

Kia ora whānau

Assessment and Reporting Update

This term is flying by, with just four weeks remaining until the holidays. A key focus for staff at the moment is assessment. Teachers are gathering information about your child's learning to inform next teaching steps and to prepare meaningful feedback for you at our Learning Conferences in Weeks 9 and 10.

You may have seen discussion in the media about changes to assessment this year. While there is considerable commentary, the reality for schools is that some of the tools being referenced – including SMART – are not yet available for use. Like all schools across Aotearoa, we are working through new assessment and reporting expectations alongside implementing the refreshed English and Mathematics curriculums. We are awaiting further clarity and resourcing from the government, and will adjust our processes as needed when this becomes available.

In the meantime, please be reassured that we remain committed to providing clear, useful information about your child's progress. Regular and ongoing teacher professional judgement continues to sit at the heart of our assessment practices. Teachers use a range of approaches – observations, classroom work, conversations, formative assessments and, where appropriate, more formal tools – to build a comprehensive picture of each learner's strengths, progress and next steps.

Strong partnerships between home and school matter to us. Your child's learning, progress and wellbeing remain at the centre of all we do, and we look forward to sharing this with you at Learning Conferences.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

Drop Off Time in the Morning

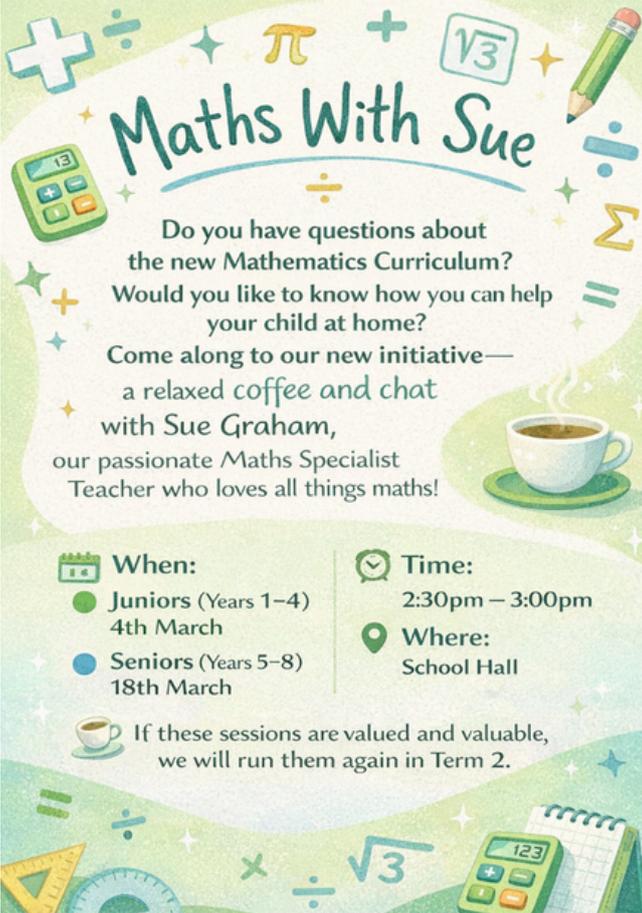
Please do not drop off your children before 8.30am in the morning as the staff are working hard to prepare for the day and are not there to supervise your children. Your child may be asked to wait outside until 8.30am if they do arrive early.

Scholastic Book Loop Orders

**Please have your orders in
online by 16th March.**

Sport Outside of School Invoices

Please ensure you get these paid in the next week or two.



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.



