Ashley Rakahuri School

Week 5, Term 4 — 12th November 2026

Kia ora whānau

Road Safety Around Our School – A Positive Step Forward!

Last night, I attended the Rangiora Ashley Community Board meeting, where I was given speaking rights to share the concerns of our School Board and wider community about the speed limits on the roads surrounding our kura.

Having never attended a meeting like this before, I wasn't quite sure what to expect! However, the Community Board members were very welcoming and genuinely interested in hearing our concerns. Following my presentation, members had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the issues raised.

The Council's Senior Transport Engineer then spoke and also expressed support for reducing speed limits, not only on Fawcetts Road but also further along Boundary Road and Marshmans Road.

The really positive news is that the Community Board voted in favour of the proposed changes! These recommendations will now be presented to the Council at its December meeting for further consideration.

The change we have been advocating for is a **60 km/h speed limit from the Cones Road/Fawcetts Road intersection to a point east of the school and the crossroads.**

If this change is approved, it would also make our school eligible for a **30 km/h speed limit during peak school times at our road crossing.**

This would be a significant improvement for the safety of our tamariki and whānau, particularly in the afternoons when we can have up to 40 people crossing the road. With the current speed limits and the volume of traffic travelling past our school, ensuring everyone can cross safely is incredibly important.

While there is still another step in the process, this is a very encouraging outcome and a positive move towards making the roads around Ashley Rakahuri School safer for everyone.

Thank you to those in our community who have supported and raised concerns about this issue. It is wonderful to see our collective voice being heard, and I look forward to sharing the outcome of the Council meeting in December.

Cultural Celebration Day – Celebrating Who We Are!

Next Friday, we will be holding our **Cultural Celebration Day,** where tamariki are encouraged to come dressed in clothing or attire that reflects their culture, heritage and whānau connections.

The last time we held this event, it was wonderful to see such a colourful array of clothing and the many different cultures and family connections represented within our kura. It was a lovely reminder of the diversity that makes our school community so special.

This is a relatively low-key celebration at this stage, but it is something I would love to see grow into an even more meaningful event in the years ahead.

This year, we would also love to invite whānau to share a little of their culture through food. If you have a special dish or treat that represents your family's culture or traditions, and you would like to make something for the children in your child's class to try, you are very welcome to do so. We simply ask that you check with your child's teacher beforehand to ensure it works with their classroom programme and to find out about any food allergies or dietary requirements that need to be considered.

There is absolutely no expectation or pressure to contribute food. This is simply an opportunity for those who would like to share something special from their family or culture.

We would also love to hear your ideas about how we could grow this celebration in the future. Whether through food, music, dance, stories, language or traditions, there are so many wonderful ways we could celebrate the cultures and connections that make up our school community.

Ultimately, this day is about helping our tamariki feel proud of who they are, learning about one another, and strengthening the sense of belonging that is so important at Ashley Rakahuri School.





Scholastic Books

Issue 19 closes 19th November so order now so you don't miss out!

I have 40 cubic metres of bark mulch arriving to be put around the natives and weedeating that needs doing so would love to see you here!!

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Calendar of Events

13th November Canterbury Show Day Holiday

20th November Cultural Celebration Day

22nd November - Working Bee

29th November Tūhono Kapa Haka Competition (note correct date)

4th December Junior/Middle School Kapa Haka Celebration

9th December Year 8 Leavers Dinner

11th December - Hotdogs/Non Uniform Day - Christmas

11th December - Produce Market 8.30am

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

26th - 30th March - Easter Holiday NB: Schools take the Tuesday as well

9th April - End of Term 1

26th April - Monday-ised ANZAC Day Holiday

27th April - Term 2 starts

7th June - King's Birthday Observed (Holiday)

25th June - Matariki Observed (Holiday)

25th June Whole School Hangi (pencilled in)

2nd July Term 2 ends