



Term 1, Week 4

28 February 2025

Kia ora e te whānau

Learning in classrooms is in full swing! It's also been great to have Tim and Harold onsite delivering lots of valuable messages that link to our PEAK Goals.

We have recently received our confirmed 'School Evaluation Report' from the Education Review office.

This report includes some great findings about what is happening within our Kura and some next steps and elements we can also enhance. For the next few weeks we will include some snippets of this report in our newsletter—you are also welcome to read the full version online.

Learner Success and Wellbeing

Most learners make sustained progress and achieve well at the appropriate curriculum level in reading, writing and mathematics. Achievement information shows that most learners are meeting curriculum expectations in reading, writing and mathematics; Māori and Pacific learners achieve at similar levels to their peers.

At the end of 2024 our data shows:

- 90% of learners achieved at or above the expectation in Reading
- 83% of learners achieved at or above the expectation in Writing
- 81% of learners achieved at or above the expectation in Maths

This year we are working collaboratively with a group of other rural schools to enhance the way we teach maths. We are engaged in 'The Learner First' professional development programme which is focused around the design of maths tasks that enable and extend all learners to achieve at their highest potential. We are also reviewing the processes we use in the classroom to monitor learning progress. Our learners now also all have PR1ME maths workbooks that are provided by the Ministry of Education as part of a nationwide initiative. These workbooks are a great addition to our maths

programmes and give learners plenty of different opportunities to practice new concepts. Thank you for the effort that is going in at home learning basic facts and times tables too.

Have a lovely weekend!

Ngā mihi nui, Erin



We feel so privileged to have the talented Joe McMenamin onsite leading a team of artists painting our block wall in the court area—thank you Joe—it looks amazing!

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

Sun 2 Mar Footprints in the Sand Fun Run, Foxton Beach

Wed 5 Mar Interschool Triathlon, Y5-8

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: Benny, this Ka Pai award is for all the AWHI you give to your teachers and friends. I have noticed so many moments where you have supported and encouraged others. You are also great at showing AWHI to yourself by always turning up with a positive attitude and having a go. Keep being amazing!

Room 2: Oliver, you have been so helpful in class this week, especially towards our new learners and relievers. Thank you for sharing your Awhi. Your eagerness to learn brings so much joy in the classroom too. Keep up the hard mahi.

Room 3: Louie, you are always super energised and love getting stuck into learning. You have been noticed working on your listening skills this week—great job and keep it up! We love having you in Room 3 Louie and getting to hear all your amazing facts and ideas.

Room 4: Lachie, every day you demonstrate all our PEAK values. You have a fantastic brain, you're incredible at sports, you always show kindness, and you're a great kaitiaki of our school. Keep smiling and always be happy!

Room 5: Jackson, I am so proud of how you have supported others to reach their PEAK this week. You are a kind and supportive friend, and energised to work as a team in class activities, at Kaitiaki time, and working one-on-one with others. We love having you in Room 5!

Room 6: Sammie, our whole school goal 'we work as a team' is exactly what you strive to do every day. You are always looking for ways to help others, pitch in and just get the mahi done. Your literacy tasks this week have also been top notch, especially your descriptive storm writing. You are such a pleasure to be around Sammie.

Principal: Harry B, I have been so impressed by the way you have settled into Hiwinui School. What an awesome role model you are! I love the way you happily get involved in absolutely everything in such a cheerful way. Thank you for the way you show AWHI to others and care for your siblings at school too.

Learning Assistant Elise: Mackenzie, I love working alongside you during maths time. You have so many amazing ideas and are keen to learn. You have a beautiful heart and shine so bright. You show so much Awhi.

Learning Assistant Sarah: Josh, Your love of reading is evident as you launch into chapter chat enthusiastically everyday. Your retell and knowledge is amazing. Keep up the great mahi!

Learning Assistant Charlotte: Wow Neva, you have come back to school so energised and I know your amazing brain is growing super fast. I love working alongside you, keep up the great mahi!

HI FROM TIM AND HAROLD @LIFE ED MANAWATU!

How stunning it is to be back at Hiwinui School and being among such wonderful people! Excitement levels are running extremely high it has to be said, and we've already had many thoughtful discussions both in and out of the mobile classroom around being the best



we can be, showing who we REALLY are, reaching our PEAK, looking after ourselves and others, being an upstander, and talking about our feelings. We just love seeing all the kindness on display – it's awesome! A quick reminder of our Harold merchandise available:

Pens @\$1, Lanyards @\$3, Jibbitz @\$5, Soft toy keyring @\$7, Drink bottles @\$10, Notebooks @\$15, and Large soft toys @\$24.

Our last day is on Monday – take care everyone and have a super weekend!

Love from Tim and Harold!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hiwinui Playgroup—We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 13 March from 9am, in The Leigh Centre. All pre-schoolers and their carers welcome.



NEXT WEEK'S PEAK GOAL

"We care about each other"

The key teaching as part of this goal:

- We treat others with respect and kindness
- We use our manners
- We listen to others
- We are patient
- We cheer each other on

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**.

**CHECK US OUT ON
FACEBOOK**





A LIONS CLUB OF FOXTON PROJECT

Proudly supporting



Community Centre
Health Shuttle



Foxton Beach
Volunteer Fire Brigade



SURF LIFE SAVING®
NEW ZEALAND
FOXTON BEACH

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

2nd March 2025

Half Marathon & Fun Run

SPOT
PRIZES

Entries: www.foxtonlions.co.nz

Email: 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

THANKS TO OUR MAJOR SPONSOR

CARTOWN

est. 1995



Designed by **GRAPHIC**



Want to learn an instrument, play in a band, and perform on the big stage? Join Epic Music Academy: a one-of-a-kind music tuition programme run each week at your school!



DRUMS
Age 7+



KEYBOARD
Age 7+



GUITAR
Age 8+



FOUNDATIONS
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.

SIGN UP HERE!



Email us at:
schools@epicma.nz



Facebook:
[@epicmusic.pn](https://www.facebook.com/epicmusic.pn)



www.epicma.nz

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 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 16th 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:

Family_bowers@yahoo.co.uk

0211494951

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 check or call 0212130326. We can't wait to welcome you to the Scouting family!

