



Term 1, Week 3

21 February 2025

### Kia ora e te whānau

Yesterday's Triathlon was a highlight of the year so far! We were so proud of the way our learners embraced this event with energy and enthusiasm. For some children this is their favourite day and for others it is a real physical challenge that requires them to persevere even more. We also loved the way our children cheered each other on and showed

Awhi. Today at our Hui we have presented some special Awhi ribbons to congratulate a small group of students that stood out yesterday by the way they supported and encouraged others.



Our goal this week, *we work as a team*, has been great with lots of ways to explore this in classrooms. The sports leaders demonstrated lots of team work setting up the triathlon course and our 'Men at Work' (Enviro boys) loved the chance to use their lunch time packing up the course and loading the trailer. We love the way our children get involved and help out where they can. We will continue focusing on this goal next week and aim to look for lots of ways we can explore new learning collaboratively and build team work skills.

Tonight we look forward to seeing lots of families at our school picnic—this starts at 5pm but please pop along any time. Please pack dinner and drinks and bring cash to enjoy a real fruit ice cream. Children are welcome to bring their togs and bikes. We will have sports gear out on the field and it will be a lovely relaxed evening. Feel free to drive through our Melford Lane entrance if you are bringing your caravan, camper van or tent to stay the night. The green toilet block between rooms 5 and 6 will be open to use throughout the evening. A BBQ breakfast will be cooked bright and early on Saturday too. See you soon!

Ngā mihi nui, Erin

## COMMUNITY GENERATOR

Yesterday we had the electrical sign off on the Community Generator that is now installed at school. This is an incredible asset for our community and can power our entire school in a Civil Defence emergency or in the event of a power outage. A big thank you to Tracey Mouat and Richard Ramson from the Hiwinui Community Committee for all the work behind the scenes with this project. We are so grateful to our local electrician, Simon Morris, for all his work and expertise in getting this installed and wired in.

Earlier this week with our power outages we were appreciative of the family support. From a health and safety perspective when we don't have running water, school can only operate for a short period of time. Moving forward we now have the most awesome infrastructure in place so we can keep running with power, water and phones.

## SPREAD AWHI

This term we are collecting jars of jam, Marmite, peanut butter and other spreads to support the Manchester House Foodbank.

Please send *just one* spread to school as part of our Term 1 collection. Let's see how much AWHI we can spread within our wider community.

Please drop donations into the school office from next week. Thank you!



FOR YOUR  
CALENDAR

Fri 21 Feb School Picnic, from 5pm  
Wed 26 Feb Life Education Starts  
Sun 2 Mar Footprints in the Sand Fun Run, Foxton Beach  
Wed 5 Mar Interschool Triathlon  
Wed 12 Mar Kainui Junior Swimming

Tues 18 Mar Weetbix Tryathlon  
Thur 20 Mar Year 7 Immunisations  
Fri 22 Mar Mt Biggs Tough Kid Challenge  
Wed 26 Mar Kainui Senior Swimming  
Wed 9 Apr Kainui Junior Tabloids  
Fri 11 Apr Term 1 Ends

# KA PAI KIDS

**Room 1: Valerie**, thank you for showing up each day with such a positive can-do attitude. I am so impressed with your eagerness to learn and complete your work. Your consistent effort and focus for learning is absolutely fantastic. Amazing stuff!

**Room 2: Teigan**, you have made a fantastic start to school. You have been a Pathfinder through all the new challenges in Room 2 and can be proud of all you have achieved so far. We love your happy smile in our classroom too. He whētū koe - you are a star!

**Room 3: Hadley**, what a fantastic start to the school year you have had! It's brilliant seeing you get to grips with new ways of doing things and how you give things a go! What a brave and resilient Pathfinder you are! Keep challenging yourself and reaching your PEAK!

**Room 4: Toby**, I have been super impressed with your work in class. You have been a real pathfinder and you're trying your hardest to produce bookwork that is of quality and precision. Ka pai, young man.

**Room 5: Abigail**, I have been so proud of your Pathfinder skills and how you have been looking for ways to lift your mahi to the next level. You have grown so much since I've started teaching you! You are a team player and always looking for ways to encourage and help others on the Room 5 team and beyond. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe—thank you so much!

