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NEWSLETTER | Term 2 | Week 4

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a vibrant and exciting time it is here at kura! There's a real buzz around the school as we dive into Term 2, with many wonderful things happening. We have the Life Education bus on site, bringing valuable learning experiences for our tamariki, and the dental unit is in full swing, making it easy for our students to access important oral health care. Our school leaders had an amazing opportunity to visit Parliament, gaining insight into how our country is governed, and we've been proud to welcome several new families into our kura whānau—nau mai, haere mai!

Looking ahead, there's plenty more on the horizon! This is a reminder that Friday, May 30th, is a Teacher Only Day, so school will be closed for students. Monday, June 2nd, is King's Birthday, which is a public holiday. Also, our Whārite team is gearing up for an exciting trip to the Tawhiti Museum, where history will come to life in engaging and hands-on ways.

Thank you for your continued support—it's shaping up to be a fantastic term!



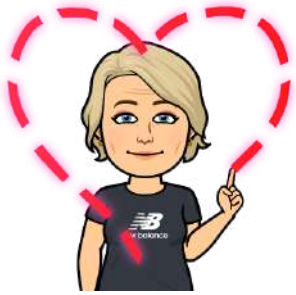
ATTENDANCE - EVERYDAY COUNTS

Week 4 statistics remain the same as last week at 90% attendance. We are aware that this is a tough time of year with the change of season as this brings with it a whole host of illnesses. Remember to use the Hero parent app to report any absences, so that we can ensure our records reflect correctly why your child is away from school. It is a quick and easy process for both whānau and our





Office Admin staff. Together, let's continue to make every day count!







STUDENT LEADERS HEAD TO PARLIAMENT



On Tuesday, our amazing student leaders headed down to Wellington to take part in the How Parliament Works education programme, and what an experience it was!

They got to learn all about how our government runs, including what MPs do, how laws are made, and why select committees are important. A definite highlight was meeting the Minister of Education, Erica Stanford, and getting a personal tour of her office! They also had the chance to meet Suze Redmayne, MP for Rangitīkei.

The adventure started with a train ride into the capital from Paraparaumu—which added a bit of fun and excitement to the day.

Our student leaders did us proud, asking great questions and showing real interest in how Aotearoa is governed.



CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING

Hope all of the chocolate sales are going well! Once you have completed selling your box, please return the funds to the school office - once we have all sales in we can allocate the profits against your child/ren's school camps. We have a limited number of extra boxes available - once they're gone they're gone! So be quick if you would like another box to sell.

OUR WELLBEING DOG - RUE



We all know Rue, our beautiful wellbeing dog. He is the highlight of the day for many of our tamariki. He is able to help students regulate their emotions, help them to feel connected, cheer students up, and teach us all the skills needed to ensure our school dog is well taken care of.
Sadie is one of our tamariki who has a very special bond with Rue. She will often take him out for walks and when inspired, finds ways to have fun with him. We know Rue will continue to support our tamariki for many more years.

PEAK AWARDS





At Ashhurst School, we are proud to celebrate the personal growth, leadership, and effort of our Year 7 /8 students through our Peak Awards. These awards are designed to recognise students who consistently show our school values in action; whether it's being a kind friend, showing determination in learning, helping others, or taking initiative. There are different levels of Peak Awards that students can earn over the two intermediate years: Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum. Students work towards them over time by ticking off various tasks, achievements, or activities across the four areas measured: Academic, Citizenship, Sport, and Arts. It's one of the many ways we support our tamariki to strive for their personal best - Eke Taumata - Reach for the Highest Peak.

SCHOOL APP / HERO

Now that we are all up and running with Hero and feeling more confident using the platform, we want to phase out our School App. If you are reporting absences, please use Hero to do this if you are not ringing the school. Thank you for your understanding while we transition to a new system. Ngā mihi nui!

STUDENT PROFILE SHEETS

If you have not yet returned your child's Student Profile Sheet, please do so as soon as possible. This information is important to ensure our records are accurate and up to date.
If you need a new copy of the form, please contact the school office.

LIFE EDUCATION

What a stunning place Ashhurst School is to be at!! The excitement levels are off the charts, the kindness just blows us away, and there have been so many wonderful discussions with Tararua about our stunning body systems, how we can look after our basic needs, take charge & show our bodies the love they deserve, and with Wharite as we see how integrity, honesty, kindness & thoughtfulness combine to show who we REALLY ARE as we make positive decisions both online and offline.
We still have our Harold merchandise available (flag pens, lanyards, Jibbitz, soft toy Harold keyrings, drink bottles, notebooks and large Harold soft toys) - these can be purchased from me at anytime (cash only please) - our last day is on Monday - take care everyone and have a brilliant rest of the day!

