

# Newsletter

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#### Wednesday 31st July 2024 Wenerei 31st Hūrae 2024 Week 2 Term 3

Netherby School Website:https://www.netherby.school.nz Netherby School Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/Ashburton-Netherby-School-347486892319026/

School Vision: Quality teaching, Quality learning

School Mission: Encourage all to aim high, do their best, be resilient and have fun.

Hakatere Kāhui Ako Website: https://www.hakaterekahuiako.nz/

## School Whakatauki Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive.

### Tālofa lava, Kia orana, Mālō e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Bula Vinaka, Talofa ni, Kia ora and hello.

Welcome back to school and of course to Term 3, already! We have hit the term with an industrious start to our core subject learning. It is also pleasing to see almost all of the children back to school as well as a number of children starting. This term will see children involved in swimming, Winter Tournament and various other sports. We have Elgregoe coming as well, which is always a popular hit with the children. We have a ski date set on Friday 6th September, and so far 20 children are interested. Remember, skiing is user pays. Let us hope the weather is kind and the snow adequate come September 6th.

#### 3 Way Conferences

By the time you get this newsletter we would have had most of our 3 way conference meetings. We appreciate the time you take to come along and talk with your child and our teachers about your children's learning. It is really important to us all. As always we encourage parents to book their own time to ensure it is more convenient for you.

#### **Mid Year Results**

Twice a year prior to report writing, teachers collate a whole lot of data from observations, post and standardised tests and general classroom teaching. From here teachers make well informed decisions about whether they think children are achieving where they should be academically for their time at school. This judgement is made against the New Zealand Curriculum levels and is called an overall teacher judgement.

We then collate all of this data from all of the children from all classes and form a report. This report is shared with the Board, Education Review Office and of course the staff. It acts as a barometer so we can measure the impact of our teaching and compare results to previous years, though this should be done with some caution as our school population and clientele is forever changing.

At the mid-year point our results are looking favourable. Overall, we are achieving particularly well in maths and reading. Reading and maths are regarded as subjects of strength for our school, and have been for quite a while. Our writing results are not too bad, but not quite as good as our other two core subject results.

This report is a bit big for the school newsletter, and could be regarded as sensitive as it illustrates results split into gender groups and ethnic groups, as required by the Ministry of Education. However, it is available on request to any community member. I am also happy to talk to it if any group of parents are wanting more information.

What I can say now is the professional development in Numicon and structured literacy is paying off for the teaching staff and a good number of children who are benefiting from these teaching models.

#### **Welcome Shenone Swartz**

We welcome Mrs Swartz to the Netherby School team. Mrs Swartz is from South Africa and has 13 years teaching experience in both primary and secondary education. She comes here with her husband.



Mrs Swartz, as you may know, teaches in Room 1. We wish her well in New Zealand and our school.

#### **Health Consultation**

We have our bi annual health consultation on Wednesday 21st August at 3.15pm in the staffroom for any one from the community wishing to know more about our health curriculum delivery. There was an email sent to you on 24 July with all of the information you need to decide if you want to inquire into anything or attend the meeting. All of you are welcome to attend.

#### **Ashburton Netherby School Wix Website**

Our new website is now here <a href="https://www.netherby.school.nz/">https://www.netherby.school.nz/</a>
There are still some things to iron out, but it is close to being completed. Please bookmark this site.

#### **Hakatere Festival**

Mark in your calendar Thursday 19 September 2024 for this year's Hakatere Festival. There are many more seats available these days, so if your child is performing in either the Puawaitanga Kapa Haka group or the Pasifika Cultural group, you are invited to come and support them.

Kapa haka performance is: 11am Pasifika Performance is: 12.10pm





Our Duffy Certificate Recipients for demonstrating Pride Values



Back Row: Ronak, Va'a, Lyrical-Ray Front Row: Charles, Ariielle, Lamani

#### Kai for Kids



Kai for Kids is starting up cooking classes from Thursday 8th August that will run for 6 weeks between 12.00pm – 2.00pm. It is for only 8 parents. If this sounds like you ring Charlene Smith on 022 651 7858. First in first served.

