ASHHURST SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER 2024 WEEK 8 TERM 2

Kia ora e te whānau,

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who attended our information evening last week. We appreciate that life is busy, but we enjoyed being able to share some of the awesome things we are doing in literacy with you all.

Te Pae Tamariki

On Tuesday, our kapa haka rōpū *Ngā Tuarea o te Āpiti* performed at The Regent on Broadway in the annual Te Pae Tamariki Festival. This is an opportunity for all kura in the region to showcase their kapa haka skills. We took just over 80 students from Years 3 - 8, and they all performed with strength and pride. They have spent weeks practising and preparing for this event, and it showed on stage. Ezra and Tiaan were the kaea for this performance and led the group beautifully. Davis opened the bracket with an emotive solo performance. Each and every member of the rōpū gave their best and stepped off the stage buzzing! A massive mihi to Whaea Tūrehu for all the mahi she has put into ensuring our rōpū was performance ready.





AIMs Games Lunch Fundraiser

Please support our students who are off to the Aims Games this year with their lunch fundraiser!!

For **only $6**, your child will receive a fantastic lunch pack that includes sausage and bread, fruit, a juice pack, and a biscuit snack pack!
This limited-time fundraiser is only running for 5 weeks—Weeks 8 - 10 of Term 2 and Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3—and it is only available on Tuesdays!! Please place your order through Kindo by 12pm Mondays so we can organise your child's order.

Matariki/Puanga

Next Friday 28th is a public holiday to observe Matariki. The school will be closed on this day.
Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. It rises in midwinter and for many Māori it heralds the start of a new year. Iwi/people from across New Zealand understand and celebrate Matariki in different ways and at different times. As a school, we will be celebrating Puanga / Matariki on Tuesday 23rd July - Week 1 of Term 3. The day will start with a Mihi Whakatau, where we will welcome any new students and whānau to our school. This will be followed by a performance from our kapa haka rōpū. From here, students will be immersed in a range of activities in relation to Puanga / Matariki. These activities could include learning and sharing stories about Puanga/Matariki, research projects about the star clusters, art and craft, exploring interactive online apps, working with a buddy class, or sampling traditional Māori food.

More information about our school celebration day will come out before the end of the term.



Ki - o - Rahi

Next week we are taking 2 teams each to the Year 5/6 (Wed 26th June) and Year 7/8 (Thursday 27th June) Ki-o-Rahi Championship at Fitzherbert Park. This is an additional Ki-o-Rahi tournament and we are excited to be involved. Mike and Whaea Becs will be coaching the Year 5/6 teams and Pā Reece and Mike will be coaching the Year 7/8 teams. We have had great opportunities to build skill and capacity in this ever growing sport in New Zealand. We look forward to seeing supporters down at Fitzherbert Park cheering us on.

William Pike

The students involved in the William Pike Challenge have been busy working on their passion projects and completing their volunteer hours. On Saturday the 15th, 10 students went down to McCrae's Bush to help RECAP with a gardening working bee. It was great to see the students getting involved. Thank you to Chris Love and Julie Doyle for supporting us on the day. We also have a handful of students volunteering at the Ashhurst Library, organising and distributing food parcels for the community.

LIFE ED - THANK YOU FROM TIM AND HAROLD @LIFE ED MANAWATU!

Hi all you amazing people at Ashhurst School! What a stunning six days (WAY too short!) that was at your amazing kura! The vibrancy and positivity at Ashhurst School is so tangible, making each day something to treasure. The students' response was as overwhelming as I've come to expect. What a privilege it was to share some time with you and your classes.

Spare Clothes

Winter is here and it can sometimes get very wet and muddy in the playground. Please pack a spare set of clothing in your child's bag, just in case of any mishaps. It doesn't have to be school uniform: any clothing will be ok as a spare set.
If you have any bottoms, shorts, skirts, jogging bottoms or trousers, sizes 5 - 12 years, we would love to have them for our spares cupboard.

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.

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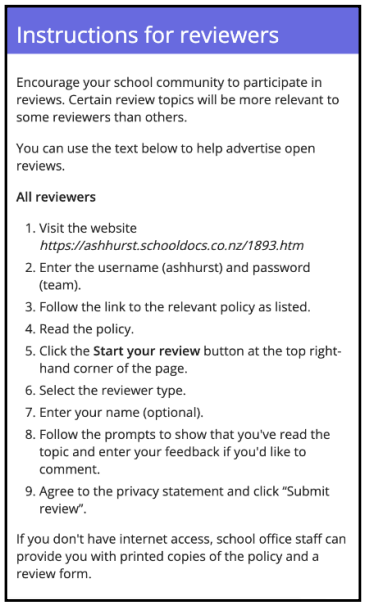

Instructions for reviewers

Encourage your school community to participate in reviews. Certain review topics will be more relevant to some reviewers than others.

You can use the text below to help advertise open reviews.

All reviewers

1. Visit the website *https://ashhurst.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm*
2. Enter the username (ashhurst) and password (team).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Term 2 Review topics are:

- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting
- Classroom Release Time

Notices

Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

Term 2

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July.
Thursday 20 June - BOT Meeting
Monday 24 June - William Pike Walk
Wednesday 26 June - Ki-o-Rahi Tournament (Yr 5 & 6)
Thursday 27 June - Ki-o-Rahi Tournament (Yr 7 & 8)
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.

Spare Clothes

Winter is here and it can sometimes get very wet and muddy in the playground. Please pack a spare set of clothing in your child's bag, just in case of any mishaps/accidents.
If your child has borrowed clothes from school, please return these as soon as possible.
We have very few small 'bottoms' left in our spares cupboard. Any old items, such as pants, shorts or undies, in a clean usable condition that you wish to donate, can be dropped off at the office.

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