Love from Tim and Harold!



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

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

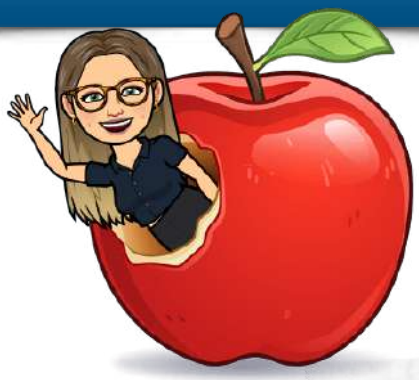
	Start / Finish	Key Dates
Term 1	Thursday 30 Jan - Friday 11 Apr	* Waitangi Day - Tuesday 5th Feb * Easter and ANZAC Day are in the School Holidays
Term 2	Monday 28 Apr - Friday 27 Jun	* King's Birthday - Monday 2 Jun * Matariki - Friday 20 Jun
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct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

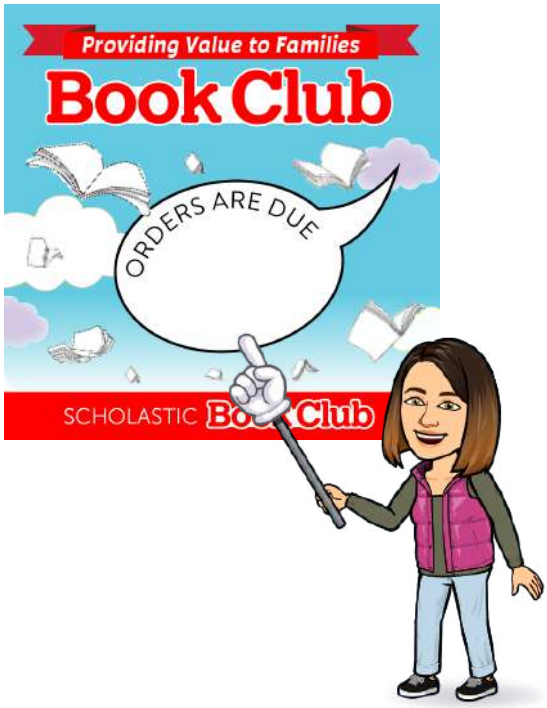


SCHOOL LUNCHES

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)









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Hero

Parent Information Evening

We would like to invite you to attend an information evening about Hero and how we use this app at Ashhurst School for:

- Reporting to whānau (reflecting changes in the new curriculum)
- Navigating the app -
- Student Report pages
- Progress and Achievement
- Work Samples

This hui will be held in the staffroom during the Matariki Disco on Wednesday 18th June from 6-7pm. We look forward to working alongside you on this journey!

For more information contact Becs - bmcnamara@ashhurst.school.nz

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MATHEMATICS @ ASHHURST SCHOOL

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION TO LEARN ABOUT HOW WE TEACH MATHEMATICS @ ASHHURST SCHOOL

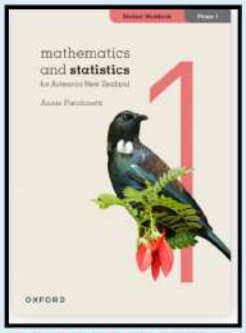
PHASE 1
STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 - 3

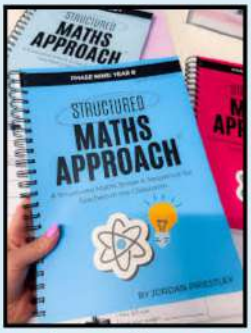
WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025
SESSION 1: 4:00 - 4:45PM
SESSION 2: 5:00 - 5:45PM
STAFFROOM
INFORMATION SESSION WITH MEGAN WILSON

PHASE 2 & 3
STUDENTS IN YEARS 4 - 8

WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025
SESSION 1: 4:00 - 4:45PM
SESSION 2: 5:00 - 5:45PM
ROOM 21
INFORMATION SESSION WITH JAMES LOWRY

We will run the same session, two times







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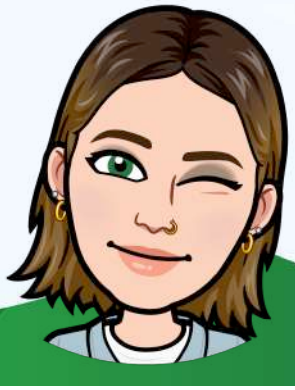

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