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NEWSLETTER | Term 1 | Week 4

Kia ora e te whānau,

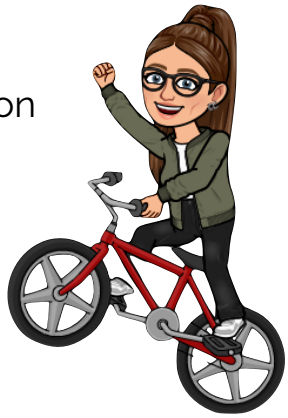
The weeks are flying by, and we are well and truly into the school year with many exciting things happening.

We would just like to remind whānau that students shouldn't be at school before 8 am, except bus students. We cannot provide supervision at this time, as teachers have numerous other commitments before 8.30, when they will be in their class. We really appreciate your support with this and

PARENT CONFERENCES

Remember that Parent Conferences are scheduled for the 20th March from 3:20pm - 8:00pm and can be booked through Hero. This year, we are running conferences over one afternoon / evening with each conference running for 10 minutes each. Bookings are open, so on the Hero home page, navigate to School Bookings and pick a time to see your child's / children's teacher.

TRIATHLON



We are excited to announce that our Tararua and Whārite Triathlon is happening on Monday, 24th February 2025 and our Ruahine Triathlon is occurring on Wednesday 5th March 2025. These are fantastic events for all our students to get involved in, challenge themselves, and have fun.

Triathlons are a great way for our tamariki to build confidence,

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resilience, and fitness while participating in a supportive and encouraging environment. Whether they are experienced athletes or giving it a go for the first time, we encourage all students to take part and celebrate their efforts.



📅 Event Timings for Tararua and Whārite (note these are approximate) Monday 24th February:

🏃 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



📅 Event Timings for Ruahine (note these are approximate) Wednesday 5th March:

🏃 Year 1 & 2: 9:30 am – 11:00 am

🚴 Year 3: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

🔔 Finish time: 12:30 pm

To help the day run smoothly, we also welcome whānau support—whether it's assisting at transition points, marshalling along the course, or cheering on our students. If you are available to help, please let James Lowry (Tararua and Whārite) or Megan Wilson (Ruahine) know.

We look forward to seeing all our students participating, having fun, and giving it their best!



MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night is TONIGHT! Get ready for an awesome evening under the stars with Inside Out 2 on the big screen!

Movie: Inside Out 2

Date: Tonight! Thursday, 20th February 2025

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Ashhurst School Field

Entry: Koha

Food & Drinks – Come Hungry!





Sausage Sizzle – $2.50
Bacon Buttie – $4
Lollies – $2
Fizzy Drinks – $2.50
Slushies – $3
Ice Blocks – $2
Popcorn – $2 (TBC – Fingers crossed!)
Eftpos available, but to keep the lines moving, please bring cash if you can!

Entry Points:
Standford Street South (School Carpark)
Standford Street North
Salisbury Street

A HUGE Thank You to Our Sponsors!
This event wouldn't be possible without the amazing support of our sponsors! Their names will be displayed on the big screen tonight – make sure to check them out and show them some love!

HERO LEARNING SAMPLES



Learning Samples are no longer shared through Seesaw, as we will now be sharing these on Hero. You will receive a notification from your child's teacher by Friday each week, alerting you to view the sample. Teachers will share either a Reading, Writing, or Maths sample to give you a snapshot of what your child is learning in class.

HERO NOTIFICATIONS

Some whānau have expressed that there have been a lot of notifications through Hero. This is all part and parcel of launching the app and teachers learning how to use the system, so we appreciate your understanding around this. As a school, we will use the Community Feed to push out whole school notifications. In addition, you might receive reminders or updates from Team Leaders or Classroom Teachers abut various events. This will also be where all of our Sport Notifications will be pushed out. If you have children across more than one Phase/Team, you may receive more notifications. However, you can manage your notification settings through the app. Navigate to the Home Page_Account_Scroll Down_Notification Preferences to make the changes needed.

