

Kia ora whānau

Yesterday we welcomed Constable Ken to school to train our bus monitors for the year. We always value his expertise, as the safety messages he shares with students are clear, practical, and consistent.

As part of his visit, Constable Ken spent time outside the school at 3.00pm observing road safety at pick-up time. He has shared feedback based on what he observed during just one afternoon.

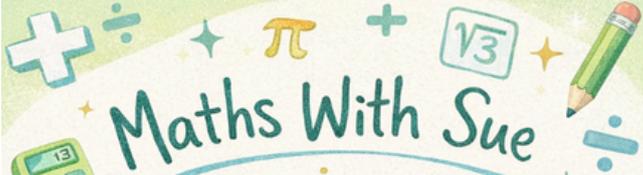
The behaviours noted are concerning, particularly as they are occurring directly outside the school gate. We all have a shared responsibility to keep our children safe, and this is an area where we need to do better. We ask all members of our school community to be mindful of road rules, parking, and safe behaviours during drop-off and pick-up times so that everyone gets home safely.

Good:

- No visual or detected speed or driving issues past school or bus (slow and cautious under 20kmh!!!) .

NOT so good:

- Small children (5-6 year olds and a preschooler) walking unaccompanied up the grass verge North on Boundary Road to parked cars (Mum/Dad back talking at school! and not close enough to supervise/keep them safe!!))
- Numerous cars parking on the west side of Boundary Road (parking is advised only on the school side of the road - park further up the road on the school side and WALK!)
- Cars parking near the corner of Boundary/Fawcetts Road (surprisingly - yes cars sometimes come around this corner at high speeds - up to 60-80km an hour - they DON'T all follow the rules around schools).
- Children crossing Boundary Road outside school unaccompanied
- Children getting in to vehicles on the road side of the car and parents putting children in cars on the road side of the car (recommended safe practice is all children should get in and out of vehicles on the footpath/house/grass side of the car - NEVER the road side as children and drivers sometimes make mistakes!).



Maths With Sue

Do you have questions about the new Mathematics Curriculum? Would you like to know how you can help your child at home? Come along to our new initiative— a relaxed coffee and chat with Sue Graham, our passionate Maths Specialist Teacher who loves all things maths!



- When:**
- Juniors (Years 1–4)
4th March
 - Seniors (Years 5–8)
18th March

- Time:**
2:30pm – 3:00pm
- Where:**
School Hall

 If these sessions are valued and valuable, we will run them again in Term 2.



Reading Talk

for Junior School Parents

 **When:** 27th February
2.30pm

 **School Hall**

Come along if you have any questions or need ideas around how to help at home with reading. Catherine Te Aika is our Literacy Specialist teacher, she is very passionate about literacy and supporting children with early reading skills.



PTA 2026 AGM

Please join us
We need YOU!

Thursday March 19th 7PM

School office

Drinks & Nibbles provided

RSVP to email: pta@ashleyrasahuri.school.nz



Ashley Rakahuri Library

Open to all Whānau
Tuesday and Thursday mornings
8:30am - 9:00am - In Piata

Every whānau can borrow up to 8 books to share at home with everyone
All whānau, tamariki and preschoolers welcome



Meet the Team in Harkakeke

The Harakeke team is Juanita O'Loughlin, Rochelle Standen and Kayleigh Bruerton. You have already met in previous newsletters Juanita and Kayleigh. The team is also ably supported by many support staff some of who are introduced this week - Catherine Graham and Jan Dwight



Kia ora koutou - my name is Rochelle Standen and in 2026 I am teaching in Harakeke Tūi.

I'm excited for the new year ahead and this class, which is a mix of familiar and new faces, and welcoming them into Tūi. Harakeke Tūi is a straight Year 4 class this year.

Tūi is a fantastic space to work and teach in and I am looking forward to getting to know all of you this year.

I love teaching literacy and the arts and am passionate about science. Quite often we can be sidetracked with facts and discussions about the amazing world around us.

I am currently on my own learning journey learning Te Reo and bringing that into the classroom and working with the Kapa haka group across our kura. I live in Ashley with my whānau - my two boys Rawiri and Nate, my husband Mike, and our dog Melly. When I'm not at kura I love chilling with my whānau and getting out into my garden or curling up with a good book. I also love to cook and do lots of preserving from our large garden and home orchard.



