ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 2 | Week 2

Kia ora e te whānau,



This week, we were pleased to welcome the Educational Review Office (ERO) to our school from Monday through Wednesday. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase the heart of our school — our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive community. We are incredibly proud of the positive and inclusive environment we've built together, and it was a real privilege to share the amazing things happening daily in our classrooms and beyond.



Feedback from the review team highlighted the exceptional leadership guiding our school and noted the significant progress we are making in implementing and enhancing our curriculum. They commended the quality of curriculum being delivered, which is underpinned by the outstanding capabilities of our teaching staff. This in turn is contributing to strong learner outcomes. ERO also highlighted the comprehensive support systems we have in place to ensure the wellbeing and success of all learners. Our behaviour management strategies were recognised as robust and effective, and our school is seen as well-resourced to meet the diverse needs of our learning community. Notably, ERO acknowledged our Mastery of Learning approach as a leading example in New



Zealand for the implementation of curriculum areas.

The Board of Trustees is incredibly proud of the work our management team has put into this review process but also the collective effort across our school community that has contributed to this recognition. Ashhurst school staff have clearly demonstrated their capabilities, and consistently embody our school values through their approaches.

We remain committed to continued growth and excellence in all areas of teaching and learning. We are thankful and grateful to have such dedicated and passionate staff working alongside our tamariki every day to help them achieve their very best.



ATTENDANCE

It is great to see that our attendance rate has increased slightly since Week 11 of Term 1. There are so many great reasons to be at school - friends, sporting events, exciting learning programmes, school and team assemblies, non-uniform days, special celebration days, clubs, and lots of fun things to do in the playground with all the equipment available to students. Remember that school is the best place to help grow and support our tamariki as citizens that can contribute to, and feel a part of our community.

SIGNING STUDENTS OUT

Parents, please ensure that if you are picking your child up during the school day that you are coming over to the Office to sign them out. This is a safety precaution in case of emergency so that we know who is onsite at all times. Ngā mihi!

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

We're looking forward to our school Cross Country at the Ashhurst Domain on Thursday 15 May (with postponement dates set for 23 or 27 May if needed). Course maps have been sent out on HERO.

Please make sure your child is dressed in comfy running clothes and shoes, has a warm layer, lunch, a drink bottle, and any medication they might need (e.g. inhalers).

Event times (please note these are approximate only)

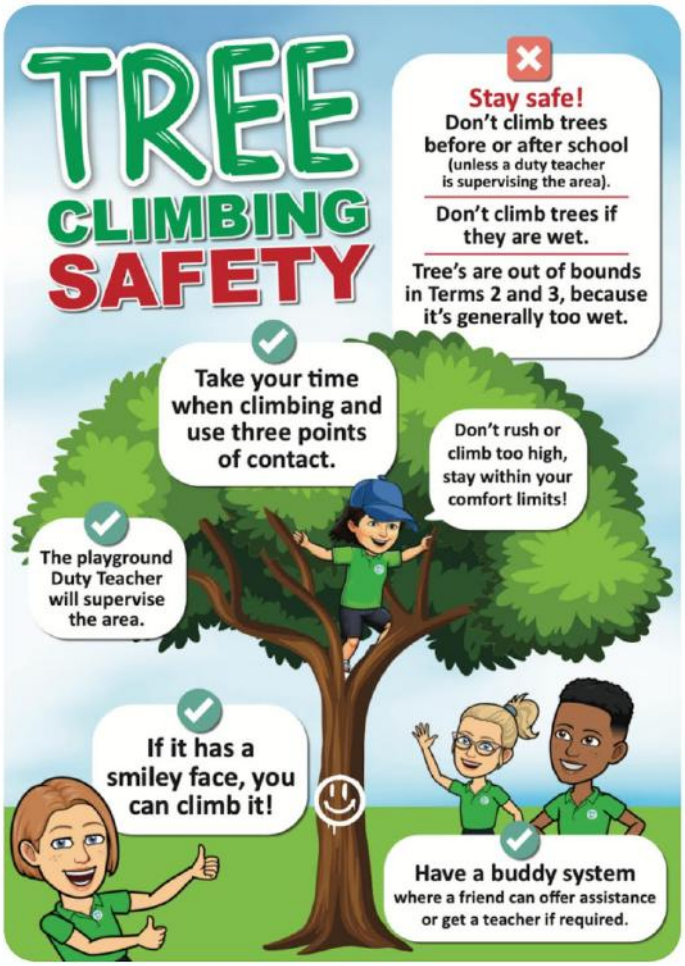
Year 8 girls:	09.40 am - 15 min intervals
Year 8 boys:	09.55 am -
Year 7 girls:	10.10 am -