KINDO

Statements were recently sent out through Kindo. There are some outstanding amounts from last year. We would appreciate if these could be settled as soon as you are able. Thanks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

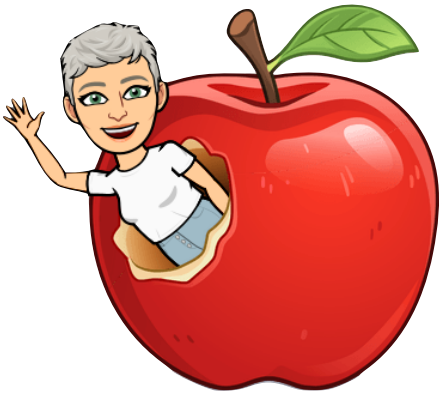
We have a large supply of secondhand uniform in the office for sale. Please feel free to pop in if you are looking for extra uniform items.
We also accept used uniforms, so if you are no longer needing any items feel free to drop them into the office.

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.

Yummy Stickers

Don't forget to keep collecting yummy stickers. These help us buy lots of PE equipment at the end of each year. If you would like a sticker collection sheet please call into the office for one.



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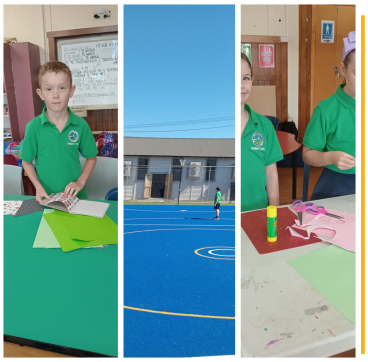
KELLY CLUB ASHHURST UPDATE

What's been happening…

Last week was our Lantern Festival Week with heaps of fun, colour and games all around. This week is Staff Choice week. This is where the staff choice all the favorite activities for the whole week. From ultimate pool noodle tag, to making our own play dough and don't forget the choc chips cookies as well!





What's happening next week!



KELLY CLUB

THEME: Tongue Twisters!
Term 1 Week 4, 24th February 2025

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Ashhurst

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 Rice Bubble Cakes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Pikelets & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Human, Paper, Scissors Rock	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Toilet Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Cat & Mouse Tag
3:45 – 4:30 pm	DISCOVERY Tongue Twisters	SPORT Tug of War with a Twist	COOKING Cheese & Marmite Twists	CRAFT Twisted Keychains	GAME Twister
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars
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: Concentration & Projects	Game: Dance Comp & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flee Chase & Projects	Game: Foot Volleyball & Projects

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Ashhurst School Term Dates

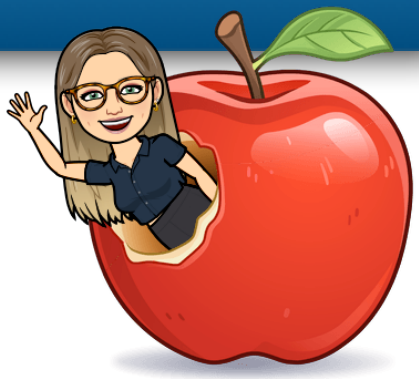
	Start / Finish	Key Dates
Term 1	Thursday 30 Jan - Friday 11 Apr	* Waitangi Day - Thursday 6th Feb * Easter and ANZAC Day are in the School Holidays
Term 2	Monday 28 Apr - Friday 27 Jun	* King's Birthday - Monday 2 Jun * Matariki - Monday 27 Jun
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct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



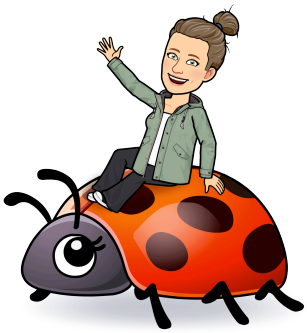
TERM 1 HATS

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.





