ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 1 | Week 3

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a stunning week it has been for our first full week back at school. It have been fabulous seeing the students out enjoying this stunning weather.
Further on in the newsletter there is some specific information regarding Hero, our new student management system. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out and we will do our very best to answer your questions. The first point of contact for this would be Whaea Becs bmacnamara@ashhurst.school.nz



PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences are scheduled for the 20th March from 3:20pm - 8:00pm and will be booked through Hero. We will be opening the School Bookings button on Hero on Friday 14th February. This year, we are running conferences over one afternoon / evening with each conference running for 10 minutes each.

CONCERNING COMMUNITY BEHAVIOUR

It has been concerning to hear about some of the behaviour happening outside our school gates and in the community. There has been an increase in some crime in the area, and people in the village are acting out anti-socially. We just want to share this message with our parents to help inform them of the choices for children coming home from school and what children are doing after school.

WHĀRITE TARARUA RUAHINE



HALBERG ADAPTIVE SPORTS

This year we are lucky to have the Halberg Foundation involved with our school. The focus is on inclusive sports - adapting sports so that anyone, regardless of ability is able to participate. Throughout the year, all classes will have the opportunity to learn new games and teachers will have the opportunity to learn how to modify games to ensure they are accessible for everyone.





CELEBRATING MRS CHARD

Our wonderful Mrs Chard has two weeks left at our school before she goes on maternity leave. Today we celebrated her and her baby-to-be with a baby shower. Check out the wonderful cake made by Mrs Chittenden!



RUAHINE TRIATHLON

Just a reminder that our Ruahine Team Triathlon is on Wednesday March 5th. Parents / Whānau are more than welcome to attend and support their children on the day.



Senior School Triathlon | Helpers Needed

Our Senior School Triathlon is happening on Monday, 24th February 2025, and we need parent helpers to ensure the event runs smoothly and safely for all students.

Event Schedule (Approximate Times):

⏳ Times are approximate and may shift slightly throughout the day

🏃‍♀️ Year 4: 9:30 am – 10:30 am

🚴 Year 5 & 6: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

🏊 Year 7 & 8: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

🔔 Finish time: 2:30 pm



How You Can Help:
We need support across all events. If you are available for any part of the day, your help would be greatly appreciated!

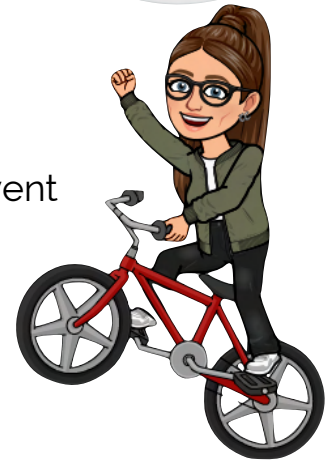
✅ Marshalling along the course (road intersections and school grounds)

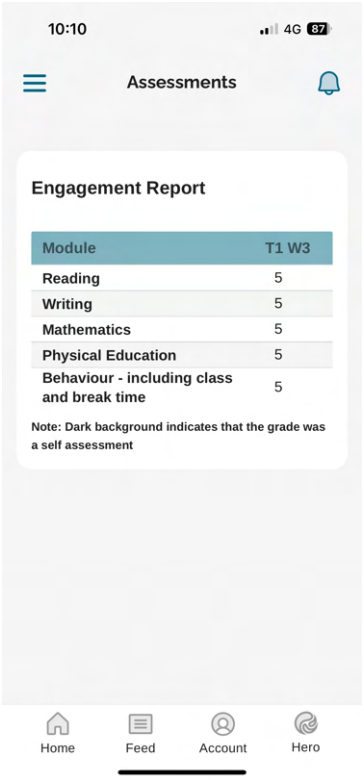
✅ Supervising transition areas (run → bike, bike → swim)

✅ Assisting at the pool (entry and exit points)

✅ General support (ensuring student safety and keeping the event running smoothly)

This is a fantastic opportunity to support all our students as they take on this exciting challenge. If you are available to help at any time during the day, please contact jlowry@ashhurst.school.nz





HERO ENGAGEMENT REPORTS

As you are aware, Engagement Reports are a unique way in which we report to parents/whānau across different aspects of school life. These reports show your child's willingness to participate in learning activities and in the playground in a sustained and positive way. It also provides information about your child's attendance at our school. Students should achieve a minimum attendance level of 90% over the year.



