

Kia ora whānau

The time at school for the year is very quickly disappearing and end of year preparations are in full swing. Currently we have all Year 7 and 8's on camp at Living Springs creating the most wonderful memories, and showing courage to try new things. Next week we have our GLEE students performing on Monday night, prize giving on Tuesday night and our Year 8 Leavers Dinner Wednesday night. Friday, as you already know, is also a busy day as mentioned below.

Next Wednesday you will receive, via Seesaw, your child's progress report for the end of year. Please take the time to read this, and comment as the teachers spend a lot of time on each one making sure they reflect where your child is at. It is important that you download this so that you have access to it in the new year as each year the classes start again and old records and posts are archived.

On the same day class lists for 2026 will come out. These have been worked on, in conjunction with teachers, by Juanita and myself over the last month. There are three areas of the school that are always a given of where your child will be placed and they are New Entrants, Year 5 and Year 8. The rest is dependent on numbers.

For 2026 we have also renamed some spaces and they are as follows:

Mānuka Tēina will now be Mānuka Kōtare
Mānuka Tūakana will now be Mānuka Korimako
Harakeke Pūkeko will now be Harakeke Kererū

This becomes important to note when looking at lists next week and also when you go to order your stationery via the website.

School Camp Donations and Fees for Sport

Please ensure you have checked your child's account and pay any outstanding amounts before years end. We need this money in to balance the books. If you are unsure if you owe money please get in touch with Tanya in the office.
office@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz or 03 313 8907

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 books outstanding.

Lost Property

Once again the lost property bin is overflowing. Please take the time to check the bin over the next week.



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

MoE Web Service (MOEP)
web.novopay.govt.nz/.../WJ0000.jspx

This Week's Focus

FINISHING THE YEAR STRONG

It's really important to treasure the final days of the year:

Here are some top tips on how to do that.

- 1) Be present
- 2) Stay on your teacher's good side
- 3) Have lots of fun
- 4) Be active - get outside and enjoy the nice weather
- 5) Be kind to one another
- 6) Do something nice for someone (maybe your teacher)

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



Kiwha

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



Meri Kirihimete! Merry Christmas!

Each week we have a new kiwha (saying) that we practice as a way to build up our reo. This is introduced on a Monday at assembly.

Dates For Your Diary!

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
2026
29th January 2026 - Whānau Hui
30th January - School Open for Instruction
30th January Mihi Whakatau 9am
6th February Waitangi Day Holiday
9th February Teacher Only Day - MOE Maths PLD
13th February - Welcome back to school PTA Community Picnic
2nd April Term 1 ends
3rd April Good Friday
3rd - 19th April - Term 1 School Holidays
27th April - SCHOOL CLOSED ANZAC DAY OBSERVED
29th May SCHOOL CLOSED Teacher Only Day
1st June SCHOOL CLOSED King's Birthday Observed
26th June Last Day Term 2
9th July - Matariki Breakfast
10th July SCHOOL CLOSED Matariki Holiday
29th June - 12th July Term 2 School Holidays
28th September - 11th October - Term 3 School Holidays
26th October SCHOOL CLOSED - Labour Day

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

29th June -