ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 1 | Week 6

Kia ora e te whānau,

This term is certainly flying by and having had so many fun events on for our students has really kept things busy. It seems like we are getting all seasons in one day at the moment as we transition from Summer to Autumn. Thank you to all our whānau for sending your children to school ready to learn and participate in general school life.

RUAHINE TRIATHLON

What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday for our Ruahine Triathlon. We were very lucky with the weather - a couple of small showers, but nothing that stopped our children from doing their very best. It was so wonderful to see the children participating to their full potential, managing the run, bike and swim with resilience and never giving up. Thank you to all the whānau who came to support their tamariki. Thank you also to the wonderful parent helpers who assisted with the Year 3 event.





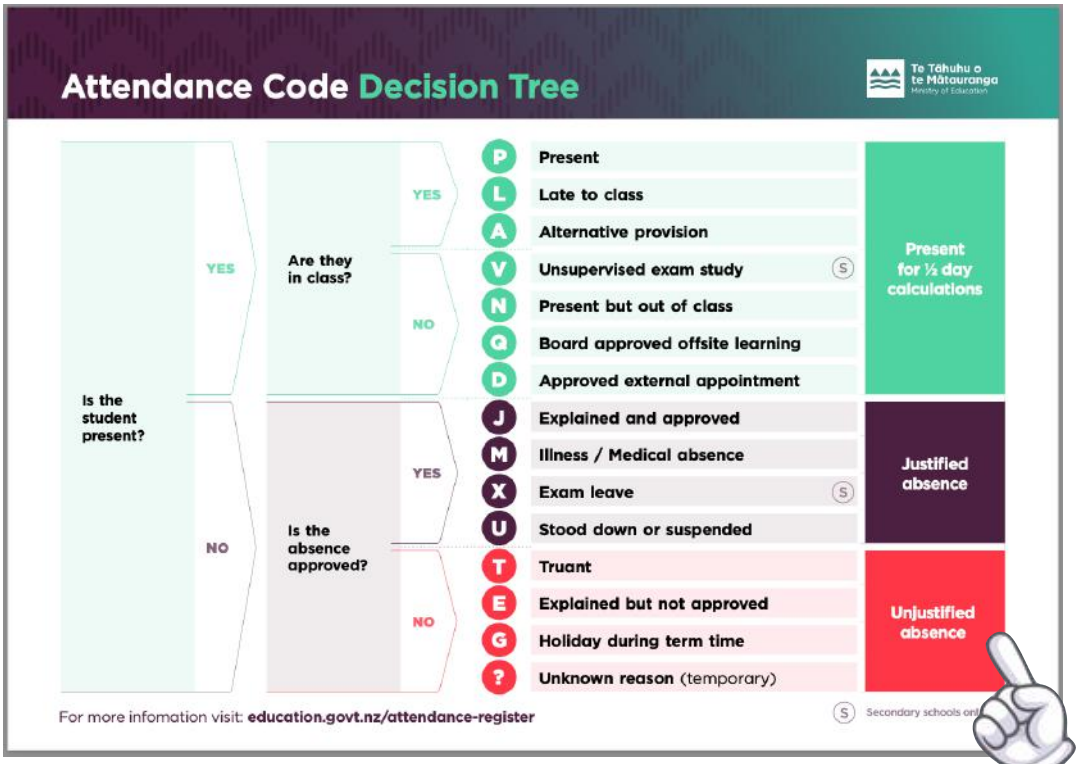


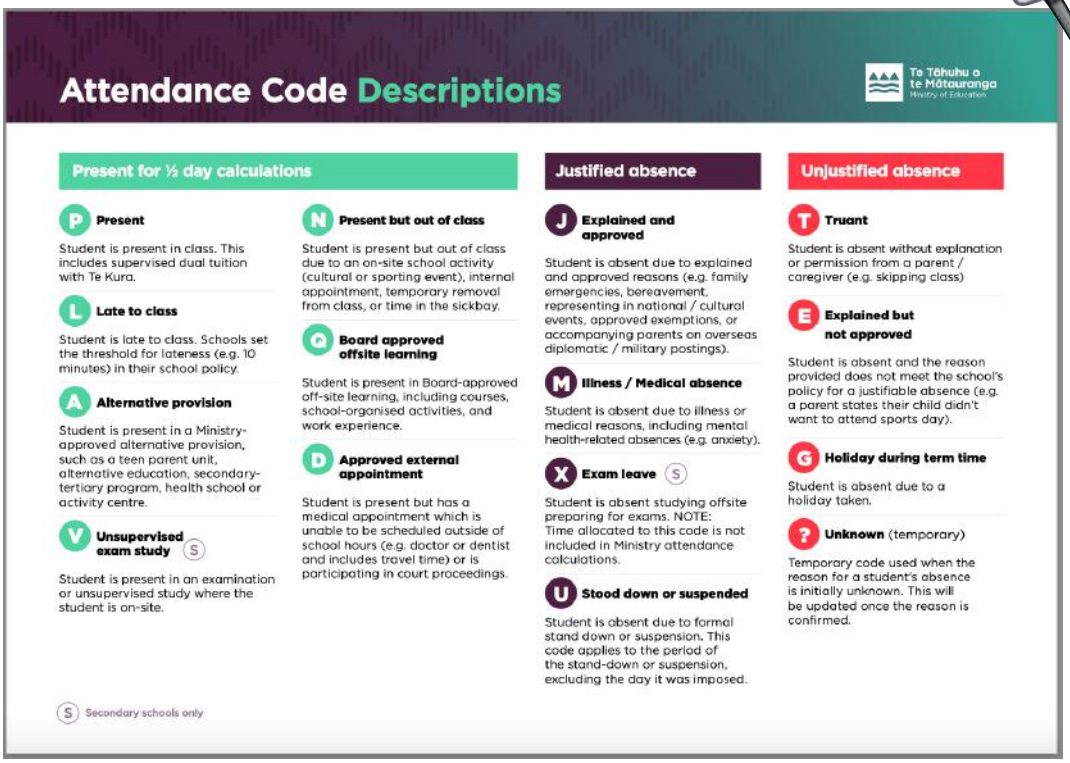