Full information about the scales can be found on the school website (including a full outline of the processes), but as an overview, the following scale applies:

5-Excellent, 4-Very Good, 3-Satisfactory, 2-Not Satisfactory, and 1-Of Concern.

This image is an example of what you might see on the parent app.

You can access your child's Engagement Report click the three lines on the top left, and then click the drop down arrow and within this menu, you will find a heading for Engagement Reports.
If you are still not connected, please get in touch with Whaea Becs. You need an email address registered at our school to be able to connect to the app.



TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

On Wednesday we had our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic for our Year 1 and 2 students. This is a lovely occasion, where parents come and join us for a picnic lunch. We bring our Teddy Bears and sit and mingle with each other while enjoying our lunch together. It was wonderful weather and a great event. Thank-you to all whānau who joined us, we appreciate you coming to share this with your children.

The Manawatū Tough Kid Challenge

As this is not an Ashhurst School-run event, parents and caregivers are responsible for organising their children on the day, including transport to and from the event. However, we will have a school gazebo set up for Ashhurst School students and their whānau to use as a base. Some school staff will also be present to provide support on the day.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the linked form below. We are accepting applications until the 17th February 2025.

Please note that entries are limited, and students will be registered on a first-come, first-served basis. If your child is successful in their entry we will load the cost of the event onto Kindo.

https://forms.gle/VoZb9v9DPTksy96F7





CRICKET



Smash started this week! It was a great opportunity for students to get involved in some fun summer cricket. These sessions are at Ashhurst School on a Tuesday afternoon from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Please use the QR code to sign up if you're interested.. Let's get behind this amazing opportunity for our students. Please note that you will need to be present to support your child while they participate as this is outside of school hours. The Stanford Street gate will be unlocked to allow entry and exit to the field.

ASHHURST SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

We're excited to kick off 2025 with a special Outdoor Movie Night at Ashhurst School! 🎉

Event Details

📽️ Movie: Inside Out 2

📅 Date: Thursday 20th February 2025

⏰ Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

📍 Location: Ashhurst School Field

💰 Entry: Koha



Last year's event was such a hit, and while PNCC is not hosting it this year, we're bringing it back as a PTA-run event. It's the perfect way to enjoy a summer evening with family and friends!

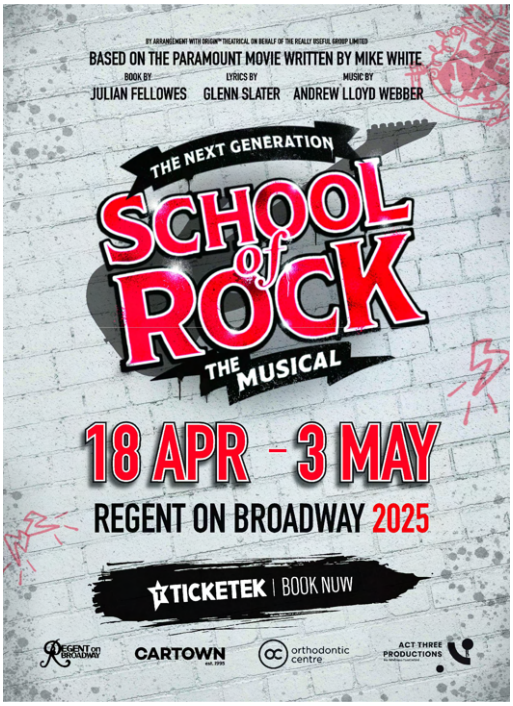
What to bring:

🌿 A picnic blanket or chairs

🍉 Your own picnic rug

💰 Food will be available from the Ashhurst School PTA food stall

Let's come together to celebrate our amazing community with a relaxed evening under the stars. Spread the word, invite your friends and whānau, and we'll see you there!



TERM 1 HATS

All students need to wear a hat in Term 1. We don't have a uniform hat, so any hat will do. If students don't have a hat they will be asked to play in the shaded areas.





