

Kia ora whānau

It's nice to see the sun back today after a tumultuous week of weather. We were so so lucky here at Ashley Rakahuri School to have had minimal damage with only one tree having to be taken down after a big branch came off and the main trunk split. Thanks to Dave and Megan Sloan who came and ensured the big branch was down and things were safe for the children last Friday.



12th December 2.15pm

At assembly on this day we will be farewelling Karen Daly. Karen has been such an integral part of our school for the last 6 years and it is fitting that we have the chance to farewell her properly.

We look forward to seeing her again for this and invite you all to attend.



Working Bee 23rd November 2025 9.30-11.30am

Please come and lend a hand if you can. There will be weeding, weed eating and shovelling of sand to the sandpit to get done among other things.



Ashley Rakahuri

In term 4 we are reviewing policies in the **Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy** section.

Term 4 policies	Review opens 6 October
• Bullying and Harassment	Board review
• Behaviour Management	Board review
• Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property	
• Minimising Physical Restraint	Board review
• Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion	
• Staff Wellbeing and Safety	

These are the policies specified on the review schedule. You can also review any policy that has a review button.

These policies are up for review this term. If you would like to have your say then please go to our website and follow the links.



On Tuesday night our new board met and the new Presiding Member was elected. Stuart Morris was elected into this role with David Sloan taking on the deputy presiding member position. Stepping back from this role, but staying on the board in a co-opted capacity until the end of the year is Meika Foster. Meika has worked tirelessly in her role as presiding member bringing a wealth of experience from her professional world to this position. The dedication and commitment that Meika has shown has set us up well into the future.

Staffing for 2026

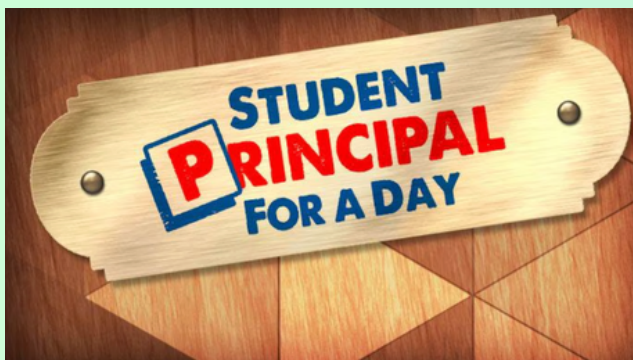
For 2026 we had three positions to fill within the junior school. One being due to roll growth and an 8th classroom being set up, one as Karen Daly has resigned and one as Jenny Layton was in a fixed term position.

On the 18th October Juanita O'Loughlin and Stu Morris conducted interviews for these positions, with Linda Horne declaring a conflict of interest in the process due to Caitlin Horne applying. The Board are please to announce the following candidates were successful in securing positions for 2026.

Jenny Layton - Permanent
Caitlin Horne - Fixed term for 2026
Kayleigh Bruerton - Fixed Term for 2026

Kayleigh is returning from a stint overseas to teach. She grew up in Amberley and has experience in the junior school. We look forward to welcoming her to the team.

Exact placement of these three teachers will be finalised in the next week. We look forward to working with them all.



At our Quiz night earlier in the year one of the auction items was for "Student Principal for the Day".

The successful candidate this year is Milan Hart who will take up this position on the 12th December. We are looking forward to a fun filled day.

PTA Update



Ashley Rakahuri School PTA

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.



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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets on sale now!

We have some great hampers up for grabs, keep an eye on our Facebook page. Winners will be notified by phone and they will also be displayed on Facebook and our notice board.

Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 10th December 2025
Prizes to be collected from our school office before Friday 12th December.

Please return this form and money to the school office on or before Friday 28th November please. If you would like more sheets, please contact the office or PTA.

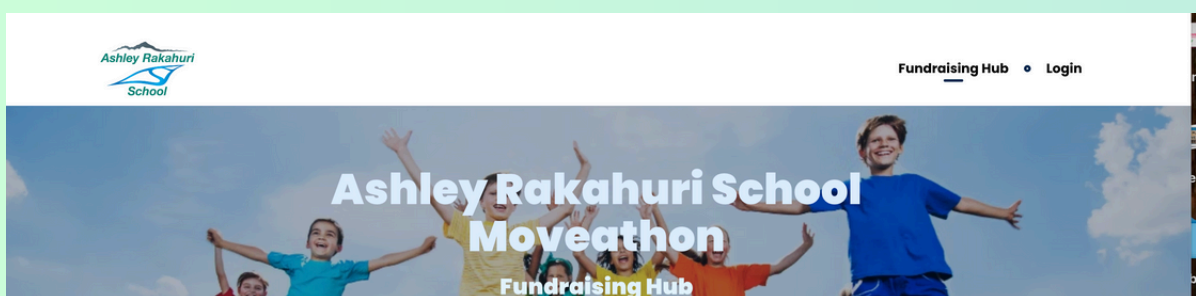
Thank you for supporting Ashley Rakahuri School PTA
Funds raised are going towards our playground project.



Please keep the raffle donations coming in. They can be dropped off in Linda's office.
Thank you also to those who are able to sell extra raffle sheets. We are truly grateful.

Calendar Artwork: please refer to the eMail sent home today to find details on how to order these.

Upcoming Event: Christmas themed non uniform day with hotdogs - 12th December



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

Showing Excellence And Encouragement

★ Showing Excellence and Encouragement at Ashley Rakahuri School

At Ashley Rakahuri School we love to celebrate excellence and encouragement every day – in our classrooms, on the playground, and in all that we do. Here's what it looks and sounds like in our school community:

1. Celebrating Effort and Achievement

We take pride in our hard work and love sharing our successes.

💬 "I worked really hard on this!" 🌟 "Well done – you tried your best!"

2. Positive Praise and Supportive Language

Kind, specific words help everyone grow in confidence.

💬 "I like the way you solved that problem." 🌱 "Keep going – you're improving every time!"

3. High Expectations and a Growth Mindset

We believe mistakes help us learn and that effort leads to progress.

💬 "Let's see how we can make this even better." 💪 "Mistakes help us learn!"

4. Teamwork and Encouraging Others

We lift each other up and celebrate everyone's success.

💬 "You can do it!" 🤝 "Let's work on this together."

Together, we're building a school where everyone feels proud to try their best, celebrate others, and keep learning with a smile! 🌈

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!

7th November Choir Performance in Christchurch Town Hall

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

21st November Year 5-8 hikoi up Mount Karetu

23rd November School Working Bee

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

10th December School Reports go out with class lists

12th December - Principal for the day - Milan

12th December Christmas Themed Non Uniform Day

12th December - Farewell Assembly for Karen Daly

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

13th February - Welcome back to school PTA Community Picnic

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