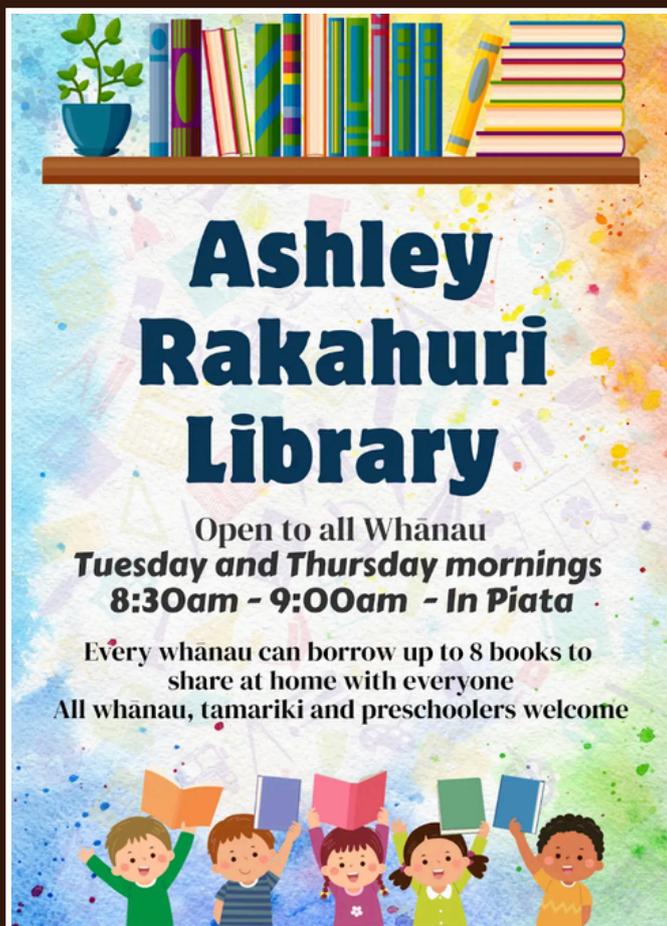
Whole School Disco

Save the date: 27th March

School Hall

6.00-7.30pm

More information will follow in the coming weeks



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



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

Meet the Team



Suzy Parker - Year 5 and 6

Kia ora,

I feel very fortunate to be part of this wonderful school community. When I'm not in the classroom, you'll usually find me spending time with my horses, walking my dogs Tilly and Teddy, or enjoying some time in the garden.

Family is very important to me. I spend a lot of time with my daughter Jorja (17), who is passionate about her horses, and my son Sam (24), who runs his own business and is currently in the exciting process of planning his wedding. I absolutely love teaching and am deeply passionate about supporting all learners to succeed. I have a strong interest in neurodiversity and am committed to creating an inclusive classroom where every child feels valued, understood, and empowered to thrive.



Kia Ora. My name is Catherine Te Aika, and I am working for my second year as the Literacy Support Teacher. This is after many years working with children in Reading Recovery. I love teaching the children, and watching them grow in confidence and ability.

I live in Tuahiwi with my husband, Sam, and our very spoilt cat, Mac. Our two children are grown and living in the city. We are very excited to be welcoming our first grandchild a bit later in the year.

I enjoy reading (my husband would say a little too much....) knitting, cycling with friends, and travelling when we can.



Kia ora. My name is Sue Graham . I am very much looking forward to working across the school as a Maths Specialist Teacher for two days a week: Tues/Wed . Maths is a passion and I hold dearly to the fact that we can all 'do' mathematics regardless of what you might personally think of your own abilities.

I live in Broomfield with my husband Kevin . We have a miniature long haired dachshund called Ellie, a cat called Rastus, numerous bantams and hens as well as cattle .

I very much enjoy tramping, mountain biking, gardening and reading as well as Maths of course!! Did you know that anything can be considered a Maths problem?

Weekly REACH Value Focus

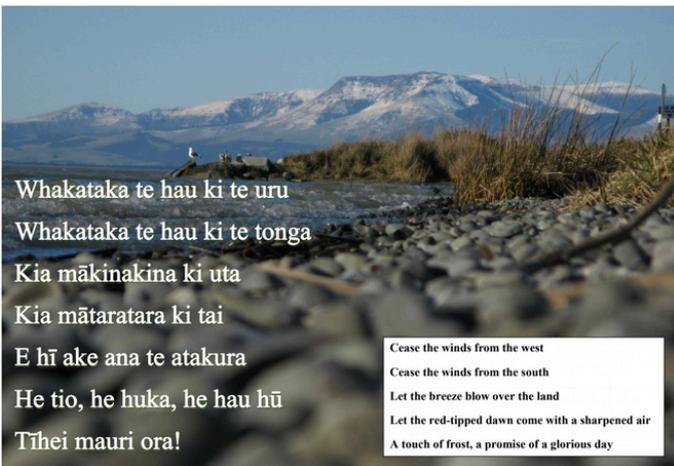
Respect of possessions

This week we look at respecting our possessions

This includes:

- 1) School uniform - jerseys and hats
- 2) Equipment - sports gear, stationery and devices.
- 3) Rubbish - make sure you put your rubbish in the bin to keep this a tidy school.
- 4) School Property - seats , playground etc

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"



Ahiahi mārie

Good Afternoon

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



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Calendar of Events

27th March Whole School Disco

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.**