

Kia ora whānau

We have had such a lovely start to the term where the weather has been great and allowed the children to remain playing on the field - albeit they are a little muddy afterwards. With this in mind, and with us wanting to have the children able to play out there as long as we can can you please ensure you are packing them a change of clothes? With new carpet across the whole school we do not want muddy children sitting on the mats or carpet. A pair of slippers or indoor shoes are also a great idea as most have to take their shoes off at the door.



We have noticed that we have a real shortage of reading books on our shelves so are asking that you please have a look around your house to see if you have any hiding out anywhere. Each reader costs around fifteen dollars and to replace them is at huge cost to the school. Please send them back - no questions asked.

This also applies to any library books that you may find around the house that haven't been issued in the last two weeks.

ezlunch

Browse our ezlunch food menu's and place your lunch orders. Each menu offers a variety of healthy food for your children to enjoy. Each menu has their own ordering cut-off times and availability.

Through ezlunch you can now order both **Sushi and Subway** with Sushi being on odd weeks and Subway being on even weeks. Next week is Sushi.

Here is the information on Subway that Tanya sent out last term...

Subway is now available fortnightly on a Wednesday through Ezlunch – giving you even more choice when it comes to healthy, convenient lunches for your tamariki.

Here's what's on the menu:

Wabisabi Sushi & Subway - Alternating Wednesdays

[View Menu](#)

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- You'll find a variety of nutritious options to keep your kids fuelled and focused. To view the full menu and place an order, just log in to your Ezlunch/Kindo account as usual. [Login here](#)



Excitement is building and entries are starting to come in for the first talent quest in many years. We have such a variety of ideas coming in for what children will be doing.

This is intended as a fun event with all practices happening in break times, free time or at home. Thank you for your support with this.

PTA NEWS

The PTA continues to work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our **Ford Ranger Raffle** is a success. This week alone they have delivered flyers, monitored ticket sales and accounts, taken part in an interview on Compass FM, launched the student playground design competition (and it seems some parents have joined in too—we have received some fantastic entries!), arranged for a Ford Ranger to visit the school for a feature story in the North Canterbury News on 6 August, and are coordinating volunteers to distribute flyers at community events.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already purchased a ticket, shared the raffle on social media, or volunteered to help with flyer distribution. Every contribution makes a difference.

To make this fundraiser the success we know it can be, **we now need more hands on deck**. Over the next two months, the PTA is aiming to distribute around **10,000 flyers** across our community. For a small group of dedicated volunteers, this is a significant undertaking, and they simply can't do it alone.

This fundraiser will **directly benefit every child at Ashley Rakahuri School** by helping us achieve our goal of building a new playground. **If every family could spare just one or two hours** over the coming weeks, the workload would become much more manageable, and together we can make a real difference.

Please take a moment to look at the attached volunteer schedule and see if there is a time you can help. In particular, **New World Kaiapoi at 9.00 am this Sunday** is still in need of volunteers. If you are able to assist, please email the PTA or add your name to the spreadsheet.

As our whakataukī reminds us, "Kia whiria ngā taurahere tangata" – To weave the rope that binds us all together. This fundraiser is a wonderful example of what we can achieve when we all contribute a little. Thank you for considering how you might be able to help.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1L399sSkSgRHUy5eFPgEGVnvdpfGkUnZT/edit?usp=drivesdk&ouid=102739060445958621479&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Alongside this fundraiser they are running a **bake/craft/produce sale on the 14th August** that they will be seeking both donations to and sales from. Keep this date in mind and help out - or come and purchase if you can.

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)