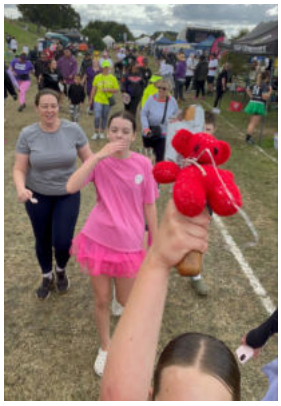
ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 1 | Week 9

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is amazing to think about all of the things that happen in a school in any given week - Ashhurst School sure knows how to get involved both in school and out in the community. It was a real highlight for many of us as we supported the Relay for Life Team. It's a great way to show awhi and aroha for those who we love and remember. Thank you again for all the support you continually give our thriving kura.





RELAY FOR LIFE

What an amazing weekend - thank you all for being a part of Ashhurst School's very first community team for Relay for Life! It was an incredible and meaningful event, and we are so proud of what we achieved together. A huge congratulations to Sam Howard for an outstanding effort, running 80 km in just 12 hours—what an amazing feat! Also, a big thank you to Amy Law for being a team captain and supporting our school team. Our team placed 26th out of 115 teams and raised an impressive $1,818 for this important cause. With 64 participants walking and running, we collectively completed 2,024 laps—an estimated 710km! What an effort! If you are able to and would like to donate you can do so at the following link: https://relayforlife.org.nz/t/ashhurst-school We can't wait to build on this success and see you all back for Relay for Life 2026.

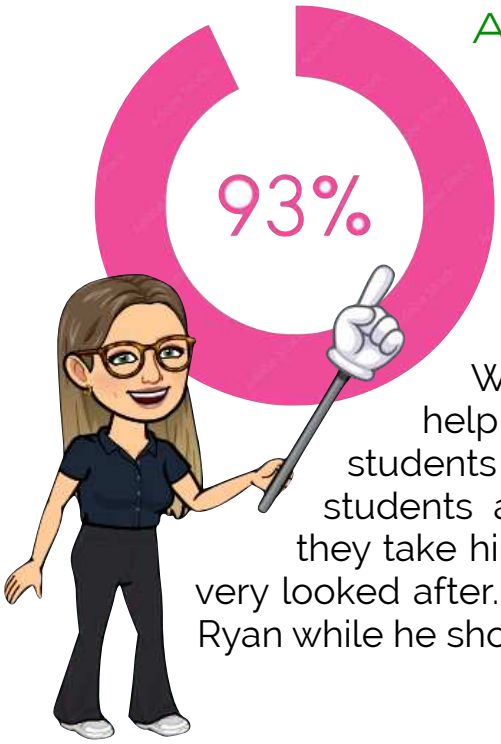




WHĀRITE TARARUA RUAHINE



ABSENCE OVERVIEW



Every day counts! Being at school is the best way our tamariki grow and learn. In Week 8, we had a 93% attendance rate, which is 1% down on last week.

OUR SCHOOL DOG - RUE



We are so lucky to have a dog onsite to help students regulate their emotions, give students a safe place to unwind and reset, give students a purposeful time out of class when they take him for walks. Our Rue is very loved and very looked after. You can see him here happily helping Ryan while he showed Whaea Kaz some of his work.

HATO HONE - St John's in School



On Monday and Tuesday this week, the Ruahine team was lucky enough to have Megan from Hato Hone St. John at school. The students learnt about exploring emergencies, identifying when 111 needs to be called, how to call 111, and ways to help before an ambulance arrives. This is important learning for our students in a fun and engaging way and links in nicely with our current 'Firewise' unit of work.

ABSENCES



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

LOST PROPERTY

Now is a great time to check the lost property box!! We have a number of items in there - some named, some unnamed. Please spare a few moments to have a look to claim any of your child's property.

ELITE SPORT Ki-o-Rahi

On Tuesday 25th March we hosted Elite Sport Ki o Rahi. The team has been training well over the past three weeks. The team had 4 wins and 1 draw leading into the final game vs an unbeaten North Street School. A back and forth match, ending in a 10-9 loss on the hooter. Despite the result, it was a great game to end on. Jada was awarded with the girl player of the tournament.



Many people were involved in the day. A big thank you to Pā James for organising the day. To Chris and Jayden for offering their time to train our students and referee on the day. We were also fortunate to have Mike, Billy, and three ex students: Tiaki, Jershon, and Monson to assist with Refereeing and Scoring.