WHĀRITE TARARUA RUAHINE

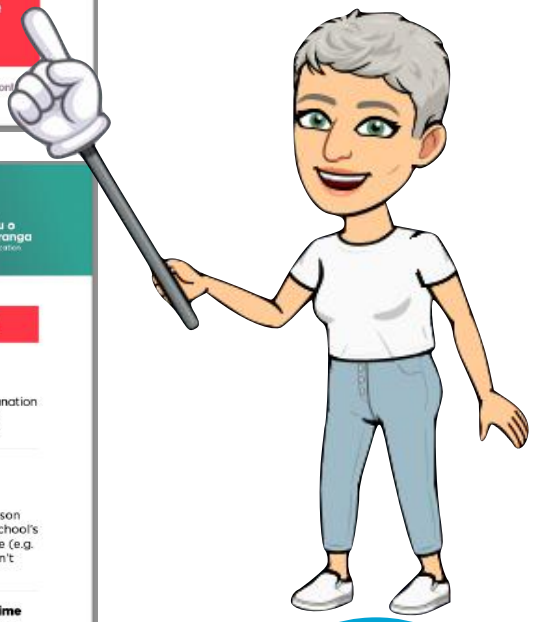


ATTENDANCE CODES

As most whānau have become aware, you can see your child's attendance statistics on the Hero parent app. Every school / kura have specific codes that need to be entered for any situation in which a child might be absent. We also have to record any instances where students come to school late. All school systems across New Zealand are set up the same, as directed by the Ministry of Education. We have included a couple of infographics, so that you are all aware of why an absence may be recorded as 'Justified' or 'Unjustified'. School days are measured in 'half days', as we take the roll twice a day. Hopefully this helps you clarify any queries you might have had.







ABSENCES

Please remember to phone, email or put an absence through on Hero if your child is absent from school. If we have no contact from a parent or caregiver, and we are not given a reason for an 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!