**Room 6: Lil**, you have had such a fantastic start to the year! You have been a great Pathfinder this week, creating amazing reliever packs and taking your leadership role to the next level. Lil, thanks for approaching new learning with energy and determination. I love having you as part of our class.

**Principal: Ben J**—What an awesome start to the year you have had as a leader! I am incredibly impressed with the way you are supporting our younger learners in such a kind and compassionate way. What a legend!

**Learning Assistant Elise: Cam**—I have loved working with you in my maths group. You are always motivated and have a smile on your face. Keep up the amazing work buddy. A true pathfinder example.



## TRIATHLON RESULTS

Yr 1 Girls: 1st Pippa, 2nd Neve, 3rd Quinn; Yr 1 Boys: 1st Oliver, 2nd Ollie, 3rd Monty; Yr 2 Girls: 1st Emma, 2nd Valerie, 3rd Mackenzie; Yr 2 Boys: 1st Raf, 2nd Toby, 3rd Callum; Yr 3 Girls: 1st Olivia H, 2nd Agnieszka, 3rd Olivia W; Yr 3 Boys: 1st Louie, 2nd Josh, 3rd Nixon; Yr 4 Girls: 1st Poppy, 2nd Maddy, 3rd Lillie; Yr 4 Boys: 1st Luke, 2nd Lachie, 3rd Elijah; Yr 5 Girls: 1st Paige, 2nd Isabel, 3rd Freja; Yr 5 Boys: 1st Bensen, 2nd Mika, 3rd Beuden; Yr 6 Girls: 1st Isla, 2nd Madison, 3rd Abigail; Yr 6 Boys: 1st Brodie, 2nd Harry, 3rd Lockie; Yr 7 Girls: 1st Ruby, 2nd Louka, 3rd Payton; Yr 7 Boys: 1st Harry, 2nd Frank, 3rd Benjamin; Yr 8 Girls: 1st Lilliann, 2nd Isabella, 3rd Kenzie; Yr 8 Boys: 1st Sammi, 2nd Charlie, 3rd Sid



## NEXT WEEK'S PEAK GOAL

### "We work as a team"

This goal will help us explore all different sorts of team work, including:

- Pathfinder: collaborating on learning tasks with friends
- Energised: playing team sports and games
- Awhi: encouraging and cheering on others
- Kaitiaki: many hands make light work

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Hiwinui Playgroup**—We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 27 February from 9am, in The Leigh Centre. All pre-schoolers and their carers welcome.

Regards Erin, Jo, Holly, Emma, Kendall, Dean, Michaela, Jo, Allanah,  
Heidi, Kevin, Sarah, Charlotte, Elise, Rachelle & Jacki



# WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL? REGISTRATIONS OPEN!



**ASHHURST POHANGINA FOOTY CLUB**

is looking forward to another great season, we'd love you to join us!

**Registrations are open from the 19th February to the 20th March.** Just jump into **sporty.co.nz** to register.

We've got some awesome stuff planned for 2025, and some seriously cool merchandise available, check it out on **sporty.co.nz**.

**And those of you who put your hand up to coach or manage, your kids get to register for free!**

Again - just hook into **sporty**, or email us for more info at **ashhurstjuniorfc@gmail.co.nz**.

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FACEBOOK**







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## FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

### 2nd March 2025

## Half Marathon & Fun Run

SPOT  
PRIZES

**Entries:** [www.foxtonlions.co.nz](http://www.foxtonlions.co.nz)

**Email:** [funrun@foxtonlions.co.nz](mailto:funrun@foxtonlions.co.nz)

**Txt:** 021 490 828

| Event                       | Price   | Start Time |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Half Marathon Walk          | \$40.00 | 7.00am     |
| Half Marathon Run           | \$40.00 | 8.00am     |
| 10K Walk or Run             | \$20.00 | 9.00am     |
| 5K Walk or Run              | \$10.00 | 9.30am     |
| 5K Primary School Challenge | \$5.00  | 9.30am     |

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Ages 5-6

## EPIC LESSONS:

These are our popular 25-30 minute group lessons with 2-4 students, run during the school day, in school grounds. Students are given their own tuition book which tracks their progress. They also earn a new coloured wristband after passing each test.