#### **Attendance Front and Centre 2024**

As a school we have a set of procedures we follow in order to support and remind parents of our attendance goals. The goals we have are there because we know attendance matters so much. Remember, we ask all parents who are having trouble with attendance to work with us as a team for the betterment of your child/dren's attendance and educational attainment. Ultimately, if attendance remains low despite our collective work we are obliged to involve Truancy Services to offer another tier of support and help. If we send a letter please consider it as a friendly reminder and gentle reminder we, and the whole nation, is really focussed on improving attendance nationwide this year.

#### SEND ME TO SCHOOL/KURA

- I have a runny nose or just a slight cough
- I haven't had a fever for the last 24 hours and haven't needed any medicine
- I haven't vomited or had any diarrhoea for 24 hours and haven't needed any medicine
- If you have had norovirus or another notifiable vomiting and diarrhoea illness, come to school only after 48 hours since you have last vomited or had diarrhoea
- I have tummy pain or a headache with no diarrhoea, vomiting or fever, but I'm comfortable enough to take part in school activities.

#### **KEEP ME AT HOME**

- My temperature is 38°C or higher or I need medicine to keep my temperature down
- I have vomited or had diarrhoea in the last 24 hours
- I have vomited and or had diarrhoea due to norovirus or another notifiable illness within the last 48 hours
- I have an unexplained rash
- My eyes are pink and crusty

#### Skool Loop

Remember we are using Skool Loop more and more now. Please download the Skool Loop app and search for Ashburton Netherby School and select the groups you would like to receive notifications for.

#### School Uniform Shop in 2024

The school uniform shop will be open every Thursday from 2.45 - 3.15pm. All uniform garments can be bought here except the skirts or skorts, which are available at Tots to Teens.

#### **Chaplaincy Service**

Remember, we at Netherby are very fortunate to have a chaplaincy service for anyone in our school community who needs support, advice or someone to talk to. This service is of course confidential and designed to help you. Feel free to contact the school at any time at all in order to access this service.

#### **Absences**

If your child is sick, has an appointment or will be late to school, please ring the school office on 308 5799 or text 027 752 2488 or put the absence through the skool loop app, so we are aware of their whereabouts and know they are safe.

#### **Parking**

As a school we are fully aware of the limitations of our parking space between the busy morning drop offs and after school pick ups. Please be mindful of parking safely, and in a way that does not obscure my vision on pedestrian crossing. One way to reduce parking congestion is for some parents with older children to organise with their children a pick-up zone in King St, or further down Brucefield Avenue. Thanks for considering this idea.

#### School Hours, Drop Offs and Pickups

Please remember our actual school hours are from 8.30am until 3pm. Aside from those here for the breakfast club on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before 8.30am we cannot guarantee responsibility for children on school grounds either before or after these hours. If you are for some reason going to drop your child off early or pick them up late it is essential you let the school know to check this will work and that your child will be safe and monitored. Teachers and staff sometimes

need to leave promptly after school for meetings, professional development and personal things, meaning they cannot guarantee care and monitoring.

#### \*\* POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L) \*\*

Keeping in line with our goal to explore specific behavioural aspects from our Values Matrix, we as a school will be focusing on the following for Week 1 and 2 of Term 3.

- Ignore people doing the wrong thing
- > Be on time and do not keep others waiting
- > Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- > Sit down in a straight line with your lunchbox between your lap
- > Wait quietly for your teacher

The value we are focusing on in Week 1 and 2 of Term 3 is:

#### Perseverance - Hiringa

- ✓ Do the best you can
- ✔ Be positive towards others
- ✓ Overcome challenges

If families are able to discuss and reinforce our school PRIDE values at home, it is much appreciated.

#### **Pride Values:**

The following children have come to me recently for great learning and behaviour that demonstrates our PRIDE Values: Kōtuku, Lily, Eva, LJ, Benji, Jonetani, Mercy, Ethan, Odin, Lamani, Peyton, Olivia, Helma, Olivia, Evee, Tisi, Anarchy, Mapu, Samara, Iris, Arya, Issac, Colden, Charles, Lorelai, Carter, Lottie, Hasiba, Eternity, Ben, Paea, Ekklesiah, Mia - Grace, Hewett, Naia, Koroseta, Phoebe, Meah, Tevita, Roman, Ebony, Addison, Charles, Milad, Kauri, Anarchy, Max, Lyrical - Ray, Hunter, Seepa, VJ, Sateki, Austin, and Evee.

