

Kia ora whānau

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our school fundraisers. At the time of writing this we have 40 children signed up for the Move-athon and just over \$1000.00 raised. What a fantastic effort in three days!

Last week the Board let you know who has been employed for next year. I can now let you know the configuration of the school and who will be teaching where.

Mānuka Teina - Year 1 - Whaea Caitlin with Mrs Dunn on Thursdays

Mānuka Tūakana - Year 1 and 2 - Mrs Layton

Harakeke Pūkeko - Year 2 and 3 - Mrs O'Loughlin

Kotukutuku (Library) - Year 3 and 4 - Miss Bruerton

Harakeke Tūi - Year 4 - Mrs Standen

Kōwhai - Year 5 and 6 - Ms Parker

Tī Kōuka - Year 6 and 7 - Mr Lynskey

Tōtara - Year 8 - Mr Taylor

Class lists will be sent out with school reports on the 12th December.



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.

School Camps

At Ashley Rakahuri School we go on school camps every second year for the children in Year 5 and 6, and Year 7 and 8. Next week the Year 5 and 6 children head away to Woodend Christian Camp for three days. Year 7 and 8 head to Living Springs for 4 days in December.

These camps are partly funded by the Aotearoa Gaming Trust, our spellathon and more recently your donations. Thank you to all who have paid the donation as these camps would not be possible without this contribution.

Please remember Teacher Only Day and Show Day holiday next Thursday and Friday - school will be closed.

Enviroschools Action Fund 2025

This year Krysta Taylor, as part of her focus on enviro schools, applied for and won a grant from Enviro schools to create a food forest within the existing fruit orchard that we have here at school. This has been a 4 month project that has seen the orchard area transformed from one that looked rather unloved to now a point of difference and an area where the children, and adults want to be.

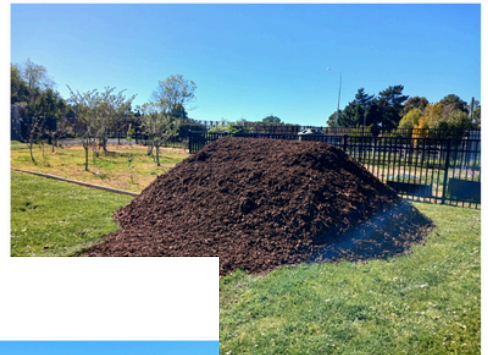
Krysta was supported in this project by Tim (one of our parents) and many of the tamariki within in the school. The first step was the new edging and prepping of the area. Plants were purchased from Woodend Nurseries and bark from Taggarts. Krysta worked tirelessly in her breaks and after school, alongside the children, to get the bark into the orchard area. To ensure longevity of it being weed free they have added cardboard underneath.

Alan Sperry's dad made some spectacular wooden outdoor furniture - a bench seat and picnic table - that have finished this area off nicely. Please call in and see him if you are looking for anything along those lines as his workmanship is next level - he is based at the corner of Fawcetts and Cones Road.

July 2nd 2025



End Sept



Delivery of new bench seat and picnic table!



The completed project - thank you Enviro schools and Krysta for having the vision and making it happen!



Ashley Rakahuri Kura is part of the Puketeraki cluster of Schools. A number of Senior tamariki have been working with Mrs Standen to create some Raranga - weaving that will be put together with raranga, weaving from other contributing schools from within the Puketeraki cluster.

The tamariki learnt how to deal and prepare the raw harakeke so they could then weave with it. That included learning tikanga around gathering and using harakeke. They learnt how to strip and prepare harakeke including removing the thick end of the harakeke, splitting with fingers to the width we wanted. Then we softened the harakeke by pulling it across a hard surface a few times - a process called Hāpine.

Then the tamariki and Mrs Standen wove the harakeke together with some dyed harakeke provided to us and when it had dried - a process that took a couple of weeks we could cut our pieces up and arrange them on triangle templates provided for us. The final pieces have been handed over to the Puketeraki Cluster Across School Leaders at the high school and they will be used to create a collaborative art work in the Rakahuri Building at the High School.



Can You Help?

As you will see from the above classes - we have an 8th classroom next year which means that we are needing to move the library from it's current location to Pīata.

The shelving in the library is not moveable as it is attached to the walls so we are asking for donations of short (up to 1.5m high) bookcases that could be given to us for the year to use.

If you are able to help could you please let Rochelle know by eMailing her on: r.standen@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz so that we can see what we need to buy before the year starts.

Lost Property

We have an abundance of this in the hall foyer and in some classrooms. Please come and have a look as anything that is left at the end of the year and not named will be washed and put in the give away second hand uniform pile at the end of the year.

PTA Update



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.



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. You will have also received a individual flyer about this during the week. It shows you the exact piece of artwork you are buying. If you have not seen it yet then please check your child's bag or ask the classroom teacher.

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

A Message From Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust

Kia ora e te whānau,

Following the incredible response to our recent parenting talks at MainPower Stadium, we're excited to offer a new, free two-day course for parents, caregivers, and teachers: Mighty Willows, presented by Willow Corner. This course has been brought to Rangiora by Community Wellbeing North Canterbury with the support of MainPower.

This course is designed to support those raising or working with neurodivergent children, offering practical tools and fresh perspectives to better understand and respond to children's needs.

Course Information:

- Module 1 - Getting Curious: Wednesday 19 November, 9.30am-1pm
- Module 2 - Growing Together: Wednesday 26 November, 9.30am-1pm
- Location: MainPower Stadium, Rangiora
- Food and refreshments provided

What to expect:

- Learn about the nervous system and how it shapes children's responses
- Explore co-regulation and energy use (aka "spoons")
- Discover why traditional behaviour strategies may not work for neurodivergent kids
- Try out the Collaborative and Proactive Solutions model for problem-solving together

Facilitated by:

- Sharyn Gousmett, Educational Psychologist and Director of Willow Corner
- Rob Newlove, Parent of two neurodivergent children

Limited to 60 free places - registrations now open!

For more information or to register go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/mighty-willows-rangiora-term-4>

REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

REACH VALUES

This week is the halfway point of the term (ALREADY), and it's really important to keep showing our REACH VALUES!

- 1) Respecting equipment, people and environment
- 2) Doing your absolute best in all activities and work. (excellence)
- 3) Hold high standards of behaviour for yourself and others.
 - i) Don't be afraid to tell someone if they're doing the wrong thing.

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



Kiwaha



Kia atawhai!

Be kind!

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