Year 7 boys:	10.25 am -	
Year 6 girls	10.40 am -	
Year 6 boys	10.55 am -	
Year 5 girls	11.10 am -	
Year 5 boys	11.25 am -	
Year 4 girls	11.40 am -	10 min intervals
Year 4 boys	11.50 am -	
Year 3 girls	12.00 am -	
Year 3 boys	12.10 am -	
Year 2 girls	12.20 am -	
Year 2 boys	12.30 pm -	
Year 1/NE girls	12.40 pm -	
Year 1/NEboys	12.50 pm -	



TREE CLIMBING

Just a reminder as we head into the cooler, wetter terms to be extra vigilant and careful when climbing our school trees. The tress that students can climb are all clearly marked with smiley faces and are located near the sandpit / Big Kid's playground. Please read the poster below so that you can chat about this with your children.



POLICY REVIEW

These are the next round of policies that are up for review. Remember at any time you can access School Docs, search for Ashhurst School.

TERM 2
Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises (board)
Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis (board)
School Closure (board)
Emergency Management
Disaster Management
Crisis Management

KELLY CLUB

THEME: Family Fiesta

Term 2 Week 3, 12th May 2025

Weekly Activities
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 Mac & Cheese & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sausage Rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Brownie & Fruit
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Game: Blindfolded Explorers	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: 4 Corner Dodgeball	Game: Turkey Tag
3:45 – 4:30 pm	SPORT House Hurry	COOKING Pizza	CRAFT Family Tree Mobile	GAME Addams Family	DISCOVERY 3D Hands
4:30 – 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 – 4:50 pm	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips
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: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects

E: ashhurst@kellyclub.co.nz kellyclub.co.nz/ashurst P: 021 215 7863



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A Mobile Dental Unit will be visiting Ashhurst School from Monday, 13 May 2025 to examine and provide preventative treatment (cleaning, fissure sealants, x-rays and fluoride treatment) where required for patients due for their annual check.

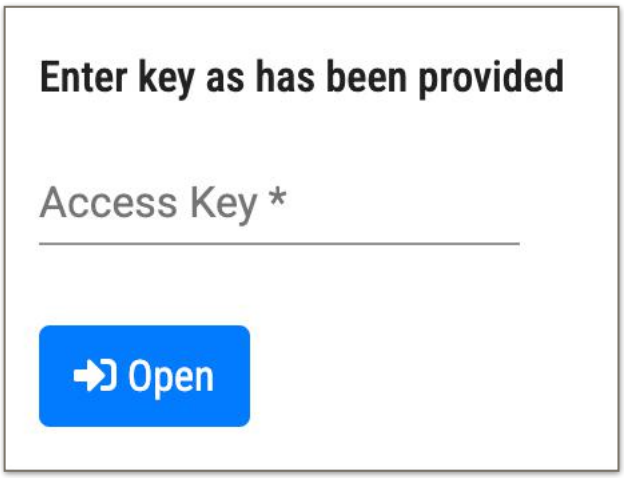
Students requiring further treatment, (fillings and extractions) will be sent an information pamphlet, medical history update form and consent form. These will need to be signed and returned to either the Mobile or the school office before any treatment is undertaken.

If parents have any concerns or wish to be present at their child's dental appointment please contact us on either of the numbers below.

Regards from the Dental Team
Telephone 027 229 3630/027 420 0871

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were yesterday, so your child/children will be bringing home a code so that you can access the photos online through this link - LCScott Photography The website will ask for an access key, which is on the card your child will bring home.



OUT OF ZONE APPLICATIONS

The board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Ashhurst School in Term 3 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 Friday 16 May 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 Monday 19 May 2025. Parents will be informed of the outcome of their applications by 3.00pm Tuesday 20 May 2025.

DISCO

We are excited to announce that we will have a special Puanga Matariki Disco on Wednesday 18th June. It will be held in the school hall - Years 1-4 6-7pm and Years 5-8 from 7-8pm. It will be a gold coin entry and there will be lots of goodies to purchase once inside. Come in your best space galaxy outfit!



