ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA
NEWSLETTER 2024 WEEK 5 TERM 2

Nāku iti noa, na

It was great to complete the cross country yesterday, even though the event had to be modified. We had to get results for the senior school, as the runners needed to be submitted for the interschool event being held on Wednesday, June 5th. Thank you to Whaea Becs, Mike, and all of the staff who have spent time setting the children up for success in this event.

A big thanks in advance for your support around our Teacher Only day tomorrow. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday after Kings Birthday weekend. There is further information later in the newsletter regarding this.

Staffing

After last week's announcement that Whaea Hayley is moving on, we are excited to have secured the services of Mrs Jenner Feldberg and Mr Simon O'Connor to carry out classroom release in term 3.

Hauora Day - 24th May 2024

Thank you to everyone who participated in last Friday's Hauora - well-being day. As a school, we raised $488 to pass directly onto Youthline. Thank you to our student leaders and Pā James for their work on this event.

Disco - Thanks for the PTA

Our disco was a huge success last week. We had a great evening with candyfloss and many other treats flying off the shelf, and plenty of children out on the dance floor were having a great time. A massive thank you to Teia and the PTA for their hard work and to D Fresh for working with our baby DJs and continuing to support our school.

Life Education Trust

Tim from Life Education will be visiting our Whārite and Ruahine teams during weeks 6 & 7. Tim will be covering a range of exciting and important topics during the week. Our Year 7/8 students will have a puberty focus. We invite parents of the Year 7/8 students to attend an overview of these sessions on Wednesday 5th June, 7pm start in the Ashhurst School staff room. If you do not wish for your child to be a part of these sessions, please contact Reece Brosnan (Whārite Team Leader) - rbrosnan@ashhurst.school.nz

High School Visits for our Year 8 Students

Over the next couple of months, various high schools will be visiting Ashhurst School to speak to our Year 8 students. This is an opportunity for our students to ask any questions they have. They often bring an ex pupil of Ashhurst School to hear about their experiences. The dates of these are as follows:

Tuesday 4th June - 11am - Palmerston North Boys High School

Tuesday 23rd July - 12pm - Awatapu College

Thursday 25th July - 11am - Queen Elizabeth College

Thursday 25th July - Palmerston North Girls High (this is based at Girls High - more information to follow)
Friday 26th July - 11am - Freyberg High School
As this is during class time, parents will not attend. However, there will be open days coming up, which I highly recommend going to. Even if you are set on which high school your child is going to, I recommend attending these for another perspective.

Banqer system and Sterling Bucks

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a well-rounded education that prepares our students for the future, we are combining the teaching of financial literacy with our reward system.

We are enhancing Sterlings with the Banqer platform. Students are now earning Sterling Bucks on the Banqer platform for displaying our school values. They are also receiving a basic income and have expenses to manage. Students will also receive Sterling Bucks for their engagement reports and attendance.

All students will be able to access their Banqer accounts from next week, if they have not already done so. The first financial literacy modules they are working on are 'Income' and 'Expenses'.

Ikura | Manaakitia te whare tangata - Period products in schools

We are grateful to be part of the Manaakitia te whare tangata - Period products in schools programme Period products in schools aims to provide access to free period products for children and young people in all state and state-integrated schools and kura across New Zealand.It is up to each school how they wish to distribute products. This may be from the school office, bathrooms, a teacher, counsellor, accessible storage cupboards or any other safe communal space where students can discreetly access products without having to ask. Dispensers have been installed in schools and kura with over 100 estimated menstruating students, as well as schools and kura who requested them.
We also encourage students to take product home with them during school term and school holidays to cover their full menstrual cycle.
We have made up packs of products for our wahine to access discretely and these will be available from the school office. If families would like to pop in and access these for their tamariki that is also fine.

Term Two Teacher Only Days

This term, we have two teacher-only days. The first TOD day (31st May, which is the Friday before King's Birthday public holiday) is a ministry-informed day where staff will focus on professional development in structured literacy and creating resources to support the programme. As many of you may know, Structured Literacy is now mandatory for schools to implement in the 2025 school year. We are confident in meeting those deadlines as we are well into professional development. The last day of the term (5th of July) is an in-school teacher-only day. These days need to be made up, hence why we will finish later in the year to ensure our school is open for instruction as per the ministry requirements.

Professional development will continue with structured literacy in our Year 1-4 teams and the Writer's Toolbox in Years 5-8. We will be engaging with professional development providers on those days at school.

We are incredibly excited by the progress of our structured literacy programmes and the Writer's Toolbox. We want to share these practices with our parents to keep them informed about what is happening at school. Below are sessions for parents to come along and learn more about the programmes running at school.

Structured Literacy / Writer's Toolbox Parent Information Sessions

On Thursday 13th June we will be running information sessions about literacy programmes we are currently implementing in our school. If you have questions about Structured Literacy (Years 1-4) or Writing (Years 5-8), please come along and see how we teach these areas of Literacy and ask any questions you may have. We are offering three different session times (each session will cover the same content) to allow parents to attend both sessions from the Junior and Senior school if they wish.

The session times are:

Session 1
Thursday 13th June 2:15pm - 3:00pm
Structured Literacy Session (Years 1-4): Run in Room 6
Writer's Toolbox Session (Years 5-8): Run in Room 2

Session 2
Thursday 13th June 5:00pm - 5:45pm
Structured Literacy Session (Years 1-4): Run in Room 6
Writer's Toolbox Session (Years 5-8): Run in Room 2

Session 3
Thursday 13th June 5:45pm - 6:30pm
Structured Literacy Session (Years 1-4): Run in Room 6
Writer's Toolbox Session (Years 5-8): Run in Room 2

Heath Chittenden
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Notices

Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

Term 2
Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July.
Friday 31st May - MOE Teacher Only Day
Monday 3rd June - King's Birthday
Friday 28th June - Matariki
Friday 5th July - Teacher Only Day

Term 3
Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Friday 27th September - Teacher Only Day

Term 4
Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December
Monday 28 October - Labour Day

There will be one additional day in 2024. This will be between October 21st to the 15th of November.

