ASHHURST SCHOOL
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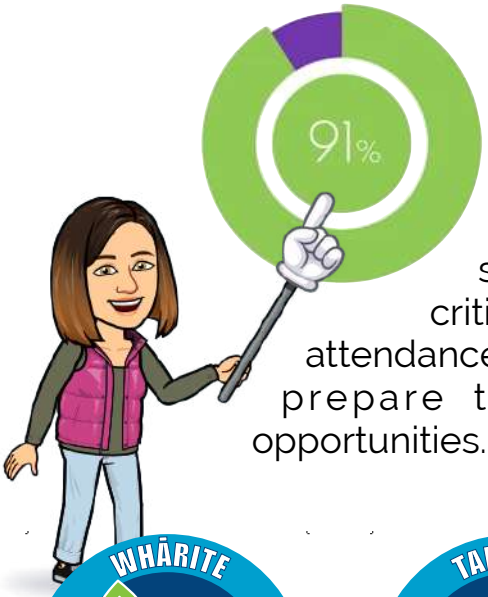
NEWSLETTER | Term 2 | Week 5

Kia ora e te whānau,



It continues to be a busy time across the kura! Whārite students had a fantastic trip to the Tawhiti Museum, where they delved into our rich history through engaging displays and storytelling. Meanwhile, the irresistible aroma of kai filled the air as students in Technology prepared and enjoyed a traditional hāngī — a true celebration of culture and collaboration. Behind the scenes, our dedicated staff have also been busy, refreshing their first aid skills to ensure everyone's safety as we gear up for upcoming camps. Later in this newsletter, you will see information regarding our Maths information evenings being held next week. We warmly invite whānau to come along.



Heaps happening and more to come — ngā mihi for your continued support!

ATTENDANCE REVIEW

Regular attendance at school provides children with a structured environment where children can develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills. School attendance can also contribute to a child's overall well-being and prepare them for future educational and professional opportunities. Together, let's continue to make every day count!

WHĀRITE TARARUA RUAHINE



Relay for Life Banner Competition Winners

After a huge effort from our school community at the Relay for Life 2025, Ashhurst School won the 'Banner Competition'. This means that the banner that is used around the country for this year's promotion of the charity has been created by two girls from our very own school - Anika and Roisin. We were the first in NZ to see the banner. Congratulations!



TAWHITI MUSEUM TRIP

As part of our deep dive into the history of Aotearoa New Zealand, Wharite headed off on an adventure to the amazing Tawhiti Museum in Hāwera—and what an adventure it was!



We were lucky enough to be hosted by Whaea Paula's dad, Nigel Ogle, the creative genius behind this one-of-a-kind museum. Nigel has spent years

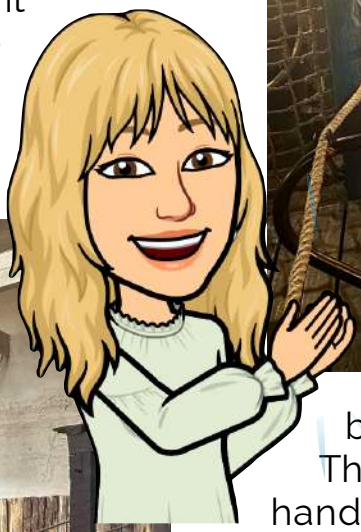


building life-size exhibits and tiny-but-detailed models that bring our past to life in the most incredible way. Everything is made right there on site in what's affectionately called the "Body Shop" (yes, it's as cool as it sounds!).

A clear favourite for the students was the Traders and Whalers boat ride. As we travelled back in time through the coastal days of trade and whaling, students were so busy soaking in all the epic detail that they didn't even notice the wild pigs charging out of the bush— o r the cannon beside the boat until it was too late! Let's just say there were a few squeals and plenty of stories about "who got the biggest fright."