Hi, My name is Jan Dwight.

I am a Learning Assistant and also the School Librarian. I will be working mainly in Kererū and Tūi classes this year. I'm really looking forward to another awesome year here, supporting your children and our teaching staff.

My husband, Paul and I live in Rangiora. We have a 23 year daughter, Dana. We live with our fur whānau: our border collie, Kip, and his two cat brothers, Dude and Eli.

I love to spend time with our family. I also love to knit, crochet, read a good book and enjoy spending lots of time in our beautiful garden. Paul and I walk heaps, and we love to e-bike.



Kia ora my name is Catherine Graham and I am excited to have the opportunity to be a release teacher at your school! I will mostly be working in Kererū class and also in Tūi every second week. I am married to Scott and we have two teenage girls, Jessie and Ellie. We live on a lifestyle block near Sefton. We love going on adventures as a family. Tramping, biking and camping are the best. Last year we explored Sydney before our eldest girl left home!

I love art, music, reading, sport, animals and am very much a people person. I am particularly passionate about supporting children to develop a love for learning and a sense of belonging within the school environment.

Weekly REACH Value Focus

RESPECTING OUR PEOPLE

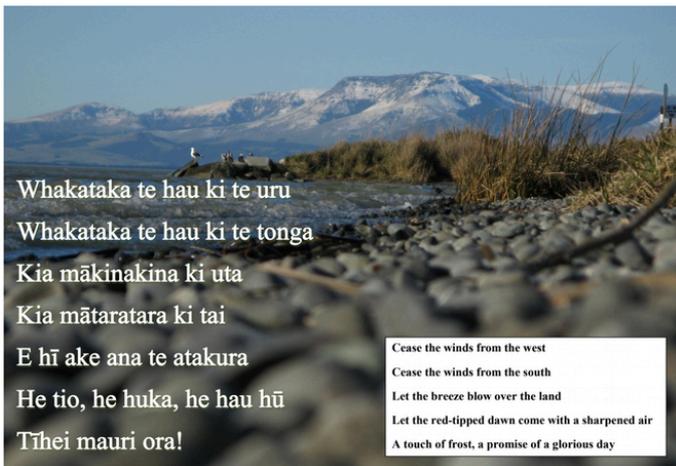
This week we look at the people of Ashley Rakahuri School

These include:

- 1) Staff - teachers, teacher assistants, Tanya in the office, Gary
- 2) Our Community - parents, grandparents, other family members, visitors to our school (Constable Ken or Dentist Van people).
- 3) STUDENTS - YOU GUYS!!

This week we want to focus on showing respect to our people.
Through Kindness , Good Manners , Inclusion

Our Karakia for the Term and our weekly kiwaha for you to practice.



Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Thei mauri ora!

Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day

Ko te kiwaha o te wiki - Kiwaha of the week

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



Ata Mārie Good Morning

We have sushi delivered every fortnight on a Wednesday with the next date for this on the 25th March.

Fresh, Tasty Lunches Delivered to School!

Healthy Lunches. Loved by Kids.

Ezlunch makes school lunches simple and stress-free.
Enjoy tasty meals fresh each day while supporting local cafes and caterers.
Order anytime, anywhere - no more morning lunchbox scrambles!

New to Ezlunch and Kindo?

- Create your account at myKindo.co.nz
- Select your school and add your child
- Start ordering lunches!

Already use Kindo?

- Log in at shop.kindo.co.nz
- Click "Switch schools" to add your current school
- Add your child under "my details" > "add member"
- Place your lunch orders!

Order cut-off times vary by lunch provider, so check your school's Ezlunch menu online for full details.

Let's fuel your kids the easy way!
Order your school lunches today via ezlunch

Have questions? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or hello@mykindo.co.nz or 0508 454 636. Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm.

Calendar of Events

4th March - North Canterbury Swimming Sports
23rd and 30th March - Learning Conferences - Y4 (some) and all
Year 5-8

2nd April ANZAC Day Service 2.15pm

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

3rd July Last Day Term 2

3rd July - 19th July Term 2 School Holidays

28th August - School Photos

28th September - 11th October - Term 3 School Holidays

26th October SCHOOL CLOSED - Labour Day

**Please check out our website for more information on
the school and keep up to date with what's going on by
joining our Facebook Page.**