ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER 2024 WEEK 6 TERM 2

Kia ora e te whānau,

We hope you all had a fantastic long weekend. It was fabulous to start the week back with our Junior Fun Run. Thank you to the Ruahine and Turanga teachers, Richard and Mike, and especially Becs for making this happen.

Thank you to our whanau for your support on Friday, which was a staff-only day. A real highlight was opening our school to the staff of other schools in our Kahui Ako. They were super impressed by our vibrant classrooms and amazing learning environments, as well as the amazing additional opportunities for our tamariki. We continue to be extremely proud.

Health Consultation

All schools must consult with their communities at least once every two years about teaching the Health/Hauora Curriculum. This is mandated in Section 91 of the Education and Training Act 2020, which outlines the legal requirements for schools to undertake consultation.

Through consultation, Boards of Trustees must produce a written statement about how the school will implement health education for the community to understand and agree to. As per the legislation, schools are required to:

- inform the school community about the content of the health education components of the curriculum
- consult with members of the school community regarding how the school should implement health education
- describe, in broad terms, the health education needs of the school's students.

Currently this review is underway. We are wanting our community to have their say so please fill in the following form to provide feedback directly to the board.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1WUaikFyjXrufffH5JUAABEh9OQvtsSdjRwPQb450Qv4/edit?usp=sharing

Publication



It was a real pleasure to have our school as the lead article in The NZ Principal Federation Magazine for this month. The Article that we featured in spoke about our flipped classroom and the teaching practices we have for our children in our kura.

Staffing

We are excited to be able to welcome Mrs Vikki Brogden to our teaching staff for Term 3. Vikki will start Week 1, Term 3 and will be opening Room 6 at the beginning of Week 4, Term 3.

Interschool Cross Country /Elite Sport Cross Country



A great day at the interschool cross country. Some highlights included

- Elite sport champs for Year 7/8,
- Madden and Molly both placed 3rd in Year 7 boys and Year 8 Girls respectively
- Aidan was placed 10th in the Year 8 boys.
- Year 7 boys team placed 2nd
- Year 8 girls placed 3rd for intermediate .
- Fletcher was placed 2nd Year 6 boys
- Ollie was 3rd in Year 5 boys.
- Ashhurst was placed 4th overall for all primary schools narrowly missing out on third by 1 point.

Great job to the entire team for their effort and behaviour on the day. Your were outstanding ambassadors for our Kura. Massive thanks to Whaea Becs, and staff who helped out on the day. It was a real team effort.





Te Pae Tamariki

This is an annual performance for our kapa haka group Ngā Tuarea o te Āpiti, that we take great pride in participating. We have a massive group of just under 100 tamariki in our rōpū this year and most of them will be coming to The Regent on Broadway on the 18th June at 9:40am to perform. We have been lucky to have Whaea Tūrehu Simon-Mokai tutor our group each week. She has put in a lot of mahi to ensure our tamariki are ready to perform. Parents / Whānau are more than welcome to come and watch, there is a gold donation at the door. Our leaders for this performance are Ezra Brown, Ashley Pomare, and Tiaan Peka. This is a great opportunity for these senior students to lead their rōpū on stage. We wish the group all the very best next week.

Ruahine and Tūranga Fun Run

Our junior school did not get the option of participating in their cross country event this year, due to the terrible weather. However, we were able to set up a Fun Run for the tamariki so that all their training and hard work could be put to the test. The course consisted of an A-Frame, cargo nets, hurdles, and other obstacles that challenged each and every child! It was neat to be able to provide an alternative option for our students. Thank you to Mike and RIchard for the set up, Lytton Street School for lending us the obstacles, and all of the Year 7/8 students who helped support our junior school students through the course. Events like this are always a team effort and in true Ashhurst spirit, everyone pitched in to make sure the day went off without a hitch. Ngā mihi nui!

LIFE ED - HI FROM TIM AND HAROLD @LIFE ED MANAWATU!

We are so excited about coming back to Ashhurst School and seeing all our amazing friends again! Being around all your positivity and kindness is always a highlight of our year - we can't wait!
We feel very privileged to be sharing in the students' learning about how our awesome bodies work, how we can look after our bodies, and what a variety of food can do for us with Ruahine. We can also show resilience and be upstanders with Room 20s Year 6s and positively navigate the challenges, thrills, and excitement of puberty with Wharite!
Life Ed is a charitable trust that aims to inspire learners and their families to make positive decisions about their wellbeing, and receives no government funding. If you would like to support our worthy cause, we will have the following items available for 6 days starting this Friday:

Harold flag pens @$1
Harold lanyards @$3
Soft toy Harold keyrings @$7
Harold drink bottles @$10
Harold notebooks @$15
Large Harold soft toys @$24
These can be purchased from me at anytime (cash only please) - please come and tell us of any learning being shared at home - take care everyone, have a stunning rest of the day, and we'll see you on Friday!