The day was packed full of hands-on learning that tied perfectly into our classroom work around Pā sites, the Land Wars, early traders and whalers, and the powerful story of Parihaka. All in all, it was a day of discovery, surprises, and a whole lot of fun!



LIFE EDUCATION

Hi all you amazing people at Ashhurst School!

What a stunning 6 days (WAY too short!) that was at your amazing kura! The vibrancy and positivity at Ashhurst School is so tangible, making each day something to treasure. The response of the students was as overwhelming as I've come to expect, and please thank Arden for her truly spectacular Big Harold – something I won't forget for quite a while! As for you awesome people, what a privilege it was to share in some time with you and your classes – I have come away with lots of ideas for the future, and I really appreciated the insight you were able to give me into how best

meet your class needs.
Please get as much mileage, encouragement and discussion from the messages in the visit as you can – I hope the links in the lesson overviews are both helpful & relevant, and please share any interesting learning experience/stories when the online feedback form finds you. It goes without saying that I would come back whenever you would have me – thankyou for having me at Ashhurst School – take care and have a super rest of the term!
Warmest wishes,
Tim.

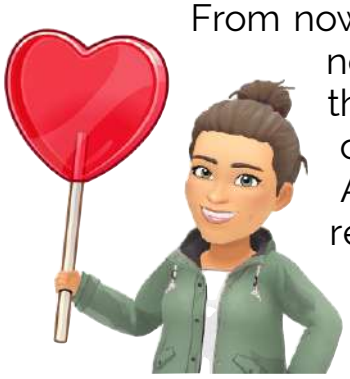








NEW STUDENTS



From now on, we would like to add a special section to welcome any new students who start at Ashhurst School. We acknowledge that this is a huge milestone when you turn 5, and a big change if you are moving to us from another school.
A Warm Welcome to our New Students that have started recently. A big welcome to Region, Kulture, Windsor-Buck, Shkayel-Honey, Meeria, Paw Kae Lae, Ler Pwe Paw, Kree, Sam and Ieremia. We're so excited to have you at Ashhurst School.

Communicating about Injuries and Illness

This is from School Docs and what we adhere to as a school:
Ashhurst School communicates clearly with key people as

part of our effective management of injuries and illness, including contacting emergency services if required. Our communications follow our privacy guidelines.

Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

Ashhurst School notifies parents/caregivers when a student has an illness or injury that requires rest at home or attention from a doctor. Parents are also notified of any head or spinal injuries, notifiable injuries, or any other injury that may cause concern. When in doubt, we contact parents/caregivers so they can decide whether any further action is needed. If parents/caregivers cannot be reached, we try emergency contacts. We decide at the time which staff member will liaise with whānau. If we are not able to reach a parent / caregiver, we will, in an emergency, contact an ambulance and continue to make contact with parents / caregivers.

The office administrator is responsible for maintaining up-to-date contact lists, and parents/caregivers are reminded each year to update their contact information. Contact lists are kept in printed form in the office and are available on the student management system.



Head injuries

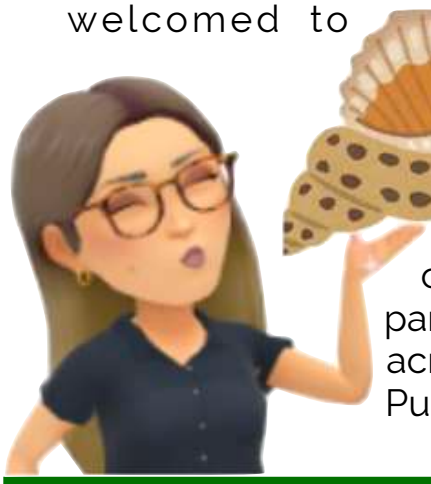
Parents/Caregivers and the principal are notified of all head injuries and parents/caregivers are required to pick up their child so that they can make an assessment onsite and seek the required care.

Reporting

All injuries and illnesses are recorded and reported appropriately and notified to Worksafe as needed.

