

Kia ora whānau

TEACHER ONLY DAY MONDAY 10th MARCH

We are now officially half way through Term 1. Testing continues this week and into next to see where our children are at and what the next steps for learning are. This will enable the teachers to speak to you at the Learning Conferences on the 24th and 31st March about your child with evidence to back the conversations up. It is important that you take the time to book an slot to go over this data with your child's teacher. You will note that we have two dates for these conferences. This is different than in the past when we have closed early. The decision was made by staff, and supported by the Board of Trustees, not to close early for these as it means we have to add a day to the end of the year to make sure we meet our MOE requirement of a set number of half days open.

On another note can I please remind you that the car park is for STAFF ONLY. This means that at drop off or pick up it is not for you to drive through or park in. I have 19 staff, and on top of that specialists and support teams turning up regularly - often for after school meetings. I actually don't have enough parks for all my staff as it is and when staff are blocked from leaving due to cars being in their way, or can't get a park it is not ideal.

PTA Update

The first PTA event is tomorrow with the **hotdogs and non uniform day**. *Lunchonline* has closed for this and due to ordering buns and hotdogs no late orders will be accepted.

The **Easter Raffle** is underway, 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** and a note will be sent home explaining this today so please look in your eldest child's bag.





Ashley Rakahuri
School

PTA

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	



The second layer of building wrap has gone on this week ready for the joinery to arrive. Inside the plumbers, electricians, security team and builders continue to make progress.

REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

AROHA

- ★ Aroha at school is about showing kindness and care for each other.
- ★ We can show Aroha by saying supportive and encouraging words to each other
- ★ Aroha can be as simple as smiling and greeting each other in a positive way
- ★ Aroha is also about showing care for our environment – respecting it and making sure our environment is a place we are proud of.

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

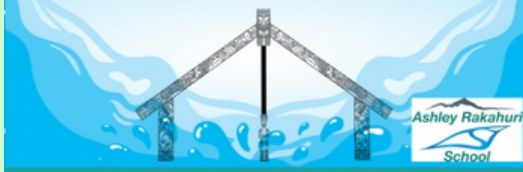
R = Respect
E = Excellence
A = Aroha
C = Courage
H = Honesty



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.



Kiwaha



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

Ahiahi mārie

Good Afternoon :).

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