



Ashburton Netherby School

Caring, Sharing and Learning Together

Newsletter

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Wednesday 4th June 2025

Wenerei 4th Hune

Week 6 Term 2

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.

The days are rolling by. Winter is here, though the weather isn't too bad I think. I do hope we get good snow for our skiing in September. The date incidentally is set for Thursday 11th September. We may get a bus if we have numbers beyond 25, which I am hopeful of. The teachers are busy as you can appreciate juggling what they know with what they are expected to learn and know in Numicon, Better Start Literacy Approaches and the progress outcomes with the curriculum refresh. There is a lot to think about.

Teacher Only Day 30th May 2025

A thank you note for keeping your children home so we could have our Teacher Only Day. We covered a lot. We looked at the descriptors, various areas of the curriculum refresh, the parent portal, our school reports, thoughts for our future strategic planning, FASDs notes, BSLA and other literacy practice and other information. It was quite an informative day.

Curriculum Refresh and your child's achievement

There will be a letter that accompanies the school reports at mid year to explain the new descriptors we will be using and the gap of attainment that may occur as we shift from one curriculum to another. It is worth a read and may answer some questions you have.

Hall Hire and School Roll

As we move forward it is highly probable the hall is going to house our library as our library is repurposed into a new entrant classroom due to roll growth. As a school we are quite selective about hall hire as it usually comes with additional issues. If we do place the library in the hall, the hall will not be available for any hire of any kind, as it will house a library. We are sorry about that. The good news is the roll is healthy. I have been advocating to the Ministry of Education for additional teaching space to meet our school's roll projection. The next review was in May of this year after the budget announcement. Unfortunately we missed out again with most classrooms being built in Christchurch or Selwyn. This confirms the hall will also be a library going forward.



Teacher Aide Position

This role has been really well subscribed too. We have a number of experienced applicants too.

It will be a hard decision, but it is good to have a choice. If you applied and did not get an interview please do not let that deter you in the future. Applicant numbers and experience of applicants seems to be cyclical. Currently, there are a good number of applicants with the right experience and skills to apply. This is not always the case.

Scale A Teaching Positions

As we come into term 3 unusual staffing needs have arisen due to someone expressing they are moving on, and another teacher who is needing leave to recover from an operation. As a result of this we are needing:

A registered teacher preferably from the start of Term 3, until the end of Term 4 full time, in the senior area of the school.

And a registered teacher to work 3 days per week in the middle area of the school and to backfill any sick days or release that will be needed.

If you know of a teacher who may have been away due to maternity leave, or has had a break, and are contemplating teaching again for a spell, please let them know of these positions. The children of all classes needing a part time or full time teacher are well behaved and motivated learners.

The roles are advertised in the Education Gazette, The Ashburton Facebook Page and the Courier. Or just get them to call me at school 308 5799.

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

From here, you might want to think about who you would like to see represented on our School Board. Currently, we have Elizabeth Ratu - Walker (presiding member), Amber McKenzie, Jenny Doak, Jasmine Ikahihifo, and Hedy Ioane. All of our current Board are welcome to be nominated again. All community can nominate or self nominate. Nomination forms will be available soon.

Government Parent Portal

As you may know or not, there is now a Parent Portal which is an online platform that provides parents and whānau with easy- to-use resources and tools to support their child's education at home. It allows them to work in partnership with their school or kura and to keep informed about what their child is learning, by including:

- Year-by-year Curriculum Learning Guides: parent-friendly versions of both The New Zealand Curriculum and Te Marautanga o Aotearoa, detailing what children are learning, why it's important, and when they'll be learning it.
- Practice activities: activities that parents and whānau can use to support their child's learning at home, such as phonics cards with audio files to model correct sounds.

- Informative videos and resources: videos explaining new assessments like the Phonics Checks and Hihira Weteoro, which help identify additional support a child might need, and resources to help parents prepare for the first day of school and parent-teacher interviews.

We really would like it if you get familiar with the portal and use it to work in partnership with us.

The Parent Portal can be accessed here:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/your-childs-learning>



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 - 10 T1, 2025
90% Attendance Excellent	65% (104 children)	62% (101 children)	
80 - 89% Attendance Good, but could do better	20% (32 children)	16% (27 children)	
70 - 79% Attendance Need works	6% (10 children)	14% (23 children)	
Less than 69% Attendance Expect a phone call	9% (14 children)	7% (12 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. We do understand it is a fine juggling act between staying home if unwell and coming to school to keep attendance high.

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 7 and 8 of Term 2.

- Keep doorways and walkways clear when you play or eat.
- Tidy up when you hear the bell or when a duty teacher or monitor asks you to
- Use only equipment you are allowed to use
- Stay in your classroom if instructed too
- Listen to your wet day monitors.

The value we are focusing on in Week 7 and 8 of Term 2 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: Skylarose, Naia, Kailani, Andreas, Greer, Lamani, Benjamin, Florence, Phoebe, Versailles, Lucas, Kiaan, Eleanor, Paige, Joshua, Braxton, Kamilo, Quinn, Blake, Ratu, Peyton - Jae, Owen, Addie, Braxton, Alicia, Quinn, Zxywrgy, Jayce, Oliver, Hasiba, Yearina, Reya - June, Asher, and Hazel.

