



Ashburton Netherby School

Caring, Sharing and Learning Together

Newsletter

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Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Wenerei 3rd Mahuru

Week 8 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 8 of Term 3 already. The teaching landscape over the last few weeks has been most challenging. The frequent and sheer numbers of absent children and staff has led to disrupted programmes. It is what it is unfortunately. We feel and hope that the peak absences were last week. There were less children away on Monday this week than last week. As parents we still ask for you to be vigilant and keep an extra eye on your child's health, especially if they are coughing extensively or complain of a headache, which is often one of the first symptoms.

We do hope with the first day of Spring behind us we start getting longer warmer days and less colds, flu and covid around. We are all quite frankly over it!

Ashburton Netherby School Speech and Poetry Contest



We once again held our annual speech and poetry contest at Netherby School last week. We had Rene Artz here to judicate along with myself. All of the children who competed with their stories or poems did well. The children in the first two photos were all finalists. Well done all of you. The children in the bottom photo were our winners. Well done Austin for winning Teachers Choice, Jack Morton for winning the Junior Poetry contest and Rhianna Duffy for winning the Senior Speech contest. Rhianna will represent Netherby School at the Yr.5 and 6 Rotary Planes Speech Contest on Wednesday 3rd September.

School Enrolments

Although there is a way to go this year before next year we are already in planning mode for 2026. We will get our staffing soon and are of course thinking of classrooms. 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. Thanks in advance.

Board Election Timetable

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

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

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 take office is Wednesday 17th September, with the first meeting date being 21st October at 7pm.

Winter Tournament

Netherby School put in a Yr. 5 and 6 Netball Team and a Yr. 5 and 6 Football team in the recent Winter Tournament. Many of the Yr. 5 and 6 Netball team were unfortunately unwell. They were tied after pool play to progress into the quarter finals, but elected to allow another team through given their health status at that moment. We know the team is a good team as they went all year prior to the tournament undefeated. Well done to Mel Oakley for her tuition.

The Year 5 and 6 Football team, the Netherby Ninjas, won their pool. They then went on to win both the quarter and semi final, before eventually losing in the final 3 - 2. They also had their chances to win the final match. Getting to the final and getting second place is a great effort for the team. Second place will get the team on the Super Wall of Pride. I can say in this instance, the practice at school really made a difference and had we had a bit of luck in the final we could have won that too.



Well done Kees, Abel, Ronak, Tuterangiwhiu, Ifereimi, Hunter, Kueva, Jase, TJ and Austin.
Thanks to Deborah McCormick for managing the team on the day.
We had Saint, Owen, Saane and Timothy away sick.
Great effort Netherby Ninjas.

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 7 and 8 of Term 3.

- Use equipment in the right way
- Leave things organised for the next person
- Return things on time
- Know what to do if there is a problem
- Share equipment and help others do the right thing

The value we have been focusing on in Week 7 and 8 of Term 3 is:

Responsibility - Kawenga

- ✓ Follow instructions
- ✓ Be prepared for your learning
- ✓ Complete your work independently

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: Ledger and Harlee.

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: Alaska and Khan.

PRIDE Postcards:

50 Pride Tokens = Bronze Award:

Congratulations to the following children who have made it to Bronze.
Well done: Kayne, Nahvi, Zoe, Roman, Lily and Aggi.

PRIDE Postcards:

75 Pride Tokens = Silver Award:

Congratulations to the following child who has made it to Silver.
Well done: Blessing, Eve, Benjamin, and Mercy.

PRIDE Postcards:

100 Pride Tokens = Gold Award:

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

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.

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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 - 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 3rd September

Wednesday 17th September

Thursday 11th September

Monday 22nd September

Rotary Planes Speech Contest

Top Team - 1.15pm start (children will get wet)

School ski trip for those concerned (6.45am at staffroom).

School Break

Term 4 2025 Calendar

Monday 6th October

Wednesday 15th October

Friday 17th October

Thursday 13th November

Term 4 - first day of school

Cluster Athletics

Postponement Date - Cluster Athletics

Teacher only day

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



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

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**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)

VARIETY THEATRE
ASHBURTON

JINGO

BINGO TO MUSIC

PRIZES & RAFFLE

LIGHT SUPPER

5TH SEPTEMBER

VTA ROOMS: 212 WILLS STREET

DOORS OPEN: 7:00 PM

FIRST ROUND STARTS: 7:30

\$20 PER PERSON WITH RSVP

EMILYJANE.FARR4298@GMAIL.COM

ASHBURTON

BRICK SHOW

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SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday 6th Sept 2025 - Tinwald Hall