Ashhurst School Term Dates

	Start / Finish	Key Dates
Term 1	Thursday 30 Jan - Friday 11 Apr	* Waitangi Day - Tuesday 5th Feb * Easter and ANZAC Day are in the School Holidays
Term 2	Monday 28 Apr - Friday 27 Jun	* King's Birthday - Monday 2 Jun * Matariki - Monday 27 Jun
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct - Friday 12 Dec	* Labour Day - Monday 27 Oct



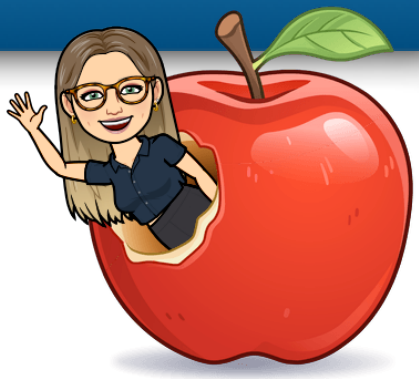
SCHOOL LUNCHES

Monday / Wednesday / Friday - Ashhurst Dairy
Thursday - Subway

Please use the Kindo app to order your child's lunch

CAR PARKS

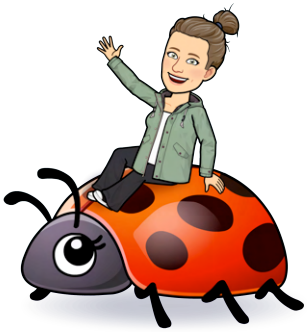
Please only use the disability car park if you have a mobility card. It is not a drop off zone, it is intended only for those that need it. Thank you!







SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:
21st February 2025



Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2025

Term 1

Monday 30 January - 11 April

Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day
Monday 24 February - Senior School Triathlon
Wednesday 5 March - Manawatu Interschool Triathlon Champs
Thursday 6 March - Y7 Immunisations
Thursday 20 March - Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday 28 March - Senior School Swimming Sports

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates this week.

Room 1	Bentley, Vaeh
Room 2	Lily, Davis
Room 3	Eshar, Hamish
Room 4	Awatope, Hamish
Room 8	Clara, Braxton
Room 9	Kohen, Miley
Room 10	Oakley, Addison
Room 11	Te Atarangi, Wilkie
Room 12	Maia
Room 13	Kyro, Terri-Leigh
Room 14	Harvey, Olive
Room 15	Christopher, Gracie
Room 16	Ollie, Angeline
Room 17	Persia, William
Room 18	Jessica, Avery
Room 19	Aliyah, Wyatt
Room 20	Rowan, Cassidy
Room 21	Izabella, Jordon
Room 22	Lucie, Lucian



Head Boy Certificate - Hamish
Head Girl Certificate - Bonnie
DH Boy Certificate - Toby
DH Girl Certificate - George





Order and Win!

We're launching a special **Term 1 Rewards Campaign** to boost Ezlunch engagement—and your school can benefit!

🏆 **Here's how it works:**

- Every parent who orders an Ezlunch goes into a weekly draw to win **$100 Kindo Credit** for themselves **AND** $100 for their school.
- Every order also enters the **Grand Prize Draw** for a **$1,000 JB Hi-Fi Voucher + $500 for their school!**

✨ **Thank you to JB Hi-Fi for making our Grand Prize rewards possible!**

JB Hi-Fi has partnered with Kindo in 2025 to streamline BYOD for schools, and we appreciate their generous support. 🎉

School Uniform



We have a large supply of secondhand uniform in the office for sale. Please feel free to pop in if you are looking for extra uniform items. We also accept used uniforms, so if you are no longer needing any items feel free to drop them into the office.

TECH

Our TECH classes are all up and running and students have just completed their second class of this cycle. Here is a snapshot of all the fantastic learning taking place.

- Sewing = Cushion Covers and T'Shirts
- Food Tech = Innovation with Bread
- Laser Cutting = Cartoon Colourways and Lightboxes
- Te Āo Māori = Pūrerehua Musical Instruments












Out of Zone Applications

The board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Ashhurst School in Term 2 2025.. 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 Monday 10 March 2025. 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 Tuesday 11 March 2025. Parents will be informed of the outcome of their applications by 3.00pm Wednesday 12 March 2025.

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