## MUSIC FOUNDATIONS:

This is our group lessons for years 1 & 2 only. In this programme, they get a taste of a range of instruments while still learning the basics of rhythm, harmony, melody, playing together in a group, and how to read music.

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**MAKATON NEW ZEALAND/AOTEAROA**  
***"Beginners Workshop"***  
***for Primary Carers***

Includes instruction in the use of NZ Sign with the  
**Makaton Vocabulary**

Primary Carers are family and interactors who have frequent contact with children and adults with communication problems.

Two day workshop

**Day One**

**Date: Wednesday 16/04/25**

**9.00 am to 3 pm**

**Day Two**

**Date: Thursday 17/04/25**

**9.00 am to 3 pm**

This workshop includes information about:

- the design of the Makaton Vocabulary
- the types of signs and symbols used with speech with the Makaton Programme
- guidelines on ways to select vocabulary to teach and implement across differing environments
- practical sessions where signs / symbols from stages 1-4, and additional vocabulary are taught thoroughly
- demonstrations of ways to develop effective signing techniques
- procedures relating to the use of the Makaton Resource Vocabulary
- research on Makaton
- symbols design themes

**Cost \$120.00 per person/family for two day workshop or  
koha/donation for families only**

**Cost \$300 for professional (ie non-family)**

***Please provide a plate for a shared lunch OR Please bring your own lunch. Tea/coffee provided***

**Venue: Queen Elizabeth College, Palmerston North**

**It is recommended that course participants attend both days as they are designed to complement each other**

Email [MakatonNZ@outlook.com](mailto:MakatonNZ@outlook.com) to reserve your place.

Payment can be made direct to the

Makaton bank account – 02-0110-0337093-00

quoting the first date of the workshop in the reference section

e.g. "BW 16<sup>th</sup> April"

Note: If an Invoice is required, please advise when emailing through your registration

## What is Makaton?

**Makaton** is a communication programme which uses speech, signs and/or symbols. It is designed to help children and adults with communication difficulties to develop more effective communication.

## How does it work?

In New Zealand the signs used with Makaton are from New Zealand Sign Language (NZSL). Key words are signed in the same order as spoken language. This enables us to sign and speak at the same time.

Combining signs and/or symbols with speech has been shown to be very effective for many children and adults.

## Who can use Makaton?

Makaton is used widely in New Zealand with a wide age-range from babies through to adults. It is used by parents and carers, teachers, speech-language therapists and many others.

*For more information contact Mary:*

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**What is Scouting?** Scouting is more than just a club; it's a movement that inspires young people to reach their full potential. Through hands-on activities, teamwork, and outdoor adventures, our Scouts develop leadership skills, resilience, and confidence while having a whole lot of fun!



### **Discover the Adventure with Ashhurst Scout Group!**

Are you ready to ignite your child's sense of adventure, build lifelong skills, and make cherished friendships? The Ashhurst Scout Group is here to help your child explore, learn, and grow in an exciting and supportive environment right here in our community!

### **Who Can Join?**

- **Keas (5-8 years):** Fun and discovery for young adventurers.
- **Cubs (8-11 years):** Hands on activities, creativity and teamwork.
- **Scouts (11-14 years):** Outdoor skills and leadership.
- **Venturers (14-18 years):** Independence and challenges.

**Get Involved!** Join us for a trial session to see what Scouting is all about. Whether your child is new to the idea of Scouting or has always dreamed of being part of the adventure, Ashhurst Scout Group is the perfect place to begin. From building shelters and learning first aid to camping and community projects, our activities teach valuable life lessons while fostering inclusion and support.

**Contact Us Today!** For more information or to arrange a visit, contact Fantail- Julie Gillam-Hill at [ashhurst@group.scouts.nz](mailto:ashhurst@group.scouts.nz) check or call 0212130326. We can't wait to welcome you to the Scouting family!

