

Kia ora whānau

Welcome to Term 3 — a ten-week term that is jam-packed with activities both in and out of the classroom.

We have eight **water safety lessons** at the end of the term for our Year 1–6 students and three lessons for our Year 7 and 8 students. These lessons are fully funded by MainPower Sports Trust, while the transport costs and the remaining lesson costs are being covered by a grant that Tanya secured through the Aotearoa Gaming Trust. We are incredibly grateful to both organisations for their support, as it means that no child misses out on the opportunity to become more confident and capable in the water.

This term we also have the **Quad School Speech Competition** for students in Years 4–8. While not all Year 4 students will be competing, all students in the senior school will be writing and presenting a speech to their class. Finalists from the school competition will then compete to determine who will represent Ashley Rakahuri School at the Quad School competition in the final week of the term.

Alongside this, our junior students in Years 1–4 will be learning and presenting a poem in class as part of our **Poetry Competition**, with finalists presenting their poems on 26 August.

For the first time in many years, there will also be another opportunity for our children with an artistic or comedic streak to showcase their talents through our **Talent Quest**. This will be a fantastic chance for us all to see the wide range of abilities our students have in a fun and supportive event. We are looking for all kinds of talents, including singing, dancing, playing an instrument, performing a skit, or lip-syncing. If you are supporting this at home please ensure that their performance is a maximum of 3 minutes. Once auditions have taken place, we will hold a final, which whānau are warmly invited to attend and enjoy. The finals will take place on 3 September from 2.00–3.00 pm.

This term we welcome back **Harold the Giraffe** and the **Life Education** team to the school. They will be here for three days to support health programmes running across the school. Each classroom has a slightly different focus so if you want to know more then please ask your child's teacher. I believe the teacher from the Life Education van will be holding a parent session so when I get this date I will let you know. This programme is heavily subsidised by the trust with the remainder being covered by the school.

We are also having a **Book Fair** this term which will culminate in a Book Character Dress Up Day. Due to **Ruataniwha Kapa Haka Festival** being on the Friday where we have over 80 children performing, we have moved the dress up day to the Thursday.

For those new to the school, a book fair is a chance for you to see a selection of books from Scholastic that will be set up in the school hall for the week. You are able to purchase directly on each day. Each book sold to you gives the school a percentage of money back so that the school is then able to purchase new books for the library. This runs in the week of 7-11th September. Please look out for more information on this as Jan and Rochelle, who are running this, will be looking for volunteers to help with sales before and after school each day.



Ashley Rakahuri
School

Ashley Rakahuri TALENT QUEST!

YEAR 0-4
SECTION

YEAR 5-8
SECTION

SINGING DANCING PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT ACTING / DRAMA

Solo and Group acts welcomed!

Auditions: Will start 24th August.

Finals Date: To be confirmed

Audition entry forms will come home
at the start of Term 3, so get practising!

PTA NEWS

The PTA have been so busy over the last two months preparing for the Raffle and now keeping the momentum up with this to ensure the sales keep coming. Everytime you share a link to your friends on Facebook it is helping get the word out so we love seeing the shares going up knowing that this is helping fund a brand new playground for our children. The draw for this raffle will be done live at school on the 25th September.

If you are able to come to the meeting today at 2pm in the hall about how you can help that would be fantastic.

Alongside this the PTA are passionate about supporting funding for Learning Assistants in the classrooms. To help with this they are running a Bake/Crafts/Produce Sale on the 14th August and a whole school disco on the 4th September. If you can support both or either of these events we would be extremely grateful.



Calendar of Events

- 14th August - PTA Bake Sale
- 20th August - School Photos (Note change of day)
- 26th August - Junior Poetry Finals**
- 3rd September - Talent Quest Finals**
- 4th September Whole School Disco
- 7th - 11th September Scholastic Book Fair and READATHON
- 10th September - Dress up Book Character Day (change of day)
- 11th September - Ruataniwha Kapa Haka Festival
- 14th September - Learning Conferences
- 21st September - Learning Conferences
- 23rd September Quad School Speech Finals**
- 25th September - Raffle drawn for Ford Ranger**
- 25th September - 11th October - Term 3 School Holidays
- 26th October SCHOOL CLOSED - Labour Day
- 6th November - Gumboot Friday
- 13th November Canterbury Show Day Holiday
- 25th November Tūhono Kapa Haka Competition
- 9th December Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- 11th December - Hotdogs/Non Uniform Day - Christmas
- 14th December - Whole School Prizegiving
- 16th December - Last Day of Term 4 (note change of day)