

Ashburton Netherby School

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Newsletter

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Wenerei 8th Ākūhata

Week 4 Term 3

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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.

As I write this newsletter it is nice to start the week with a crisp frost and sunny day with beautiful blue skies. It is a long term given we have ten weeks straight with no long weekend in a winter and early spring term. We have already had quite a lot of illness in school, particularly last week. There are many colds and cough-like symptoms. Even though we are trying to get attendance up, there is no reason to send children to school if they are cold or flu symptomatic and clearly unwell. We appreciate the consideration you give when making what can be a tough call to send your child to school, or not.

We appreciate the time parents gave to engage with their child at school for a three way conference last week. Keeping our relationships open with parents creates the partnerships we need for best educational outcomes. All said, we had a really good turnout overall, with 85% attendance!

Swimming

Swimming for both the junior and middle school is now behind us. Swimming is an essential part of the curriculum and is really worthwhile. The children really do have so much fun as well as learning about boat and lifejacket safety. Here are a few photos of the week just gone. Also, thanks to the parents who could give up their time and support the programme. Senior swimming is coming up in Week 6 of this term.



Strategic Planning Consultation Questions

Thank you to the stakeholders who have contributed to the following three questions for our strategic planning either through Google form or paper copy in the staffroom.

- 1.) What do you want for your children at Netherby School, in educational, values and cultural terms?
- 2.) What do teachers need in order to deliver what you want for the children?
- 3.) What does the environment and culture need to be like, in order for our teachers to deliver what you want for your child/ren of Netherby School?

From analysing the results it is fair to say that our school stakeholders are very pleased with the way Ashburton Netherby School operates and caters for the children it serves. We got a lot of praise. A summary of the survey will be taken to the Board, with the information used to shape three or four strategic goals for 2026 - 2028. From here an annual plan will be developed for each of those 3 years with scope to pivot a little in each annual plan, based on need and available professional development and resources.

Paid Union Meeting Thursday 21st August (Pick up children at 1pm)

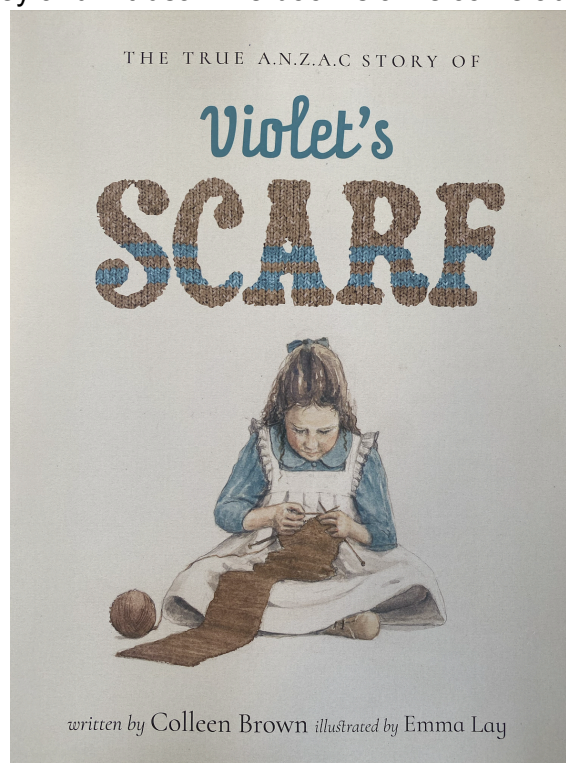
The Union has called for teachers, principals and support staff to attend a Paid Union Meeting on Thursday 21st August. There are two sessions, one at 9.30am and one at 1.30pm. Most staff will attend the 1.30pm session so we can still have a quality morning teaching period. Given there will only be four to five staff on site from 1pm, we are asking if parents can pick up their child at 1pm. Any children left will be supervised in the playground until 3pm by myself and a skeleton staff. We understand this is not ideal but have no means of safely monitoring all children let alone teaching them when most staff are at the NZEI meeting.

