure it gets to a member of our community.

We are supporting Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust, because everyone should receive a gift this Christmas.



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