

Ashburton Netherby School

Caring, Sharing and Learning Together

Newsletter

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Wednesday 23rd July 2025

Wenerei 23rd Hūrae

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.

We have hit term 3 already. This is a nice calm throughout school. I always walk about to get a sense of the culture and general feel of the school. The children are mostly very well behaved, and involved in their learning with a smile on their face. Our roll is healthy, as are our school finances and property maintenance. As I look out of my office window I see the grounds are superbly kept, and are looking smart with a reasonable frost welcoming the sunlight as the day heats up a little. The teachers are happy, as are our teacher aides. All said, the school is in very good shape. Credit to the Board, community, staff and children, all who make up team Netherby.

Teaching Changes and FYI

Room 1

This is Mrs Swatz's last week in Room 1. She is moving to Christchurch and says goodbye at an assembly being held this Thursday 24 July at 2.40pm. We are fortunate to be able to welcome Mrs Louise Smith to Room 1 from Monday next week.

Room 3A

Mrs Broker had her operation on Monday. She is away for 9 weeks minimum to recover. We wish her well in her recovery and look forward to seeing her soon enough. Room 3A is being taught by Mrs Chontelle Hopping on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and Mrs Cassie Mitchell on Thursday and Friday with a limited authority to teach. The class is in good hands.

Room 8

Miss Gabrielle Stringer and Miss Caitlin Swan have started up the new entrant spill over class in what was the library. It looks really good, and has made a much better teaching space than we imagined. Credit to the teachers.

All said, we have managed to cover the school with quality staffing options in a climate of slim choices.

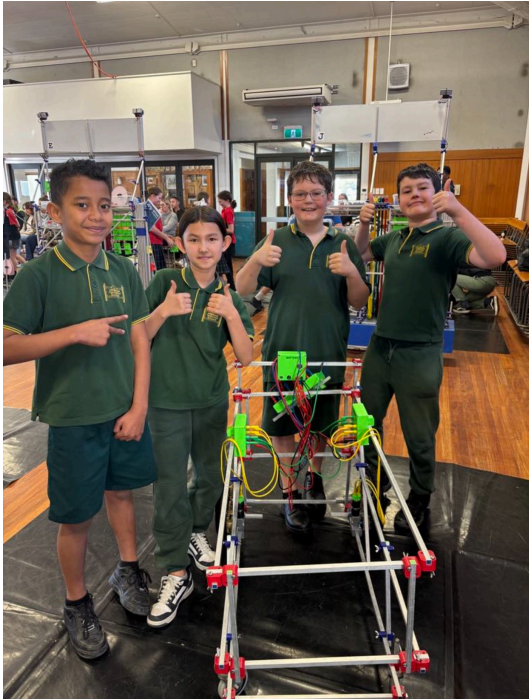
Strategic Planning Consultation Questions

We are currently developing our strategic plan and of course want community input. These survey questions will be sent via email and skool loop. However, if this does not suit, on the days of the 3 way conferences the staffroom will be open for you to give your input and views on the following three questions on paper form.

- 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?

EPro 8

We had Maree Allan coach our Yr.5/6 EPro 8 team of Timothy, Jayke, Braxton and Helma. The team did well in what is a highly competitive competition earning a respectable 5th place. Well done to the team and coach.



3 Way Conferences Times Term 3

Our 3 way conferences for Term 3 are set for Tuesday 29th July from 1pm to 6.15pm and Wednesday 30th July from 1pm to 6.15pm.

School closes at 12.20pm on Tuesday and is open as normal on Wednesday.

Please book before Thursday the 24th July. After the 24th teachers will set times for your children which will be in their school bag on Friday 25th July. We do want all parents to attend a 3 way conference to touch base with the teacher and to learn more about their child's learning journey.

Follow this link to book or scan the code.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/26eum>

Password is: 26eum



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 members can nominate or self nominate. Nomination forms have been emailed to you. If you need a printed copy please see us here at school.

Ruru Netball Team

We often have pretty competitive netball teams and many do very well. But it is not often a netball team from Netherby goes an entire season without a loss. This year we can announce that the Ruru netball team under the watchful eye and tutelage of Mrs Oakley along with managers Cassie Mitchell and Debbie McCormack did exactly that, winning 10 games out of 10 games. The Ruru netball team will be photographed and placed on the Superwall of Pride for their fantastic performance.



Well done Fono, Aggi, Rhianna, Rangī, Hunter, Saane, Lily, Mrs Oakley, Cassie Mitchell and Debbie McCormack.

Hakatere Parish

It was great to have Murray and Isabell Page here recently from and on behalf of the Hakatere Parish. The Hakatere Parish donated \$1000 to the school! The funds will be used for things like unpaid sports fees and school uniforms debt, effectively helping children with sporting opportunities and uniform costs. We are so grateful. Thank you Hakatere Parish.



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.

- Be fair

- Stop, think and choose when there is a problem
- Be aware of personal space
- Use positive language and make eye contact
- Be kind

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

Integrity - Ngākau

- ✓ Treat others with respect
- ✓ Be honest and reliable
- ✓ Follow through on what you say

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: Carter, Jayce, Zxywrgy, Karel, Jase, Ben, George, Ledger, Heidi, Keira, Koto, Jayden, Mercy, JJ, Greer, Piwhara, Kailani, Sovereign, Flynn, Zhykhy, Kiaan, Austin, Lily, Helma, Brihanna, Ronak, Maddie, Addie, Mila, Lincoln, Skylarose, Mila, Versailles, Enoch, and Brodie.

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: Ethan, Kiaan, Saint, Karel, Harper, Eeve, Timothy, Keine, and Kees.

PRIDE Postcards:

50 Pride Tokens = Bronze Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Bronze.
Well done: Mila, Addison, Mia - Grace, Inaaya, Greer, Oliver, Kōtuku, Flynn, Abel, Lachie, Charles, Arya, Awatea, Enoch and Eboni.

PRIDE Postcards:

75 Pride Tokens = Silver Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Silver.
Well done: Maddie, Braxton, Skylarose, Mila, and Lamani.

Duffy Certificate recipients for demonstrating Pride Values



Back Row: Mrs Swartz, Iris, Jase, Savannah, Jan
Middle Row: Olivia, Hasiba, Izaiah, Rocky, Flynn, Kelsie
Front Row: Arielle, Charles, Keira, Joshua, Mercy, Carter

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

Integrity - Ngaakau - 21st July - Room 2
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

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
Mon 28 July - Frid 1st Aug	Room 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 3A swim week
Wednesday 6th August	School Board Election Closes

2025 Term Dates:

Term 3 2025	14th July - 19th September
Term 4 2025	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

JOIN US 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



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
021 294 1171

marionbrown@hotmail.co.nz



Girl Guiding
New Zealand

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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)

