

Kia ora koutou whānau

Swimming sports were completed on Tuesday, and it was a great event to be part of. The students who attended showed courage and determination to do their best. The organisation and running of these events is huge, and the support from our parent community is essential for them to run smoothly. So, thank you to all involved.

Building progress on Mānuka is on track with re-leveling work happening this week and framing to start next week. Once that starts, it will begin to look more like a classroom.

We have our annual community picnic on Friday evening and would love to see you there. Please bring along your food and a blanket and catch up with old friends and welcome our new whānau. As part of this we will have a food van "Beans and Berries" doing coffees and icecreams. These are around \$6 each and, while she has Eftpos it can be unreliable in this area, and so we suggest you bring along some cash.



Joining the Ashley School for their community BBQ/picnic evening on the 14th February will be a few volunteers from the councils civil defence team. They will be running an information stand with competitions and giveaways around the topic of being prepared - whether that's being prepared for a fire on your property, a medical event with family member, or being able to respond as a community should you face a large-scale disaster event like the Alpine Fault earthquake. The team will be introducing the community on the night to the Emergency Community Hub concept and network of locations that is forming around the district - Ashley School is one such location. 'With what we know how to do, who we know that might need help, and where we can bring that all together, is the strength of the community emergency hub model - it's community helping community when its needed most'.

Be into win a Family First Aid pack and compare the home preparedness kit that they bring along with the one that you (hopefully) have at home, and much more to help your family and the community be more prepared.



## KARAKIA TĪMATANGA

Kia tau ngā manaakitanga a te mea ngaro  
ki runga ki tēnā, ki tēnā o tātou  
Kia mahea te hua mākihikihi  
kia toi te kupu, toi te mana, toi te aroha,  
toi te Reo Māori  
kia tūturu, ka whakamaua kia tīna! Tīna!  
Hui e, Tāiki e!

Let the strength and life force of our ancestors  
Be with each and every one of us  
Freeing our path from obstruction  
So that our words, spiritual power, love, and language  
are upheld;  
Permanently fixed, established and understood!  
Forward together!



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.

Kiwaha



*"Ma to mahi ngātahi, ka tutuki" - "Better Together"*

# Kia ora e hoa!

## *Hello my friend!*

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 February - Tri School Swimming Sports
- 10th March Teacher Only Day
- 11th April - End of Term 1
- 28th April - Term 2 starts
- 10th March Teacher Only Day
- 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
- 15th December - End of School Year

PLEASE NOTE: ALL DATES ARE NOW ON A GOOGLE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE