

Kia ora whānau

It was so good to get down to Dudley Pool on Monday and see the children getting started with their water safety lessons. To see them working in small groups and getting a lot of time in the pool is great and it seems to be organised so much better this year. It also helps that we are the only school down there this time, both with space, places to sit and the noise levels. A huge thank you for those parents who are coming down to support the staff as it is a huge demand on them to try and manage such a large group on their own in a pool environment. We are forever grateful to those of you who give your time so freely to help out.

Today we had the "Take the Floor" speech finals for Year 4 - 8 and the level of speeches and the topics they chose to talk about were impressive. The top two from each of these year levels go through to the Quad School Speech Competition next week. Thank you to Ms Meehan for her organisation of this event.

Year 4 - 1st Kiara, 2nd Harry, 3rd Liberty

Year 5 - 1st Ezinta, 2nd Ada, 3rd Jasper

Year 6 - 1st Briar, 2nd Maddy, 3rd Bertram

Year 7 - 1st Rosie, 2nd Eva, 3rd Reid

Year 8 - 1st Olympia, 2nd Elise, 3rd Phoebe

We would love your feedback on the speed limits around our school

Please fill in the form below to have you say...

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At the moment when the field, and the weather allows it the students are out practising for whole school **athletics** which will be held up at Loburn Domain on the 21st October. This is a big day for the students who compete in a range of events. I know that John Lynskey will be looking for parents who can help on the day so please get in touch with him early if you can help at an event.
j.lynskey@ashleyrakahuri.school.nz

Learning Conferences

Thank you to those who came to the first round of these last Monday. If you have not yet booked a slot there are still some available for this coming Monday. Please ring Tanya in the office to make a booking.



WE ARE COLLECTING GLASSES FOR RECYCLING

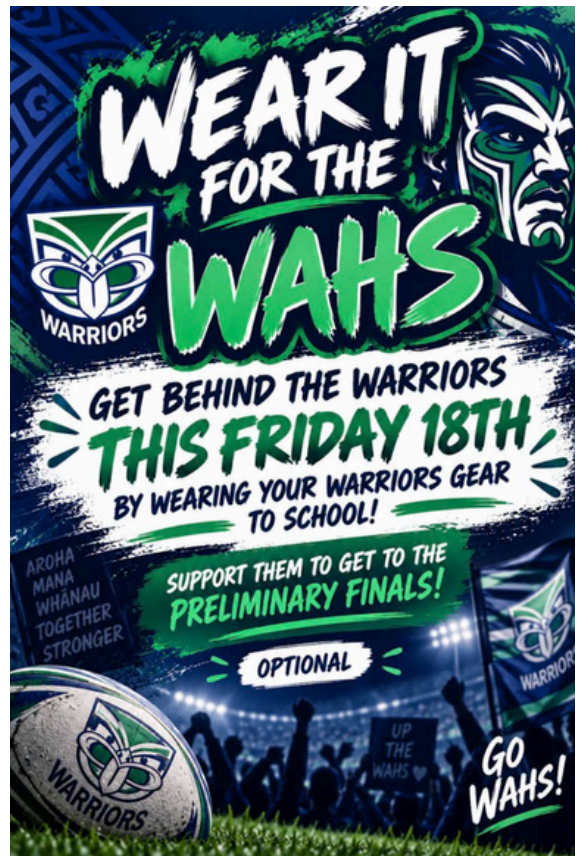
The School Council is collecting used spectacles, sunglasses, prescription glasses and non prescription glasses. Childrens glasses especially needed. All glasses collected are cleaned up and sent to the Pacific Islands.

Drop off in the box in Totara/ Ms Meehan's room
between 8th and 24th September.

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.



Calendar of Events

- 14th - 25th September Water Safety Lessons
- 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
- 21st October Whole School Athletics**
- 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 - Monday-ised Waitangi Day Holiday