ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 1 | Week 8

Kia ora e te whānau,

We have settled into the school year well and truly, and the term is racing by. We're looking forward to a valuable evening with our parent-teacher interviews tonight. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with teachers, discuss student progress, and strengthen the home-school partnership that supports our students' success. If you haven't yet booked a time, please see further information later in the newsletter.

We're excited about the many sporting opportunities coming up. With trials and competitions on the horizon, we encourage all students to get involved, whether through school teams or inter-school events.

We look forward to seeing many of you this evening and appreciate your ongoing support.



CYBER SAFETY

Cyber safety is an ongoing concern with our children using Technology. By teaching our students, we are empowering them to use their devices and technology in a safe and secure manner. School Community Officer Senior Constable Sarah Cree will be undertaking lessons in week 1 of Term 2 that will cover keeping themselves safe on the internet/ devices, safety rules, Cyber bullying, and Social media.

WHĀRITE TARARUA RUAHINE







GRIP CONFERENCE

Our Heads and Prefects attended the GRIP Leadership Conference on Wednesday. This one-day event is designed specifically for student leaders, providing practical, hands-on training in a school leadership context. Led by engaging presenters who specialise in student leadership, the conference encouraged collaboration with peers from other schools, interactive group activities, and discussions on fresh leadership ideas. We are excited to see our student leaders put their new learnings into action and make a positive impact at Ashhurst School!

ABSENCE OVERVIEW

Every day counts! Every day your child attends school is an opportunity for growth and learning. Let's encourage our tamariki to attend regularly, be present in class, and actively participate in their learning journey. We will retrospectively update the previous week's attendance rates. In Week 7, we had a 94% attendance rate.



RELAY FOR LIFE - THIS WEEKEND

Relay for Life 2025 is happening this weekend, and Ashhurst School is proud to be part of this amazing event, raising funds and awareness for those affected by cancer. If you'd like to join us and walk a few laps, check out the HERO app for more details. Every step counts! If you'd like to support our team, donations can be made at: https://relayforlife.org.nz/t/ashhurst-school.

Thank you for your support.

SPORT UPDATE

Just a reminder that Y3-8 basketball registrations for Term 2 close tomorrow. Y7-8 Netball registrations also close next Wednesday 26th March.Please register your child on Kindo.

PLANT TO PLATE



Ashhurst school are very excited to welcome Plant to Plate Manawatū back to our kura in 2025. This program works with year 5 and 6 tamariki teaching cooking and food gardening skills (emphasizing the connection between what we can grow and what we eat).

The students have four sessions with us across the year. Room 16 had a fabulous time taking part in this programme on Wednesday and learnt some important gardening and cooking skills.



We're very pleased to give this age group a chance to learn some kitchen skills ahead of their tech sessions in years 7 and 8. All the recipes are kid friendly and found on the Plant to Plate website if you want to encourage your children to have a go at home.



And we're also very happy to have more kids out in our school māra kai (food garden) supporting the Ashhurst School Garden Club which runs on Monday lunchtimes for juniors and Thursday lunch times for seniors.



If your child/children are participating in a Plant to Plate sessions in can we ask that you please send them with covered shoes (no jandals/sandals/ scuffs) with long hair tied back and a raincoat. Your teacher will also be in touch to check on any food allergies so please make sure you let us know if your child needs accommodations here.



SMASH CRICKET Season Wrap-Up

Smash Cricket has now come to an end, and what a fantastic season it has been! A huge thank you to all the students who got involved, had fun, and developed their cricket skills over the summer. We also appreciate the support from parents and whānau who provided support and encouragement throughout the season. A special shout-out to Manawatu Cricket for running this awesome program and giving our tamariki the opportunity to participate.

We look forward to seeing more students getting involved next season!



WHAT NOW? VISITS ASHHURST SCHOOL

On Tuesday this week, Rooms 21 and 22 got to play Quiz Mat with the crew from What Now? This all started with an email Jasper sent to the tv show asking them to come and visit. This sparked a North Island Road Trip and we are one of 10 schools to be visited. SO.COOL. Japser, Zoe, Tenley, and Flynn battled it out on the quiz mat, but you'll have to wait and see how that plays out! The kids learnt that there is. Lot of waiting involved in television and lots of little snippets taken to produce the final piece. Great experience for everyone. Really neat to meet the hosts Chris and Aashma, real life NZ celebs. We will let the community know when the clip will be aired on telly.







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

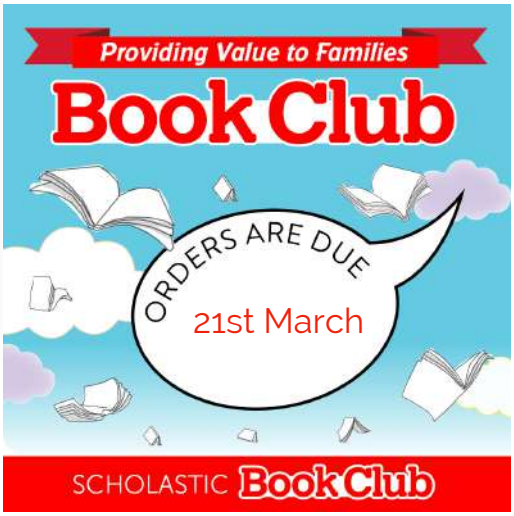


SCHOOL LUNCHES

Monday / Wednesday / Friday - Ashhurst Dairy
Thursday - Subway

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







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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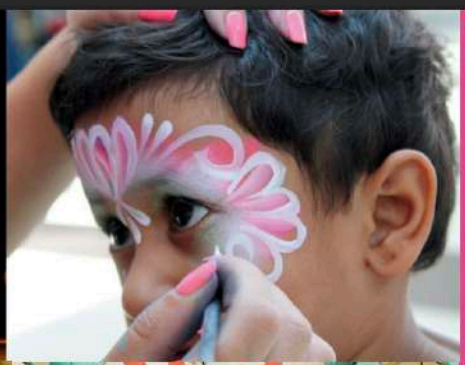

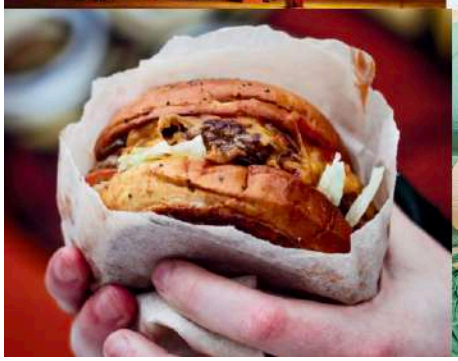



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KELLY CLUB

THEME: Kids Choice

Term 1 Week 8, 24th March 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 Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cheerios & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Cupcakes & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Four Square	Game: Space Invaders	Game: Rounders	Game: Seaweed
3:45 – 4:30 pm	GAME Ball Tag	CRAFT Animal Making	DISCOVERY Slime	SPORT Balloon Volleyball	COOKING Rice Bubbles
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	4 Square Challenge	Dance Games	Obstacle Challenge	Craft Fun	Multi Sport
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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