

Kia ora whānau



We now have 24 children who have signed up which is great. The actual readathon starts on Monday and coincides with our Book Fair so there is still time to sign up.

<https://ashleyrakahurireadathon.raiseit.co.nz/>

Ashley Rakahuri Readathon 2026 - Online Fundraiser 18th August - 11th September

Get ready to turn the page on an exciting adventure... it's the Ashley Rakahuri School Readathon!

Students are collecting online sponsorship for their efforts in the Readathon to help raise funds for our school while encouraging a love of reading. Whether they're discovering new stories, exploring different worlds, or reaching their personal reading goals, every page read helps support our school community.

Funds raised from this year's Readathon will go towards our new school playground. We are working hard to raise the funds needed to purchase playground equipment, and every donation brings us closer to making this exciting project a reality. The more we raise, the more play equipment we can include, helping create a fun and engaging space for all our students to enjoy.

This is a fantastic opportunity for families, friends, and the wider Ashley Rakahuri School community to support our students, encourage their reading journey, and help us reach our goal of completing the new playground.

How will this fundraiser work? We have partnered with online fundraising company Go Raise It. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends & family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling cash!

How do I sign my child up to fundraise online? Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship from anyone, anywhere!

Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: <https://ashleyrakahurireadathon.raiseit.co.nz/>

New Assistant Principal/Year 7 and 8 Teacher - Starting 2027



It is with great pleasure that I can now announce that we have employed our new assistant principal/classroom teacher for our Year 7 and 8 classroom.

His name is Andrew Richmond and he is currently a teacher at Te Matauru where he teaches a Year 6 and 7 class. He has had leadership experience while there and currently runs their student leadership programme. His previous experience includes being a within school lead for the kahui ako, curriculum lead and team leader.

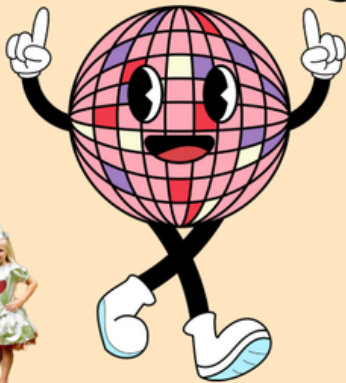
He is super excited about starting with us next year. Andy will be on site to work with us at various points in Term 4 to work with Juanita and myself, plan with his team and meet the senior students.

Drop Off Zone

Please use this as it is intended - a drop and go zone. I understand that you may need to jump out and open the gate for your child but it is not a place you can park and come into school. It is super frustrating for those who want to pull into the drop off zone only to find it full with empty cars. This in turn creates a hazard as cars are backed up on what is a very busy road and also are having to let their children get out without the safety of the zone.

If you need to park and are finding it hard to get a spot on the road then please park at the centaph area and use the road crossing which is patrolled by Lisa every morning from 8.30am - 8.55am.

SCHOOL DISCO



Come to the school hall ready to dance the night away.



DATE September 4th
TIME 6.00 - 7.30pm

Be anything you want!
There is no theme.

\$5 entry fee at the door. Snacks and glow toys available. Please bring cash.



WE NEED HELP WITH VOLUNTEERS TO HELP STAFF TO MAN THE BOOKSALE.

Parents if you are available 8:30 - 9:00am OR 2:50 - 3:30pm (any day of the week) to help with sales and logistics we would really appreciate it. You don't need to know how to use the EFTPOS machine, it is all explained easily for you with clear instructions to follow. There will be a staff member with you at every session.

Please email Rochelle rstanden@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz or pop in and see her in Harakeke Tūi- and let her know what day(s) and what session, before or after school, you could help out at. We have parents to cover Wednesday and Friday morning and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon but all other times are available. Please reach out if you can help.

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DISCOVER READ LOVE!

BOOK FAIR!

GREAT BOOKS! BRIGHT FUTURES!

SEPTEMBER 7TH - 11TH
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

For every book purchased, a percentage of the value will go towards providing
NEW BOOKS for our library.

READING GROWS MINDS!

CASHLESS SALE
EFTPOS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL PURCHASES.

OPEN FOR PURCHASE
8:30am - 9:00am
3:00pm - 3:30pm
DAILY!

GREAT BOOKS! ★ GREAT READS! ★ GREAT CAUSE!

Calendar of Events

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)

1st February Whānau hui

2nd February School Opens For Instruction

8th February - Manday-ised Waitangi Day Holiday