Please collect your child at 1pm.

Thank you in advance.

Altrusa Gift

It was nice of Beverley Gellatly to deliver the true ANZAC story of Violet's Scarf for our library on behalf of Altrusa. Beverley's back story of wanting to come to school to deliver the book was due to her own children, Bryan and Warren, attending our school in the mid 70 and 80s. The boys both say, when they think back to Netherby School, they think of sunshine. Warren is now an electrical engineer, and Bryan has been a secondary supply teacher in both New Zealand and London on and off for a number of years. Beverley was also on the school committee before Tomorrow's Schools as treasurer. Thank you Beverley and Altrusa. The book is a welcome addition to our library.



Board Election Timetable

This time around we have farmed out our Board Elections process to Election Pilot. The timeline is as follows:

Electoral Roll Closes	Wednesday 16 July
Call for nominations	Friday 18 July
Close Supplementary Roll	Monday 4 August
Nomination Close	12 Noon Wednesday 6 August
Voting Papers Issued	Wednesday 13 August
Election Day	Wednesday 10 September
Close Poll	4pm on Election Day
Count Votes & Declare Results	Tuesday 16 September
New Board Takes Office	Wednesday 17 September

By the time you read this, all nominations would have been received. The last Board Meeting with the current Board will be Monday 15th September at 7pm, a change of date due to various Board members' circumstances. The official date for the new Board to officially take office is Wednesday 17th September, with the first Board meeting date for the new Board Tuesday 21st October at 7pm.

Attendance - Front and Centre

With attendance every day does matter. If your child is marginal and you are doubtful about whether to send them to school or not, send them to school and we will send them home again if they do become too unwell. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO IMPROVE our school attendance. We appreciate your support and know it can be tricky at times to get your child to school.

	Week 1 - 5 T1, 2025	Week 1 - 5 T2, 2025	Week 6 - 9 T2, 2025
90% Attendance Excellent	65% (104 children)	62% (101 children)	62% (103 children)
80 - 89% Attendance Good, but could do better	20% (32 children)	16% (27 children)	16% (27 children)
70 - 79% Attendance Need works	6% (10 children)	14% (23 children)	9% (15 children)
Less than 69% Attendance Expect a phone call	9% (14 children)	7% (12 children)	11% (19 children)

As you will see from the news and so forth, the Ministry is really big on getting 80% of children attending 90% of the time. We are sitting at only 65% and 62% attendance at 90% of the time, so a wee way to go. From analysing the data for those children attending less than 80% of the term from week 6 to 9 Term 2, everyone actually had a genuine reason that was unpreventable, mainly through illness, and trips abroad. However, please apply the below to continue aiming to get your children to school as frequently as possible.

Remember, we do have a bus service running that can collect children and deliver them to school. Contact me if you would like to talk about this for your child.

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.

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.

**** 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.

- Listen respectfully to guest speakers
- Welcome visitors and check if they need help
- Offer to help tidy up and help carry equipment
- Hold doors and gates open and let visitors go first
- Learn how to thank visitors appropriately

The value we have been focusing on in Week 3 and 4 of Term 3 is:

Excellent - Hiranga

- ✓ Strive to achieve your personal best
- ✓ Aim for quality work
- ✓ Be a positive role model

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: Braxton, Piwhara, Emily, Aliyah, Keine, Skylarose, Kamilo, Maddie, Heidi, Ledger, George, and Koto.

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: Jayke, Emily, Hazel, and Izacc.

PRIDE Postcards:

50 Pride Tokens = Bronze Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Bronze.
Well done: Elena, Koroseta, Iris, Issac, Saane, Phoebe, Blake, and Harper.

PRIDE Postcards:

75 Pride Tokens = Silver Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Silver.
Well done: Eseta, Quinn and Alicia.

PRIDE Postcards:

100 Pride Tokens = Gold Award:

Congratulations to the following child who has made it to Gold.