Toanga Puoro

We are excited to confirm that we have Jerome Kavanagh and Ruiha Turner from Puoro Jerome coming into our kura on the 12th June to enlighten us about taonga puoro as part of our Puanga Matariki celebrations. This event will be made up of a whole school presentation on the Blue Court and then a 2 hour wānanga for 30 of our māori students. Parents / whānau are warmly welcomed to attend this as part of our Puanga Matariki learning. Time will be confirmed closer to the event.



Jerome is a Grammy award winning Taonga Puoro Māori practitioner / composer / artist who is supported by his partner Ruiha. They have delivered this programme across the world. To find out more about Taonga Puoro, please follow the link.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

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

Room 1 - Liyana, Lilly
Room 2 - Livy, Hudson
Room 3 - Brielle, Melissa
Room 4 - Ezra
Room 8 - Mylah, Kenna
Room 9 - Lucy
Room 10 - Dion, Ayla
Room 11 - Jaxon, Hendrix
Room 12 - Hunter, Heta
Room 13 - Bonnie, Aariya
Room 14 - Milla, Paisley
Room 15 - Eli, Parker
Room 16 - Paige, Leo
Room 17 - Jodie, Connor
Room 18 - Olivia, Kaison
Room 19 - Micah, Roisin
Room 20 - Mickayla
Room 21 - Paxton, Jhaziel
Room 22 - Korbyn, Stanley

Head Boy - Moliame



Deputy Head Girl - Ollie

Homestay Families Needed

Whakarongo School
Confidence - Ability - Achievement

for International Students

(short term)

2025

Learn more about a different culture and make some money at the same time!

17 July - 11 August (just under 4 weeks)

or

17 July - 28 August (6 weeks)

What you need to do as a host family.....

- Just need a room for an international student to stay. **The room can be shared with your child or another international student.**
- Receive payment of $45 p/night/student. ($315 p/week; $630 if 2 students)

If you are interested in, please get in touch with me.

Contact: Ayako Munford
Homestay Coordinator
06 3569640 - homestay@whakarongo.school.nz

Ashhurst School Term Dates

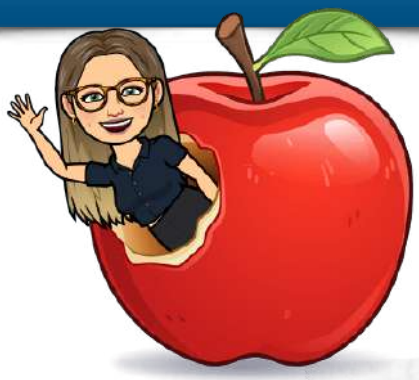
	Start / Finish	Key Dates
Term 1	Thursday 30 Jan - Friday 11 Apr	* Waitangi Day - Tuesday 5th Feb * Easter and ANZAC Day are in the School Holidays
Term 2	Monday 28 Apr - Friday 27 Jun	* King's Birthday - Monday 2 Jun * Matariki - Friday 20 Jun
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct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

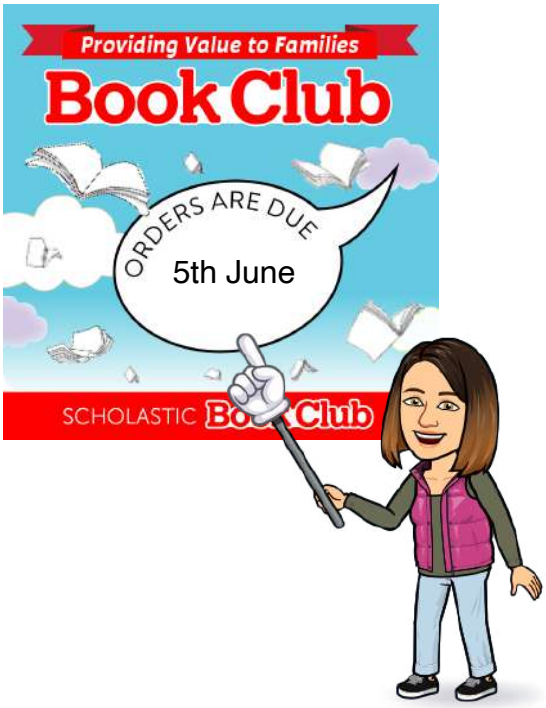


SCHOOL LUNCHES

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)