Ashhurst School Term Dates

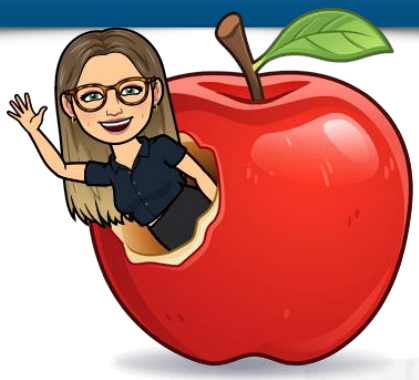
	Start / Finish	Key Dates
Term 1	Thursday 30 Jan - Friday 11 Apr	* Waitangi Day - Tuesday 5th Feb * Easter and ANZAC Day are in the School Holidays
Term 2	Monday 28 Apr - Friday 27 Jun	* King's Birthday - Monday 2 Jun * Matariki - Monday 20 Jun
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct - Friday 12 Dec	* Labour Day - Monday 27 Oct

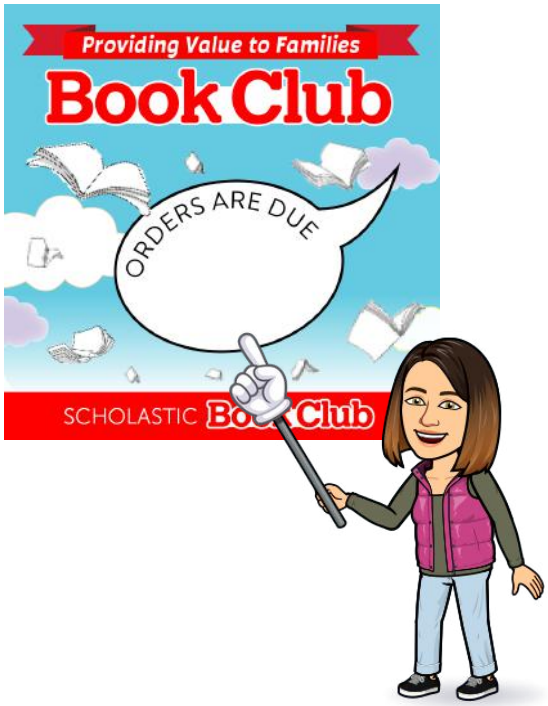


SCHOOL LUNCHES

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 2

Monday 28th April - Friday 27th June
Teacher Only Days | Friday 30th May and Friday 25th July

Friday 20th June - Matariki (Public Holiday / School Closed)
Thursday 15 May - Ashhurst School Cross Country
Monday 2nd June - King's Birthday (Public Holiday / School Closed)
Wednesday 11th June - Interschool Cross Country (Year 5- 8)





The magical Matariki Glow Show will tour New Zealand from May 2025, through the school terms and holidays! The Glow Show is an extraordinary experience that educates as it entertains, delivering an utterly original event for all the family.

This year, the Glow Show tells the story of te kāhui whetū o Matariki (the star cluster/whānau of Matariki) as they gather to light up the skies for te tau hou Māori (Māori New Year). But where is the smallest star, Waipuna-a-rangi? Could the little one be lost in the moana?

The Glow Show brings the beautiful Matariki myths to life with its unique puppets, intriguing tamariki wherever it goes.

Delightfully told in te reo Māori and English, the Matariki Glow Show shares themes of whakawhanaungatanga, friendship and togetherness. It offers a truly memorable experience with positive and uplifting messages for tamariki. Don't miss out - book now!

The Matariki Glow Show will be at the Regent on Broadway, Palmerston North!

June 5th, 10am

Children (18 months - 17 years) - $10 each
All adults - $10 each
Babies (under 18mo) on parent's or caregiver's lap are free of charge with a paying adult.

Don't miss out! Book at www.glowshow.co.nz/matariki
Email us for more info at hello@glowshow.co.nz

Children must be accompanied by adult. Ticketing fees may apply. All ticket prices include GST.

The Matariki Glow Show is proudly presented by The Glow Show Company
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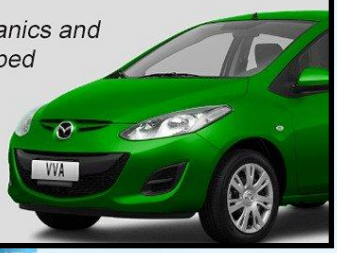

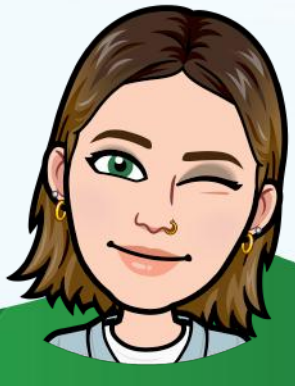

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