



Ashburton Netherby School

Caring, Sharing and Learning Together

Newsletter

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Wednesday 17th September 2025

Wenerei 17th Mahuru

Week 10 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.

Week 10 of Term 3 and I can certainly feel the weather warming up. It is great to see so much colour through an assortment of flowers in our school grounds and the grounds looking so tidy and welcoming, thanks to our caretaker Graeme Dowie. The other upside to Spring is we are starting to see less winter ailments as children get to spend more time in the fresh air and sun shine.

Daffidol Day



As you know we were raising funds this year for a family who attends our school who has been recently affected by cancer. We are pleased to say the Netherby School Community raised \$436.50, which has been donated to the family to help out with the various costs associated with that type of thing. This is fantastic.

Lupe Vaipulu said, "We are truly grateful. We understand this is a tough time especially financially for most but you guys are taking the extra mile to support Tisi and we deeply appreciate it. Tisi's surgery went well and he recovered so quickly. While we still wait for the official result, the ENT surgeon believes, things are looking good for Tisi and he is ready to continue his treatment. He started his consolidation therapy (chemo) this morning and will continue tomorrow. Thank you for all your support. Tisi & family 😊"

As you can see the treatment is going well and we hope to see Tisi back at school in 2026.

Board Election Results

I just want to thank all of the people who were courageous and put their name forward for the School Board this cycle. We are pleased to have people in the community who care enough about the school to serve on the Board.

Well done to the following who were duly elected to serve on the Board for the next 3 year cycle.
Reagan Martin, Nicki Tuatai, Jennifer Doak, Moleli Tuvale and Bruce Morton.

A special recognition to Jennifer Doak who starts her second three year term on the board.

A note also to thank those who put their name forward and were not elected this time. We appreciate you standing and hope you consider doing so again at a later date.

Skiing 2025

27 children and a bunch of really good parents and myself went skiing at Mount Hutt on Thursday last week. We had the best weather, blue skies, a fresh skiff of snow and an empty top carpark. It was the least crowded I have ever seen Mount Hutt, which was absolutely fantastic. All children managed to get up and ski with some graduating on to Highway 72, and one child skiing down from the summit!



Thanks to the awesome parents who volunteered their time and transport to get us on to the slopes, get the children ready to ski and for supervising them. It is appreciated. We will of course offer the ski day again in 2026.

School Enrolments

Although there is a way to go this year before next year we are already in planning mode for 2026. We have our provisional staffing and are of course thinking of setting classrooms for 2026. It is really helpful too if we know what new entrant children are coming to school. If you have a child starting in 2026 please let the office know by phone 308 5799, email: office@netherby.school.nz or better still, come in, have a chat and collect an enrollment pack.

As for next year staffing decisions are being made now and we hope to have a settled staff very soon. We will definitely need to run 9 classrooms again next year meaning the library stays in the hall. I must say, we have a nice size school and a healthy roll. We do encourage all community members to advocate for our school within our enrollment zone. We thank you in advance for your support and advocacy.

Rotary Plains Speech Contest and Roll of Honour

Rhianna did a great job representing Netherby School at the Yr. 5 and 6 Rotary Plains Speech Contest. She did not place, but I understand she could well have as it was a close contest. During that event Tearoa's teachers nominated her for the Roll of Honour, which speaks volumes about what a great young person she is. Well done to both Rhianna and Tearoa.



Mustang Club

I received a call out of the blue recently about Mustang enthusiasts wanting to know if we would appreciate a visit from the Mustang club. Why not, I thought. I am so glad we said yes, as the children really enjoyed the sight of 10 beautiful and well kept Mustangs showing up on our school grounds. The oldest was a 1966 model and the newest somewhere around a 2022 model. All were well kept and in immaculate condition.



Thanks to the Mustang Club. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking and hearing the cars as well as learning more about the car's history and the origin of the name Mustang.

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	Week 1 - 5 T3, 2025
90% Attendance Excellent	65% (104 children)	62% (101 children)	62% (103 children)	50% (86 children)
80 - 89% Attendance Good, but could do better	20% (32 children)	16% (27 children)	16% (27 children)	24% (42 children)
70 - 79% Attendance Need works	6% (10 children)	14% (23 children)	9% (15 children)	10% (17 children)
Less than 69% Attendance Expect a phone call	9% (14 children)	7% (12 children)	11% (19 children)	16% (28 children)

As you will see from the news and so forth, the Ministry is really big on getting 80% of children attending school 90% of the time. We are sitting at only 50% of attendance 90% of the time, so a long way to go. Please apply the below criteria 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

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.

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.

**** 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 9 and 10 of Term 3.

- Please wait patiently to be spoken to
- Hold the door open for others and knock on the staffroom door and then wait
- Greet Mrs Duffell and other staff and say please and thank you
- Walk sensibly in the office and staffroom
- Use inside voices

The value we have been focusing on in Week 9 and 10 of Term 3 is:

Diligence - Mamahitanga

- ✓ Stay on task
- ✓ Be a self motivated learner
- ✓ Be a problem solver

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. Great work: Arthur, Lily, Aggi, Braxton, Kelsie and Brihanna.

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: Jonivah, Ellie, Aliyah, Eleanor, and Taimana.

PRIDE Postcards:

50 Pride Tokens = Bronze Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Bronze.
Well done: Laurretta, VJ, Ifereimi, Owen, Jase, Eli, Kauri, Meleane, Tearoa, Izacc, Alice, Hazel, Liona, and Kiian.