NON UNIFORM DAY



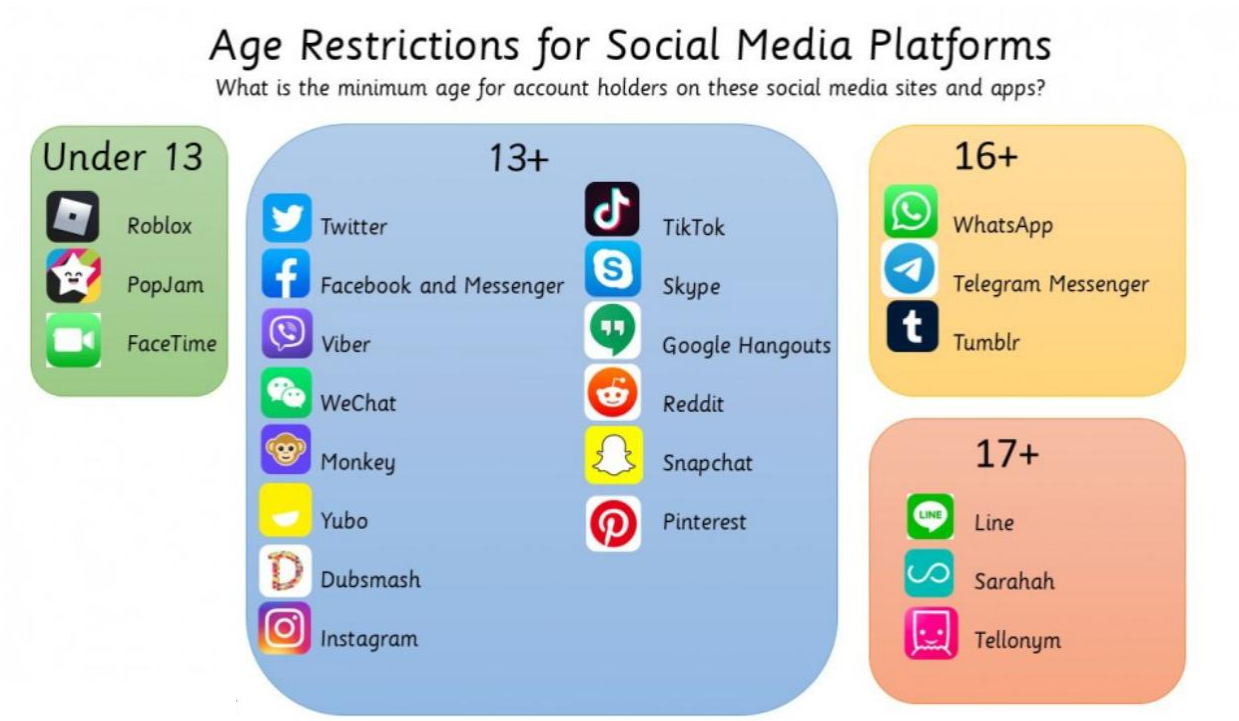
LOST PROPERTY

Now is a great time to check the lost property box!! We have a number of items in there including togs, goggles, shoes and uniform items. A lot are unnamed - please spare a few moments to have a look to claim any of your child's property.

CYBER SAFETY

The use of some apps by students can lead to significant cybersafety issues in schools. Many of these platforms have age restrictions for a reason, as younger students may struggle to navigate online risks such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and privacy breaches. When students use these apps without full awareness of digital

responsibility, issues can spill over into the school environment, leading to conflicts, distractions, and even mental health concerns. Schools often face challenges in managing the social and emotional fallout of online interactions, highlighting the importance of digital literacy education in school and parental guidance at home to ensure safe and appropriate app usage.



PARENT CONFERENCES

Just a reminder that we have our school Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday 20th March (Week 8). If you have not done so already, please go to the Hero parent app and on the home page, you will find a 'School Bookings' button where you can select your time. If you are unable to come in, please get in touch with your child's teacher to arrange a more suitable time. We always look forward to having parents in school to celebrate your children.





CYCLE SAFETY

We have noticed that some of our tamariki are riding their bikes around the village without helmets on outside of school hours. Please encourage your child to put their helmet on if they are riding their bikes to ensure that they are as safe as possible on our roads.

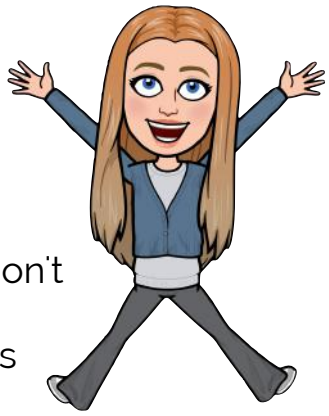
RELAY FOR LIFE

Ashhurst School is participating in Relay for Life 2025, and we invite our school community (staff, whānau and students) to join us on the track! This form helps us organise participation across the 24-hour event.

Date: Saturday 22 March - Sunday 23 March 2025

Location: Hokowhitu Riverside Walkway, Palmerston North

Time: 12:00 PM Saturday - 12:00 PM Sunday



Important:
-Students must be supervised by whānau at all times.
-You can sign up for multiple time slots or a portion of one! You don't have to do the entire time slot. A few laps is all we are asking for.
-Your support, whether walking/running laps or cheering, is greatly appreciated!

Sign up here!

Support Ashhurst School's Relay for Life Team!

Every donation helps the Cancer Society provide vital services, including free transport for patients, counselling, SunSmart programs, and cancer research funding.

www.relayforlife.org.nz/t/ashhurst-school

Together, we can make a difference!