Whārite & Tararua SWIMMING SPORTS

Senior School Swimming Sports for Whārite and Tararua students is happening this Friday, March 28 (tomorrow!).
The day is split into two events:



📍 Splashhurst
Competitive Meet: 9:10am – 12:00pm
Non-Competitive Meet: 12:00pm – 3:00pm

All students have been entered into their events and are required to participate in a minimum of two. Please check in with your child to find out which meet they are in. Spectators are welcome! You are welcome to join us at any time throughout the day. A designated spectator area will be available. Thank you for your ongoing support – we're looking forward to a fun and active day in the pool!



YUMMY STICKERS

Please remember to keep collecting yummy stickers. These help us buy PE equipment at the end of the year. If you would like a sticker sheet please call into the office for one.

BOYS' NETBALL FESTIVAL DAY

Come Give It a Go!

Manawatu Netball is hosting a Boys' Netball Festival Day – an awesome opportunity for boys to give netball a go in a fun and supportive environment!

The afternoon will include rotating through exciting skill stations and finishing with some friendly game play. No experience is needed – just bring your energy and a positive attitude! Please note: If there aren't enough sign-ups, a decision will be made by 1st April, and families will be contacted. Come along, have fun, and give something new a try – we'd love to see you there! Boys in Year 4 - 8 are welcome to attend, but to help with planning, please sign up by Monday 31st March:

Festival Day Sign-Up Form

🗓️ Saturday 5th April

📍 Vautier Park

🕛 12.00pm – 2.00pm

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates last week:

Room 1 - Jaxon
Room 2 - Ali, Milly
Room 3 - Kyle, Tiana
Room 4 - Alyssa, Kwayde
Room 8 - Havana, Oscar
Room 9 - Lucy
Room 10 - Rome, Kenzie
Room 11 - Felix, Jack
Room 12 - Nova, Thijs
Room 13 - Braxton
Room 14 -
Room 15 - Zara, Alex
Room 16 - Emma
Room 17 - Elise, Isabella
Room 18 - Reed, Starlia
Room 19 - Ava, Niamh
Room 20 - Aria, Rhyker
Room 21 - Bowie, Miles
Room 22 - Ariki, Azaria

Head Boy - Paige
Head Girl - Honey
Deputy Head Boy - Florence
Deputy Head Girl - Ethan







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 20 Jun
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct - Friday 12 Dec	* Labour Day - Monday 27 Oct

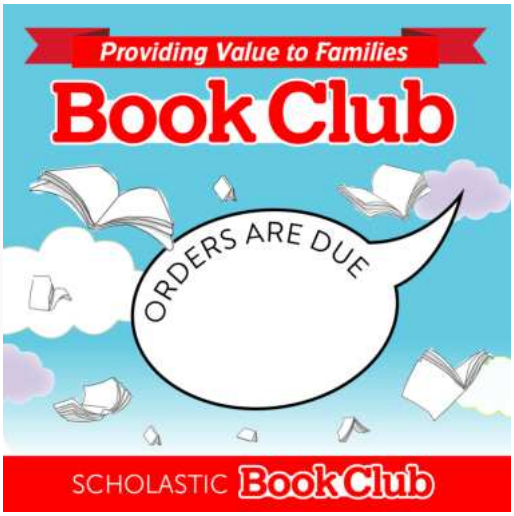


SCHOOL LUNCHES

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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Term 2 Registrations Open Now!
BOUNCE
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Yrs7-10 all star 1pm –2:30pm
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HOLIDAY CAMP TEE!

Ashhurst - Pohangina Rugby Football Club Junior

All children welcome Year 0 - Year 8

!! Give it a go Tackle Rugby Session !!

Come and try it out, everyone welcomed.
Free Sausage Sizzle.

- Rugby Tackle Session 1: Wednesday 2nd April 4.30pm at Lincoln Park, Ashhurst.
- Rugby Tackle Session 2: Wednesday 9th April 4.30pm at Lincoln Park, Ashhurst.

Registrations are open:

Register online via Rugby Xplorer - get the new Rugby Xplorer app or visit https://xplorer.rugby/

- Note: when registering online, parents you will need to create an account for yourself first then your child.
- Fees: $45 for one player or $75 for two or $90 for three. Pay via Rugby Xplorer or our account details are on our Facebook page. Thank you.

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