Out of Zone Applications

The board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Ashhurst School in Term 3 2024. Enrolments at Ashhurst School are governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office or the school website. Applications are available on the Ashhurst School website: www.ashhurst.school.nz click on Enrolment. Please fill in both the enrolment form and the out-of-zone application form. The deadline for receipt of applications, for out of zone places is 3.00pm on Friday 21st June 2024. The exact number of places for out of zone students will depend on the number of applicants from students who live within the school's home zone. If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required, it will be held on Monday 24th June . Parents will be informed of the outcome of their applications by 3.00pm Tuesday 25th June 2024.

PRINCIPALS AWARD

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Certificates this week

Room 1 .....Kaedyn, Jack
Room 2 .....Lachie, Diesel
Room 3 .....Shelby, Sam
Room 4 .....Briar, Rubi-Lee
Room 7 .....Maia, Ruby-Lee
Room 8 .....Nova, Hamish
Room 9 .....Leo, Charlotte
Room 10 .....Hunter, Max
Room 11 .....Lerato, Paisley
Room 12 .....Hudson, Teddy
Room 13 .....Zoe, Oscar
Room 14 .....Starlia, Oaklyn
Room 15 .....Reid, Toby
Room 16 .....Piper
Room 17 .....Eva
Room 18 .....Lucy, Milly
Room 19 .....Alice, Emmett
Room 20 .....Ollie, Bella Kate
Room 21 .....Chance, Aria
Room 22 .....Lyla, Flynn

Head Boy Certificate.....George
Head Girl Certificate .....Kahlani
DH Boy Certificate .....Ryan
DH Girl Certificate .....Mila

SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder that school will be closed all day on Friday 31st May. This is a Teacher Only Day.

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Kelly Club Week 5

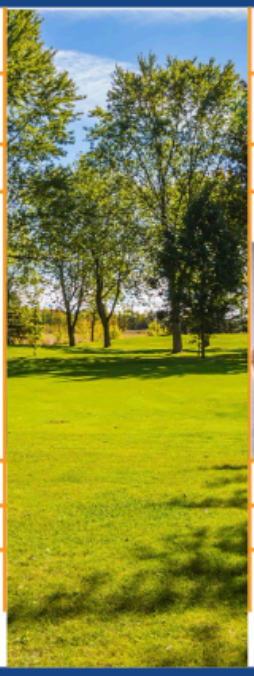
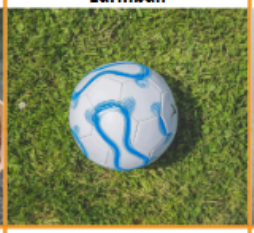
Scale document down

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Embrace our Earth

Term 2 Week 6, 4th June 2024

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Ashhurst

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am		Egg Carton Turtle & Structured Free Time	Cardboard Creations & Structured Free Time	Charades & Structured Free Time	Limbo & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am		Game: Balloon Stomp	Game: Boss of the Balls	Game: Line Defense	Game: Football
3:00 - 3:10 pm		Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm		Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Chips, Salsa & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn fritters & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm		Game: Master	Game: Space Invaders	Game: Scatter Ball	Game: Lonely Ghost
3:45 - 4:30 pm		DISCOVERY Biodegradable Planters 	SPORT Earthball 	COOKING Earthy Donuts 	CRAFT Crocodile Pegs 
4:30 - 4:35 pm		Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:50 - 5:15 pm		Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm		Game: King of the Ring & Projects	Game: Mexican Kickball & Projects	Game: Pirates Basketball & Projects	Game: Moral Enemies & Projects

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Would you like to be a Host Family?

Whakarongo School
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2024
July & August
Term 3

2 groups of International Students from China are visiting Whakarongo School.

Option 1: 22 July - 11 July (week 1,2 & 3 for 20 nights)
Option 2: 22 July - 30 August (week 1 to 6 for 39 nights)
- Can be shared with 2 families (3 weeks each)
Option 3: 28 July - 17 August (week 2,3 & 4 for 20 nights)

What you need to do as a host family.....

- Just need a room for an international student to stay. **The room can be shared with your child or another international student.**
- Receive payment of $45 p/night/student. ($315 p/week; $630 if 2 students)

If you are interested in, please get in touch with me.

Contact: Ayako Munford
Homestay coordinator
06 3569640 - homestay@whakarongo.school.nz

THE EPIC HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ALL AGES 5-13 | JUNIORS ONLY = AGE 5-8 | SENIORS ONLY = AGE 9-13

MON 8TH JULY	TUE 9TH JULY	WED 10TH JULY	THU 11TH JULY	FRI 12TH JULY
Pizza Making Skating	Morning Music Senior Music Earth Day Crafts	Percussion Senior Band Bowling	Morning Music Senior Music Indoor Sports	Games Day Youth Theatre
MON 15TH JULY	TUE 16TH JULY	WED 17TH JULY	THU 18TH JULY	FRI 19TH JULY
Yoga Mid Winter Christmas	Music Videos Baking	Percussion Senior Band Amazing Race	Morning Music Senior Music The Epic Games	Gymnasium Movie (at venue)

FOR DETAILS AND SIGN UP FORMS GO TO WWW.EPICMA.NZ

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