## PRIDE Postcards 25 Pride Tokens = Wall of Pride:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it on to the Wall of Pride: Well done: Kelsie, Jayke, Kauri, Ahorangi, Eji, LJ, Laylah, Fuateina, Roman, Carter, Hasiba, Eternity, Ben, Paea, and Hewett.

### PRIDE Postcards 50 Pride Tokens = Bronze Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Bronze: Well done: Te Aohiri, Ma'ake, Andrew, Alijah - Mary, Karel, Olivia, Benji, Lottie, Charles, and Evee.

## PRIDE Postcards 75 Pride Tokens = Silver Award:

Congratulations to the following child who have made it to Silver: Well done VJ.

#### Facebook Page Ashburton Netherby School

There are always new threads going up on Facebook showcasing our school and children in a positive, friendly, active and open learning environment. Please search and follow us for the latest threads.

#### https://www.facebook.com/Ashburton-Netherby-School-347486892319026/

The page will not be a forum for opinions, discussions, or debates about things that happen within our school. Nor will it be a page where we accept friendship requests. Ashburton Netherby School Facebook is just a page you follow, like, and share

#### **Term 3 2024 Assembly Timetable**

Integrity - Ngākau, Monday 29th July - Room 3A Responsibility - Kawenga 12th August - Room 4 Integrity - Ngākau 26th August - Room 5 Diligence - Mamahitanga 9th September - Room 6 Excellence - Hiranga 23rd September - Room 7

While we endeavour to stick to the assembly timetable there will be occasions where things might have to change. If you are intending to come to the assembly your child class is scheduled to lead the assembly it would be sensible to check with them that the assembly is scheduled to run as described in the timetable.

#### Term 3 2024 Calendar:

Monday 22 July - start of Term 3

Tuesday 30th July - 3 way conference. School closed at 12.20pm Wednesday 31 July - 3 way conference. Normal school day

Sunday 4th August to Saturday 10 August - Cook Island Māori Language Week

Monday 5th - Friday 9 August - junior and middle school swimming

Friday 16th August - Winter Tournament

Wednesday 21st August - Health Consult in staffroom 3.15pm

Thursday 22nd August - School Speech Contest

Thursday 22nd August - Paper consult with Māori Community (representative sample)

Friday 6th September - Skiing for those concerned

#### 2024 Term Dates:

Term 3 2024 Term 4 2024 22 July - 27 September 14 October - 19 December

#### **Community Notices**



https://feedmix.co.nz/index.html
Kind sponsors for the Duffy in Books Programme at Netherby School since 2022

#### Hakatere/Opuke Mana Ake Drop-Ins

Have you got some concerns about your child's mental health and wellbeing that you'd like to discuss with a Mana Ake Kaimahi?

What is a drop in? A drop-in is a 20–30-minute session where you can discuss any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing, and kaimahi can provide some advice and guidance on how to manage your concerns.

When do we have our drop-ins? Our drop-ins are made by appointment.

Where do we have our drop-ins? Drop-in locations vary. They may take place at school after 3pm, at the Presbyterian Support offices or via zoom.

How to book? To book a time to chat to a Mana Ake Kaimahi contact Rebekah Roberts at <a href="mailto:rebekahr@psusi.org.nz">rebekahr@psusi.org.nz</a> or call 027 223 5360

Some areas you might like to discuss include anxiety, managing difficult behaviour, friendship/bullying issues or grief and change.

## Are you new to the region? We can help you

#### **Newcomers Network**

We welcome newcomers, from all over, to our district. Our aim is to help them feel at home by organising events and social gatherings.

#### **Migrant Centre**

This service helps migrants to better understand New Zealand's systems and feel part of their community. We can help migrants to:

- enrol with a local doctor.
- explore job or study options.
- understand legal, tax and immigration systems, and more

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