

Kia ora whānau

Thank you to everyone who gave up their time last Sunday to help out at the working bee. The shifting of sand, weed whacking, gardening and hedge trimming that was achieved in a short amount of time has made such a difference to the appearance of our wonderful kura.

I am still in need of some kind soul to come and take away the green waste at the entrance. As a school we do not own a trailer and if we add it to our skip then we are up for quite a considerable charge each time we empty it.

Classes for 2026

As we head into the last few weeks of term we are starting to organise class lists. It is important that we have as many children that are intending to come enrolled now so that we can account for them when doing class numbers. If you have not yet enrolled your child then please do.

It is equally important that we know if your child is leaving us and moving to another primary school as this also affects our class lists and the placement of children.

School Camps

Thank you to all who have paid the donation as these camps would not be possible without this contribution. We still have about \$1500 outstanding in camp donations that we would like sorted before camp starts on Tuesday.

Library Books

Can you please hunt out any library books you children or you have at home as it is time for our annual library stocktake. We still have around 180 books outstanding.



Outstanding Results at Canterbury Athletics

Ammie - 1st Shot put
Ruby 6th 1500m
Alan 7th Discus
Maddy - 8th 1500m





A Message From the Board of Trustees

As the year comes to an end the BOT felt it was timely to reach out and wish everyone all the best for the festive season. As parents ourselves, we know it is a challenging but enjoyable time!

After receiving some feedback from our school community, we also wanted to clarify the employment process that was undertaken to secure our wonderful new team members for 2026.

The strongest candidates who applied for the roles were interviewed by our Junior HOD Juanita O'loughlin and Stuart Morris of the BOT as an independent party. We were very impressed with the successful applicants' written applications, reference checks and interviews and are excited about the positive energy they will bring to the junior school.

We hope that this helps with understanding the process but welcome any questions about this or any other matter.

Happy holidays!

Stuart Morris
Presiding Member
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Friday 12th December

This is proving to be a busy day with this fun day of Christmas themed dress up being an option with a hotdog for lunch.

We also have Milan taking over for the day as Principal and I look forward to catching up with him after camp to see what he has in mind for the day.

Finally we will end the day with our last school assembly where we will farewell Karen Daly. Please arrive by 2.15 at the latest for this.



PTA Update



**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.



Raffle sheets need to be sent back urgently please so that we can have all this in order before the raffle is drawn on the 10th December. It is very helpful if these come back without us having to chase you up for your sheet. There are still far too many sheets outstanding.

REACH ASSEMBLY FOCUS FOR THE WEEK

This Week's Focus

REACH VALUES

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.
 - 1) 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, tāi ke 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



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



Ka kite anō See you later

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!

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

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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