

Kia ora whānau

At the end of week 5 of the term we are well underway with the learning programmes and the high expectations we set with behaviour and learning are well understood by the tamariki. What we need now is for the children to be upstanders and to take what they know about our REACH values and live these even when no one is watching. To be able to do the right thing and to support others when the right thing is not being done or said around them is a huge focus for this year.

For those who attended assembly last week you will have witnessed some of the quality work that is going on in our classrooms. Our children work hard to prepare for these assemblies and it is a big deal for many to speak in front of a crowd loud enough to be heard. We absolutely love having the support of whānau at these assemblies however, I do ask that if you have a toddler that is struggling to settle that you take them out of the room so that our tamariki have the best chance of being heard, and our children listening are not distracted by noise behind them.

On another note, we love to see parents in the morning supporting their child's transition into the classroom. The teachers have their classrooms prepped and ready to go, and in the junior/middle school this means having fun activities out for your children to use before 9am. Toddlers are welcome to join in, however, we ask that this is done in a supervised way so that the equipment and general classroom is left in the same way they found it.

It sounds like I am on a roll today with our expectations but I strongly believe that communicating clearly is the key to fantastic home/school relationships and understanding. With this in mind I would like to let you know that I have banned *Minecraft* *Cubeez* from the school so please help your child to remember this. This has been necessary due to the "swapping" that goes on that can be unfair, the sneaky fingers that help themselves to other people's things and the general distraction of having them in their bags and classrooms.

PTA Update

The PTA met last week and have already decided a number of fundraisers for the year. The ones that we have this term are as follows:

7th March - Non Uniform Day and Hot Dogs (NB: we have changed to using *Lunchonline* and we are hopeful that there are less difficulties for you and the team working out the orders.

There will also be an Easter Raffle this term and, as per the flyer below, you will see that we are seeking donations for this. Closer to the time, you will be sent home a sheet of tickets to sell for this.

Lastly, they are going to be offering you the chance to buy croissants and cookie dough so look out for this in the next week or two.

Ashley Rakahuri
School

PTA

Non Uniform Day

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

We are fundraising for our
wonderful teacher assistants hours

Hot Dog Lunch - Donations and orders via
Lunch Online orders by 8pm Wednesday
5th March



 lunchonline
www.lunchonline.co.nz

Ashley Rakahuri PTA

Non Uniform Day

Friday 7th March

Hot Dog Lunch & Donations available online
Orders must be in by 8pm Wednesday

It's simple; all you need to do is register at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Register an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order





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Easter Raffle Donations!






Please support us by donating items for this years
Easter hampers for our fundraising Easter raffle.

Non perishable food items, easter eggs, chocolates &
vouchers are some ideas that may help.

*If you are able to make a donation please send
your tamariki to school with their donation
by the 14th March.*

There will be a box in each classroom for donations.

Thanks for your support



Policies Due For Review

If you have an interest in policy and want a chance to have your say, please go to the Ashley Rakahuri School Website and then click the drop-down "School Info" and click on Policy and Procedures. From there, follow the links and find the box on School Docs called "Current Review".

Term 1 review topics	Review opens 3 February
• Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy	Board review
• Safety Management System	Board review
• Risk Management	Board review
• Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation	
• Healthcare	Board review
• Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness	



This week on the building project there has been a lot of progress. The electricians and plumbers have been hard at work and the external "building wrap" product is starting to go on. Late next week the windows and doors arrive. Some days this week there must have been 10-12 people working on the space.

REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

EXCELLENCE

- ★ Excellence is the value that takes hard mahi!
- ★ Excellence is about giving the best effort you can.
- ★ Excellence is about doing the right thing even when no one is watching (*integrity*).
- ★ Excellence means we might muck up but we own up, fix it and try to be better!

Examples

We call them our REACH values because each letter represents a specific value (plus it's easier to remember!)

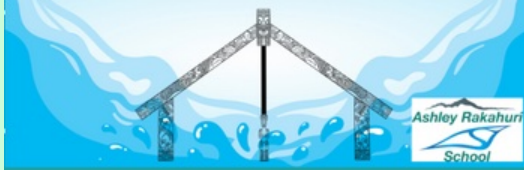
R= Respect E= Excellence
A=Aroha C=Courage H= Honesty



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! Tina!
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.



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

Kiwaha



Ata Mārie

Good Morning :)

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!

- 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