

Kia ora whānau

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help with athletics and for those of you who are keen for the relay. We are looking forward to an action packed day. For the little ones it is a big day so if you are able to come and support them we would love to see you there.

ASHLEY RAKAHURI SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORT

Year 1 - 8

WHEN: Monday 20th OCTOBER 2025 WHERE: LOBURN DOMAIN

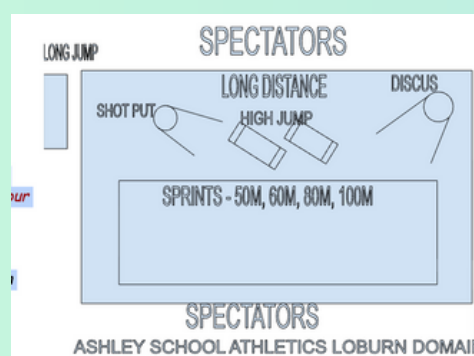
Our aim is to have a wonderful sporting event involving the whole school competing in their year groups in the full range of athletic events.

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 1
- SPECTATE SPRINTS YEAR 8
- 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

NB: THERE WILL BE A COFFEE CART ONSITE FOR THE DAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT :-).

Industrial Action

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

Teachers and support staff across the country are wanting:

- Tamariki need a teacher aide in every classroom.
- Value educators fairly and ensure their work is secure.
- Uphold te Tiriti o Waitangi in education.
- Defend quality early childhood education.

We thank you in advance of your support of this action.

Promoting Inclusion and Respect at Ashley Rakahuri School

At Ashley Rakahuri School, we are deeply committed to fostering an inclusive culture—one that embraces diversity, respects differences, and celebrates the unique strengths of every child in our kura.

Our goal is to create a place where every learner feels seen, valued, and supported for who they are.

This message is consistently reinforced in our classrooms and assemblies through our REACH value of Respect. When we encounter situations where inclusion and acceptance fall short, we take them seriously and work proactively to address and educate.

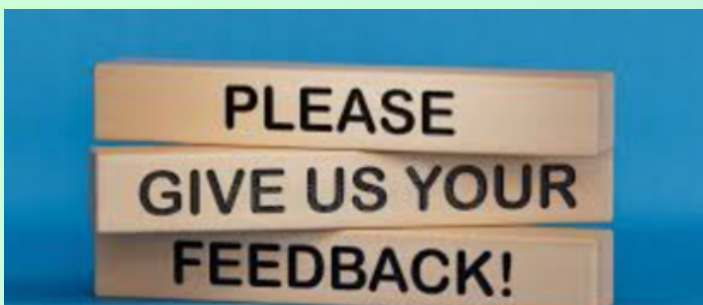
It's disheartening, however, to hear that there may be conversations in our wider community that do not reflect these values—particularly when these discussions involve the needs or supports in place for individual students. These conversations, when not held respectfully or privately, can be harmful.

We remind all members of our school community of the importance of upholding the privacy of our tamariki. Our policies around privacy, discrimination, and inclusion are in place to protect and respect every child and family in our kura. It is essential that we all model these values, not just within the school gates but in our broader community too.

This week, we spoke with our students about the importance of being Upstanders rather than Bystanders. We encourage everyone in our community to do the same. If you hear conversations that do not align with our values of respect and inclusion, please step in and help uphold the mana of our children by encouraging those conversations to stop.

Together, we can ensure Ashley Rakahuri remains a safe, respectful, and inclusive space for every learner.

School Photos Feedback



While this is still fresh in our minds - and because you have just received your photo orders I would like to know (for those who have been here long enough) if you preferred this years photos or those in previous years? As we have to book our slot a year out I would like to hear your opinions.

When giving this feedback please keep in mind that this years photos had to be taken inside due to the weather.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS!

THIS IS OUR LAST FUNDRAISER FOR THE YEAR!

**Please support us by making a food or item
donation for our Christmas raffle hampers**

**If you are able to make a donation please send your tamariki to
school with their donation by Friday 31st October.**

There will be a box in the office for donations.





Ashley Rakahuri School Moveathon

Fundraising Hub

This term we are running a "Moveathon" along the same lines as the "Readathon" last year. This is because our annual fundraiser of the Colour Run is not going ahead due to the cost of colour and access to the forest due to logging. It is hoped that support of this fundraiser will go a long way to providing some of the funds needed for our new playground. The event will run in the week of the 17th November with more information on signing up and how to sponsor a child coming out by eMail in the next week or so.

REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

BEING AN UPSTANDER

After all the work we've done this year with Constable Ken, we think it's a timely reminder for everyone to be AN UPSTANDER.

This is all about:

- 1) Speaking up for what is right.
- 2) Seeing something can go wrong and doing something about it.
- 3) Making good choices/decisions to keep yourself and others safe.

Ashley Rakahuri School Online Safety Hub via Linewize

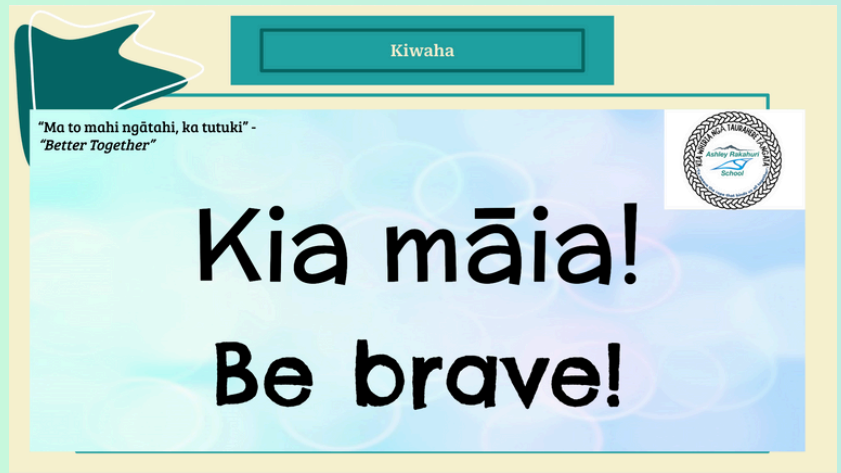
This is just a reminder that we have a parent portal for all things regarding online safety. There are some great articles and information for you to refer to with regards to keeping your children safe online at home. Please take a look. I will be adding information to the newsletter on occasion as well 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
- 17th - 21st November - Moveathon
- 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
- 12th December - Principal for the day - Milan**
- 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