Love from Tim and Harold!

Life Education - Whārite

The Year 7/8 students will have sessions with the following focus:

- Developing positive attitudes to puberty and understanding how brain development affects our emotions
- Physical changes
- Peer pressure and how we can deal positively with it
- Digital citizenship and online interactions
- Our reputation/identity and influences combining to create challenges
- What assertive, passive, and aggressive responses look like

Life Education - Ruahine

This term our Curriculum Investigation unit is called "Healthy Heros" and is focused on science. We are very lucky to have Tim from Life Education coming in to teach the children more about our body systems and the importance of being healthy so our body grows the best it can. The children just love Tim and Harold the giraffe!

Ruahine Curriculum Investigation

Also for part of our curriculum Investigation Unit we were lucky to have Heather Monk (Amy Law's Mum) visit from St John's. Heather has been a volunteer in Pongaroa for over 30 years. She brought an ambulance along and the children got to hear a heart beat and test their oxygen levels. It was also great at familiarising them with what would happen in an emergency so they don't panic. Thanks Heather!



Elite Sport Netball

Next Tuesday 11 June, Whaea Kaz and Whaea Becs will take our CES Elite Netball team to Masterton to compete in another of our Elite Sport Fixtures. This is a big day as we travel to Lakeview School in Masterton for the tournament. The team was selected through a trial - we had a whopping 35 students turn up, which is awesome to see! We whittled the group down to a squad of 11 to compete on the day. We have had one training, but all of the squad are skilled netball players and most play together on Monday nights. We wish them all the very best of luck!

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 the 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 whanau to access discreetly, 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.

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 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.

Celebrating past students

We would really like to congratulate - Eliza Witteman

Eliza has just been selected for the New Zealand Commonwealth fencing team. She has been selected to compete in two categories: the Cadets (under 17s) and in the Juniors (under 20s) in woman's Sabre. Of the 45 selected only 5 have been double selected in two age categories. Eliza gets up at 5 am every Saturday to travel to Hawke's Bay to train with her coach Baz Clark. On Wednesdays, she travels to Wellington to train with two other coaches as well as her Feilding coach, Graham Conlon, on a Monday. Eliza is also coaching a young female Sabre team for Feilding high school to compete in the New Zealand secondary schools competition later in the year. The Commonwealth competition is in July. She started fencing when she was in year 8 while at Ashhurst 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 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.

Absences

Please remember to phone or email the school if your child is absent. If we have no contact from a parent or caregiver, and we are not given a reason for absence, we have to mark it as truant.

If you know your child will be away in the future, please let the office staff know and it can be marked down as a future absence.

Thank you!

School Lunches

Monday - Ashhurst Dairy
Wednesday - Ashhurst Dairy
Thursday - Subway
Friday - Ashhurst Dairy

Remember lunches need to be ordered through Kindo.

No lunches on a Tuesday.



Orders Close Friday 14th June

Please only use the disability car park if you have a mobility card. It is not a drop off zone, it is intended only for those that need it.

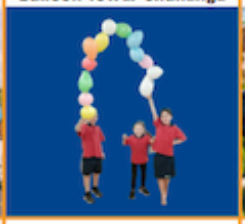
Kelly Club Week 7

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Friendship Fun

Term 2 Week 7, 10th June 2024

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Ashhurst

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Bubble Painting & Structured Free Time	Friendship Paper Chains & Structured Free Time	Paper Creations & Structured Free Time	Board Games & Structured Free Time	Balloon Tag & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Handball	Game: Fly Seagull Fly	Game: Line Tag	Game: Find a Friend	Game: Traffic
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	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Soup, Bread & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheese Toasties & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sausage Rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Tap Ball	Game: Snowball Tag	Game: Stuck in the Mud	Game: Quick Fire Cricket	Game: Capture the Flag
3:45 - 4:30 pm	CRAFT Friendship Bracelets 	GAME Kindness Catch 	DISCOVERY Balloon Tower Challenge 	SPORT Tug of War 	COOKING Cookies to Share 
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	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	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Mother May I? & Projects	Game: Where's Wally? & Projects	Game: Sharks, Islands & Fish & Projects	Game: Sheeps & Wolves & Projects	Game: Slide Tag & Projects

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