AIMS GAMES

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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

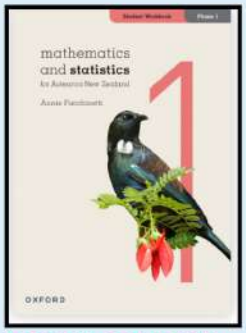
PHASE 1
STUDENTS IN YEARS 1 - 3

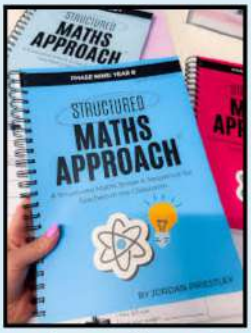
WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 2025
SESSION 1: 4:00 - 4:45PM
SESSION 2: 5:00 - 5:45PM
STAFFROOM
INFORMATION SESSION WITH MEGAN WILSON

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







MORE INFORMATION:

mwilson@ashhurst.school.nz
jlowry@ashhurst.school.nz



🦷 Mobile Dental Clinic is Now at Ashhurst School 🦷

Kiora!
We're pleased to inform our school community that the Children's Adolescent Oral Health Service Mobile Dental Clinic is currently on site at Ashhurst School. This service provides free dental check-ups and treatments.



🦷 Who Will Be Seen First?

We will begin seeing students in the following order:

- Year 8
- Year 6
- 5-Year-Olds

Followed by:

- Year 7
- Year 5
- Year 4
- Year 3
- Year 2

All students who are due for a dental check-up will be examined at the mobile clinic, unless a parent or caregiver notifies us to opt out.

📄 Important Forms

Forms will be sent home with students—these may include:

- Updated medical information
- Enduring consent
- Registration forms
- Treatment consent

Please ensure these forms are **completed and returned** either to the school office or directly to the mobile dental clinic as soon as possible. These forms help us provide the best care for your child.

🚫 Opting Out

If you do **not** wish for your child to be examined by the dental team, please contact the clinic directly or visit us in person to fill out a **written opt-out form**.

Thank you for supporting your child's oral health. We're looking forward to working with all our students

🦷 Dental Team at Ashhurst School.

Call/Txt: 027 229 3630 or 027 420 0871


GRASSROOTS RUGBY, AT IT'S BEST!
ASHHURST POHANGINA RFC
CLUB DAY
SATURDAY 7TH JUNE • LINCOLN PARK
FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE
GROCERY RAFFLE | KIDS KICKING COMP 2PM | BOUNCY CASTLE
JUNIORS FROM 9AM | SENIORS 2.45PM
RFC
ASHHURST POHANGINA
The Village
HANSEN
LOWCOSTBINS
ALSCO UNIFORMS
ASHHURST MOWER CENTRE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2025
Online Enrolment
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St Peter's College
OPEN NIGHT
Thursday 24th July, 5.30PM
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stpeterspn.school.nz
@stpeterspn
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PUANGA MATARIKI
SPACE GALAXY DISCO
COSTUME PRIZES
SNACKS
DRINKS
SCHOOL HALL - WEDS 18TH JUNE 2025
6-7PM JUNIORS + 7-8PM SENIORS
GOLD COIN ENTRY

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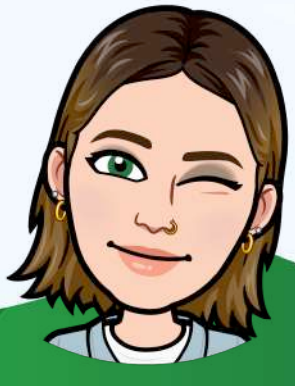

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