

Kia ora whānau

Welcome to Term 4. It is great to see the sunshine starting to make longer appearances and the field drying out enough for the children to be back out and active. This helps immensely with athletics practices across the whole school enabling them to get ready for athletics sports.

ASHLEY RAKAHURI SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORT Year 1 - 8

WHEN: Monday 20th OCTOBER 2025 WHERE: LOBURN DOMAIN

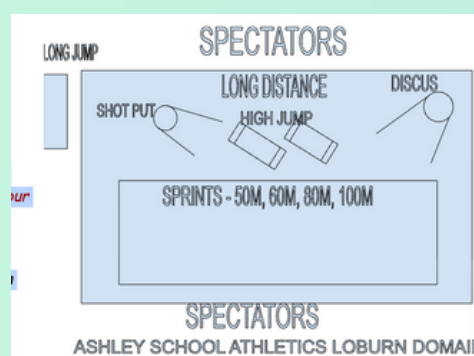
Our aim is to have a wonderful sporting event involving the whole school competing in their year groups in the full range of athletic events.

Students from Year 5 and above, will be working towards entry to the tri-schools event to be held on Wednesday 23rd October at the Loburn Domain. Yr 4's in High, Long, Distance & Sprints go to the tri-schools as well.

ORGANISATION:

- Buses will transport all students to Loburn Domain, leaving Ashley Rakahuri School at 9.50am.
- All children must take their bags with lunch, drink, sunblock and warm clothing.
- Ashley Rakahuri School athletic sports will begin at 10.30am with students doing rotations of 20 minutes in their year groups, until 2.00pm.
- There will be no lunch break due to house relays or possibly a short one
- House relays at the end of field and track events at about 2.15pm.
- 2.30pm pack up area, leave in cars and buses.
- Please let your child's teacher know in week 1 if you will be taking your child home after the athletics at 2.30pm. This saves on the return bus cost.
- Parents and spectators can watch sprints and long distance races from behind the fence along the front of the field, and beside the shed by the long distance starting point - this is where children will spectate from as well.
- If parents wish to go and see field events, they must go via the marked ends of the field, AROUND THE MARKED CORNERS for the long distance, ensuring that they are not interfering with any event.
- ROTATION ORDER: Groups will spend 20 minutes at each station so from this parents should be able to work out where children will be at each rotation.

- SPRINTS YEAR 8
- SPECTATE SPRINTS YEAR 1
- LONG JUMP YEAR 2
- SHOT PUT YEAR 3
- HIGH JUMP YEAR 4
- LONG DISTANCE / HURDLES YEAR 5
- SPECTATE DISTANCE YEAR 6
- DISCUS YEAR 7
- HOUSE RELAYS



We are looking forward to a fantastic day where everyone can show their athletic prowess and spectators can encourage and support the athletes.

REMINDER: Please don't forget to let your child's teacher know in WEEK ONE if you will be taking your child home after the athletics at 2.30pm.

Come along and enjoy the fun! Parent helpers are needed so please let John Lynskey know if you can help out by eMailing him at: j.lynskey@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz

Industrial Action

This has now been confirmed as taking place on the 23rd October so the school will be closed.

Sun hats for Term 4

Sunhats become compulsory again in Term 4 for our children and staff. Please hunt out their hats, or go and buy replacements so that they are ready on day one. These can be purchased at the Warehouse but do sell out quickly.

Year 8's are lucky enough to wear a sunhat of their choice for this last term. They know that the hat needs to be appropriate for school with no offensive pictures or logos that are unsuitable in the school setting.

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School
Health
Survey

Please take the time to fill in this survey around health. Please note that sexuality education is currently being reviewed by the Ministry of Education.

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A huge welcome to our 8 new students this term - 6 of whom are pictured here.

L to R: Eli, Graylen, Charlie, Ruby, Louis and Skylah. They are joined by Naia and Jack.

On day one this term our Year 8's were presented with their Leavers Hoodies. This was all possible due to sponsorship and organisation by Nicole and Shannon and their company Canterbury Roof Painting Ltd.

REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

Adapting back to school life & having FUN!

It can be difficult getting out of bed and coming back to school after the holidays, so make it your job, your responsibility to ...

- + Get up, get changed into your uniform
- + Have your breakfast
- + Get to school on time.

While you're here, focus on having fun. Enjoy using your brain again to think and learn. Catch up with friends and tell holiday stories (at break times OBVIOUSLY)

And strive to do your best!

Ashley Rakahuri School Online Safety Hub via Linewize

This is just a reminder that we have a parent portal for all things regarding online safety. There are some great articles and information for you to refer to with regards to keeping your children safe online at home. Please take a look. I will be adding information to the newsletter on occasion as well that will come from this section....

<https://ashleyrakahuri.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

KARAKIA TĪMATANGA

E ara rā, E ara rā!
E ara rā, e te kōrero
E ara rā, e te wānanga
E ara rā, e te whakaaro nui
E ara rā, e te ngākau whakaiti
Tūturu whakamaua kia tīna - tīna
Haumi ē, hui ē, tāike ē!

Arise, arise!
May discussion occur
May deliberation take place
May thoughtfulness be present
May humility come to the fore
All these things shall come to pass
Because we all agree in unison



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.

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.

Dates For Your Diary!

- 20th October Whole School Athletics at Loburn Domain
- 23rd October - Strike Date for Staff**
- 27th October -Labour Day
- 29th October Tri School Athletics at Loburn Domain
- 10-12th November -Year 5 and 6 camp to Woodend
- 11th November Rakahuri Zone Athletics
- 13th November -Teacher Only Day
- 14th November -Show Day Holiday
- 26th November Canterbury Athletics
- 30th November Tūhono Kapa Haka Performance
- 2nd-5th December -Year 7 and 8 camp to Living Springs
- 9th December Whole School Prize giving at Baptist Church Hall
- 10th December Year 8 Leavers Dinner at RSA
- 15th December - End of School Year
- 29th January 2026 - Whānau Hui
- 30th January - School Open for Instruction
- 6th February Waitangi Day Holiday
- 9th February Teacher Only Day - MOE Maths PLD

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