ASHHURST KINDERGARTEN VISIT

On Tuesday 4th March, some year 3 students from the Ruahine Team walked down to Ashhurst Kindergarten. This is part of a collaboration we have with Ashhurst Kindergarten, where we visit them twice a year and they visit our kura twice a year. While we were there, we supported pre-school children to create sea week inspired artworks - here are some of the creations we helped to make!







INTERSCHOOL TRIATHLON

We took a team of around 40 Year 5-8 students down to Skoglund Park to compete in this annual event. The conditions were tough and students had to battle a brutal wind on the run and cycle legs. It was great to see every Ashhurst School athlete giving it their all! We had a few top 10 finishers. Well done to every participant! Special mentions to Starlia 7th Y5G, Toby 9th Y5B, Piper Stevens 6th Y6G, Ollie Y6B, Adalyn 7th Y7G, Fletcher 7th Y7B.









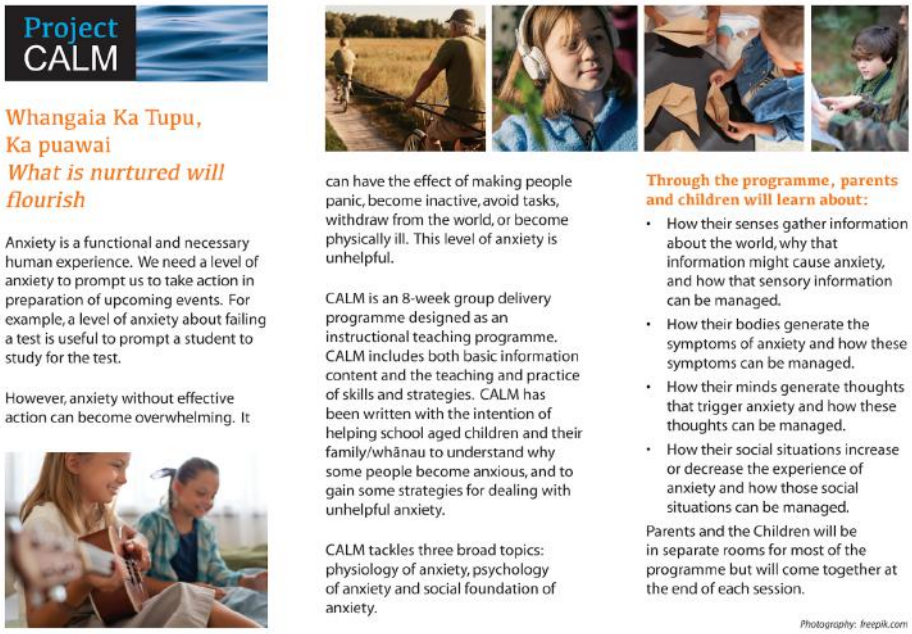






PROJECT CALM

Over the past few years, Supporting Families have provided the CALM programme for school aged children 7-11 who parents or the school have identified them with anxiety issues. Supporting Families Manawatu is planning on running a programme for next term (term 2) and would like to extend the invitation to any parents and their child that you may believe will benefit from this programme. It will run over 8 weeks for an 1 ½ hours pre week. We will be holding the programme at our office 163 Broadway Av PN. Happy for you to pass on my contact details to families for registration. Please see the pamphlet below with more information about the programme.





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.







Ashhurst School Term Dates

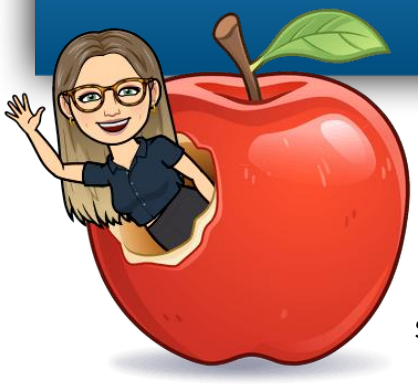
	Start / Finish	Key Dates
Term 1	Thursday 30 Jan - Friday 11 Apr	* Waitangi Day - Thursday 6th Feb * Easter and ANZAC Day are in the School Holidays
Term 2	Monday 28 Apr - Friday 27 Jun	* King's Birthday - Monday 2 Jun * Matariki - Monday 27 Jun
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct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



SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have had students coming to the office needing extra lunch. Please ensure that you are packing enough for your child to eat each day. Ngā mihi!



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 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

TEACHER ONLY DAYS - Friday 30th May and Friday 25th July

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