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: Naia, Asher, VJ, Owen, Lucas, Alijah - Mary, Savannah, Tuterangiwhiu, and Trinity.

PRIDE Postcards:

50 Pride Tokens = Bronze Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Bronze.
Well done: Joni, Peyton - Jae, Joshua, Alice, Piwhara, Versailles, Braxton, Eve, and Lamani,

Duffy Certificate recipients for demonstrating Pride Values



Back row from Left: Mia-Grace, Lachlan, Savannah, Blessing, Hasiba, Emily, Flynn
Front row from Left: Zoe, Phoebe, Roslia, Harper, Ratu, Quinn

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 2 Assembly Timetable

Diligence - Mamahitanga, 9th June - Room 6

Integrity - Ngaakau, Monday 23rd June - 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'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 2 2025 Calendar

3rd-6th June	Middle School Swim Week (Rooms 3, 3A and 4)
12th June	Year 5 / 6 Netherby School performing at the Music Festival
Wednesday 18th June	Field Trip to Museum, Art Gallery & Library
Friday 20th June	Matariki Holiday
Tuesday 24th June	Board Meeting
Thursday 26th June	Hakatere Cultural Festival (Pasifika Group Performing)
26 & 27 June	Mid Year School Reports Out and Attainment Notice
Friday 27th June	End of Term 2
Monday 14th July	Start of Term 3
15 & 16 July	Room 3A 3 Way Conferences (Times and reason to be emailed)
Tuesday 29 July	3 Way Conferences 1 - 6.15pm - school closed from 12.20pm
Wednesday 30 July	3 Way Conferences 3.15 - 6.15pm. Normal school day

2025 Term Dates:

Term 2 2025

28th April - 27th June

Term 3 2025

14th July - 19th September

Term 4 2025

6th October - 17th December

Community Notices



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

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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. They are surrounded by green trees and small red flowers on a grassy field.A photograph of two young children, a girl and a boy, clapping their hands. They are both smiling and looking towards the camera. The girl is wearing a white patterned shirt and the boy is wearing a blue shirt.

Waiata Mai

PLAYGROUP

Join us in this Te Reo Māori focused playgroup for tamariki (children) aged 0 to 5, where we'll offer waiata (songs and music) kori (games and free play opportunities), kai (food) and lots of fun!

Everyone welcome!

When: Tuesdays 10 am - 12pm (fortnightly)
Where: Plunket Rooms 44 Cass Street, at Community House

 Welcoming Communities
TE WHAKAHOA KI NGĀ HĀPUNU

 whānau āwhina
plunket

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

30 JUNE-11 JULY



GET INVOLVED!

WE OFFER FAMILIES A SAFE, ORGANISED AND AFFORDABLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE OPTION, WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO "GET INVOLVED" AND TRY NEW EXCITING ACTIVITIES IN A FUN AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

WHAT TO BRING

DRINK BOTTLE, MORNING TEA SNACK, LUNCH, SUN HAT, APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, SWIMMING TOGS ON ALLOCATED DAYS AND WET WEATHER GEAR.



BOOKINGS/ ENQUIRIES

03 308 4020
EANCCSR@ADC.GOV.NZ
ENROLMY.COM/EANETWORKSCENTRE
20 RIVER TERRACE, ASHBURTON

PRICE

AGES: 5 - 13 YEARS
DAILY: \$40 - DAY SESSION
\$50 - FULL DAY/FIELD TRIP
PRICES ARE PER DAY, PER CHILD.

SIGN IN

8AM-9AM

SIGN OUT

DAY SESSION: 3PM-3.30PM
FULL DAY SESSION/
FIELD TRIPS: 5PM-5.30PM



BOOK NOW!
SCAN THE QR CODE



MONDAY 30	TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4
• ULTIMATE FRISBEE • ORIGAMI/ PAPER PLANES • CRICKET • NERF WAR • TAG GAMES	• NETBALL/ BASKETBALL • SCAVENGER HUNT • SWIMMING • MOVIE  Bring your togs!	STAVELEY FIELD TRIP STAVELEY CAMP REGENT CINEMA *NO SUBWAY AVAILABLE *POPCORN/DRINK COMBO \$6.50 PP *PICK-UP FROM 4PM-5.30PM	• TEAM CHALLENGES • ACTIVITY CIRCUIT • SWIMMING • DODGEBALL  Bring your togs!	• CRAFTS • MULTISPORT • WHEELS DAY! • MOVIE  Bring wheels of your choice (bike, scooter etc.) and helmet!
MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11
• QUIZ • T-BALL • GYM CIRCUIT • SENSORY PLAY	• UNIHOC • TUMBLE TIME • BADMINTON • MINUTE TO WIN IT	• NERF WAR • STEM CHALLENGE • AQUAFIT CLASS • BINGO • BOARD GAMES  Bring your togs!	CHRISTCHURCH FIELD TRIP IMAGINATION STATION CLIP N CLIMB *NO SUBWAY AVAILABLE *PICK-UP FROM 4PM-5.30PM	• TABLE TENNIS • MAGIC TRICKS • SWIMMING • MOVIE  Bring your togs!

*ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FUN

FRIENDSHIP

and

ADVENTURE



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

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New Zealand