Well done: Skylarose.

Duffy Certificate recipients for demonstrating Pride Values



Back Row: Aggi, Olivia, Alaska, Rangi, Meleane, Lesieli, Rachael

Middle Row: Lily, Roman, Lamani, Awatea, Maddie

Front Row: Heidi, Harper, Jayce, Eternity, Bryzen

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 Assembly Timetable

Excellence - Hiranga - 4th August - Room 3

Perseverance - Hiringa - 18th August - Room 4

Responsibility - Kawenga - 1st September - Room 5

Diligence - Mamahitanga - 15th September - Room 6

Term 4 Assembly Timetable

Perseverance - Hiringa - 13th October - Room 1

Excellence - Hiranga - 28 October - Room 7 & 8

Integrity - Ngaakau, 10th November - Room 3A

All Values - 24 November - whole school

16 December - End of Year Assembly and Yr.6 Leavers Assembly.

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's class is scheduled to lead, it would be sensible to check with them that the assembly is scheduled to run as described in the timetable.

Term 3 2025 Calendar

Wednesday 6th August	School Board Election Closes
Thursday 7th August	Cultural Dress Day
Monday 11th August	LDA Dance Competition
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd	Senior Swim Week
Thursday 21st August	Early closure 1pm - Union Meeting
Friday 22nd August	Winter Tournament

2025 Term Dates:

Term 3 2025
Term 4 2025

14th July - 19th September
6th October - 17th December

Community Notices



<https://feedmix.co.nz/index.html>

Kind sponsors for the Duffy in Books Programme at Netherby School since 2022

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ASHBURTON SCOUT GROUP

Adventurous, fun, active, challenging,
and inclusive activities

Cubs 7-10
Scouts 10-15

ashburton@group.scouts.nz

Richie Johnstone 027 631 8502

An illustration at the bottom of the poster shows two children, a boy and a girl, sitting inside a white tent. The boy is on the left, wearing a black shirt, and the girl is on the right, wearing a yellow shirt. A small white dog is sitting on the ground in front of the tent. The background is a dark purple night sky with green trees and a yellow moon.

FUN
FRIENDSHIP
and
ADVENTURE

An icon of an atom symbol, consisting of a central nucleus with three orbiting electrons, located in the top right corner.A photograph of a group of six girls standing outdoors in a grassy area, holding up colorful sticks or flags.A circular inset photograph showing a group of girls sitting on the grass in a park-like setting.A circular inset photograph of two girls smiling at the camera.A circular inset photograph showing a group of girls sitting on the grass in a park-like setting.

Te Matapuna Pippins have
space for girls aged 5-6
to join us from Term 2.

- Tuesdays 4.00-5.00pm
- Mania-O-Roto,
Chalmers Avenue

Join Pippins today!

Contact Marion Brown
021 294 1171
marionbrown@hotmail.co.nz

Girl Guiding
New Zealand

ASHBURTON



FREE

STUDENT ART COMPETITION

2025

FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-8

ENTRIES CLOSE
WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER
AT 5:30PM

School entries can be picked up with prior arrangement
email: ashburtonaandpshowstudentart@gmail.com
Individual entries can be delivered to the A and P show grounds - Home
Industries Pavilion, on Wednesday 29th October between the hours of 3:30pm
till 5:30pm

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This years theme is:

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

Years 1-2

Painting- My pet and I (max. size A3)
Mixed media- My friend and I (max. size A3)

Years 1-4

Painting of a community of animals (max. size A3)
A handmade A5 size 'Friendship' card

Years 4-6

A4 size painting of a community of people
Mask making- cultures in our community (max. size A2)

Years 5-8

Celebrating a cultural festival- handmade A5 size invitation
Mixed media- cultivating kindness in our community (max. size A3)

Years 7-8

A4 size sketch of a community of friends
Framed, portrait painting of a face in our community (max. size A3)