PRIDE Postcards:

75 Pride Tokens = Silver Award:

Congratulations to the following child who has made it to Silver.
Well done: Silver, Paea, Izaiah, Blake, Caleb, Joni, Peyton - Jae, Laylah, Eternity, and Joshua.

PRIDE Postcards:

100 Pride Tokens = Gold Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Gold.
Superb work: Alicia.

Duffy Certificate recipients for demonstrating Pride Values



Back Row: Abel, Jase, Rangī, Mrs Bullock
Front Row: Enoch, Awatea, Arya, Alice, Pyper-Lee,
Lily, Ariiiele



Carter & Mercy

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. Please note, we do not generally answer questions or comment on threads on Facebook. Please contact the office for information.

<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

Responsibility - Kawenga - 5th September - Room 5
Diligence - Mamahitanga - 15th September - Room 6

Term 4 Assembly Timetable

Perseverance - Hīringa - 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 17th September
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Monday 22nd September

Top Team - 1.15pm start (children will get wet)
New Board takes office
School Break

Term 4 2025 Calendar

Monday 6th October
Wednesday 15th October
Friday 17th October
Thursday 24th October
Thursday 13th November
Friday 24th October
Monday 27th October

Term 4 - first day of school
Cluster Athletics at Netherby School
Postponement Date - Cluster Athletics
Scheduled NZEI Strike Day - school closed for instruction
Teacher only day - school closed for instruction
Counties Athletics
Labour Day Observed - school closed for instruction

2025 Term Dates:

Term 3 2025
Term 4 2025

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

2026 Term Dates:

Term 1 2026
Term 2 2026
Term 3 2026
Term 4 2026

3rd February - 2nd April
20th April - 3rd July
20th July - 25th September
12th October - 16th December

Community Notices



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

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



Calling All Under-12 Boys for Mid Canterbury Touch Rugby!

We're inviting all boys under 12 who are keen to try out for the Mid Canterbury Touch Rugby team! Join us for a trial practice session on Sunday, 7th September at 2 PM at the Methven Rugby Domain.

Note: All players must be under the age of 12 as of December 2025. And years 5-7

Mark your calendars and come on down for a fun afternoon of touch footy. We can't wait to see you there!

For any enquiries, call

Jason Watene 021 901 722



Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

Health New Zealand
Te Whatu Ora

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays

Closed from: Friday 19th September,
Reopening on: Monday 6th October.

Six of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

Aranui (240 Breezes Road)
Burnside (96a Memorial Avenue)
Kaiapoi (65 Raven Quay)
Hornby (2 Hei Hei Road)
Ashburton (38 Elizabeth Street)
Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: comm dental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you.

Chipmunks Rolleston School Holiday Activities

Daily Token Hunts M-F with awesome prizes to be won!
Maybe cheeky Charlie will sneak some in Saturday and Sunday!

Mon	Mask Decorating 10am – 2pm
Tues	Face Painting 11am – 1pm
Wed	Character dress up day! Winner drawn at 12:30pm to get a free munch meal!
Thu	Robotics Camp 11am-1pm Hosted by Bliss 4 Technologies! Spaces are limited for the first 20 children
Fri	Colouring in Competition 9:30am – 3pm Winners announced 4 th October

Enquire today to learn more about our holiday programme.
(rolleston@chipmunksplayland.co.nz) | (021 080 28927)



The holiday activities are unique to this Chipmunks store. Each store is independently owned and may operate differently during the holidays.

Sep/Oct School Holidays

Come join us at HitPlay - for the September School Holidays, our team can't wait to see you!

For more information call 03 423 2270 or 021 222 7770 or email info@hitplay.co.nz **HITPLAY ALLENTON** - 110 Harrison Street, Ashburton

Monday 22
Sculpt It



Tuesday 23
Lets Get Goopy



Wednesday 24
Wacky Wall Art



Thursday 25
Monster Party



Friday 26
Wonderful Music



Monday 29
Can you build it



Tuesday 30
Wheels Day



Wednesday 1
Wacky Science



Thursday 2
Minute 2 Win it



Friday 3
Multi Sport



What to Pack



Food for the day and a drink bottle with water
We are happy to refill water bottles



Outside - a warm jacket and sun hat
Inside - the kids are welcome to bring slippers or spare socks



Medicine - This must be signed in and in a labeled zip lock bag
Sunblock - only if your child is unable to use ours.

Bikes & Wheels



Bikes, scooters and all wheel related things
are welcome. All children MUST have a
helmet. Please keep wheels home on trip
days or if expected to be wet.



[Download subsidy forms](#)
from our activities

hitplay

Pricing

Standard Day
8:30am - 5:00pm \$50.00

School Day
8:00am - 3:00pm \$40.00

Early Drop Off 7:30am
Late Pick Up before 6pm
Pricing online

Rakaia & Methven Transport
Pricing online

Trip costs as advertised online



Book now hitplay.co.nz

BOOK YOUR TRIPS SEPERATELY

Ashburton Library



Monday 22nd September
Radish seed heads

Wednesday 24th September
Delphiniums at the Domain

Friday 26th September
Zen Garden Dioramas

Monday 29th September
Friendship Bracelets

Wednesday 1st October
Making vinegar volcanoes
and other explosions

Friday 3rd October
Mug Cakes



GROW

Spring holiday

ACTIVITIES



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