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 - Junior 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
Friday 11 April - End of Term 1









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. 🎉

HEAD LICE

Head lice, are small, flat insects, 2–3 mm long that live and lay eggs on the human scalp. They cause itching and occasionally scalp infection although not all children complain of an itchy head.

They:
- Live on the scalp which provides food and warmth for their eggs to hatch
- Feed on human blood through the scalp
- Cannot jump, fly or swim and they do not carry disease
- Remain on the head after swimming or bathing/showering.

Looking for Head Lice

Look over the scalp for insects or eggs, especially:
- Around the hairline at the back of the neck
- Behind the ears
- On the crown.

When to Treat

- If you find a LIVE insect on the scalp OR if you find eggs within 1cm of the scalp.

How to Treat

Speak to your pharmacist, doctor, practice nurse or Public Health Nurse for advice.
You can use a shampoo or lotion available from your Public Health Nurse to kill both the insects and eggs.
- Recheck your children's heads after a week and make sure they brush their hair every night.
- Treat **everyone** in your household with the correct amount of product advised by the nurse.
- OR try **wet combing** – if done properly it is a cheaper option.

What Does Not Work?

Ordinary shampoo or soap will not kill head lice. Do not use fly spray, kerosene or animal remedies, as these may harm children.

To Prevent Head Lice and Reduce the Spread

It's impossible to prevent head lice completely but you can reduce the spread by:
- Brushing hair with a firm bristle brush every evening to kill or injure the lice and stop them from laying eggs
- Not sharing brushes and combs and tie your hair up.

Because lice do not live beyond 48 hours, it is rarely necessary for additional washing and cleaning of other articles.

HEAD LICE CHECKLIST

- **Check hair every week. During outbreaks – check every day.**
- **Brush hair every evening with a bristle brush.**
- **Treat hair if you find LIVE insects or eggs within 1 cm of the scalp.**

Step by Step for Wet Combing with Conditioner

Step 1:
Comb or brush any knots out of your child's hair with an ordinary comb. Put plenty of conditioner all through wet or dry hair, starting at the scalp and going all the way down to the hair ends.



Step 2:
Comb hair conditioner through hair, still using an ordinary comb – this stuns the head lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.



Step 3:
Use a head lice comb and comb sections of your child's hair from the roots to the ends of the hair.





Step 4:
After each comb, wipe the conditioner on to a paper towel or tissue and check for lice and eggs

Step 5:
Repeat the combing for every part of the head, section by section. Comb each section at least 4 or 5 times before moving on to the next section.

Step 6:
After you have combed the whole head, rinse out the conditioner.

Step 7:
If you find lice or eggs, repeat these steps every day if you can manage it, but at least every 2–3 days. You can stop when you find no lice or eggs for three days in a row.

Step 8:
Check the hair of everyone in the house twice a week for the next 2 weeks to make sure everyone stays clear.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES – A LITTLE BIT ABOUT US

Public Health Nurses are registered nurses who are available to discuss any concerns about your child's health, growth and development. Each school has a team of Public Health Nurses who provide support to the school community and works alongside other community providers to ensure positive health outcomes for our tamariki are met.

The School Public Health Nurse Service continues to be readily available to you via the **0800 153 042** number or school.health@midcentraldhb.govt.nz

This service is FREE and accessible to students, parents and the school community across our rohe in Horowhenua, Palmerston North, Tararua, Ōtaki and Manawatū.

Referrals can be made by:

• Parent/caregiver • General Practice (GP) • Education Services • Paediatricians • Dental Services
• Early childhood centres and schools • Interagency Coordination (Strengthening Families) • Self.

NB: All referrals must be made on a Public Health Service Referral Form.



If you are concerned about your child and wish to speak to a Public Health Nurse, call 0800 153 042 to arrange an appointment, or send a referral through to schoolhlth@midcentraldhb.govt.nz. Alternatively, contact your own family doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116.

Health and wellbeing information for primary school education staff, parents, caregivers and whānau.

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