ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 2 | Week 8

Kia ora e te whānau,

What an incredible week we've had here at Ashhurst School as we celebrated Puanga Matariki in style! The week has been filled with rich learning, reflection, and togetherness. A massive highlight was the Cosmodome experience—our tamariki were captivated as they journeyed through the stars, deepening their understanding of the significance of this special time of year. The sharing table in the office foyer has been a beautiful symbol of community, generosity, and connection—thank you to everyone who contributed. Across the school, the classrooms have been buzzing with wonderful learning opportunities—it's been heartwarming to see how our students are engaging, creating, and honouring the meaning of Puanga Matariki in their own special ways and extra special to see the wonderful attendance at our Matariki Disco on Wednesday night!



We also want to send out a huge congratulations to our Elite Sport netball team who competed on Tuesday. They were highly competitive, represented our kura with pride, and placed extremely well—ka rawe, team!





We wish our whānau a wonderful Matariki and wish everyone a super special long weekend.

WHĀRITE

TARARUA

RUAHINE



PUANGA MATARIKI

We have had a wonderful week celebrating Puanga a Matariki. It has been a really special week of connecting with our buddy classes, participating in learning about what this time of year is all about, doing some arts and crafts, sharing kai (the best fry bread ever!!), partying at the school disco, and learning all about the constellation in the Cosmodome. We really are so lucky! A special mention to our wonderful Pā Damian and his beautiful wife Anahera for all the mahi that went in to making this week the amazing celebration that it was.











TAONGA PUORO

We were incredibly lucky to have ORO Atua at Ashhurst School last week. Our tamariki were mesmerised by the beautiful music that Jerome and Ruiha played using traditional māori instruments. Jerome is a brilliant storyteller and weaved pūrakau throughout the presentation. We were also able to send a small number of students for a workshop around puoro (instruments) and they even got to make their own clay ukutangi and learnt how to play it. What incredible learning for our school. Ngā mihi Pā Damian for all the mahi you put in to set this up for our kura.

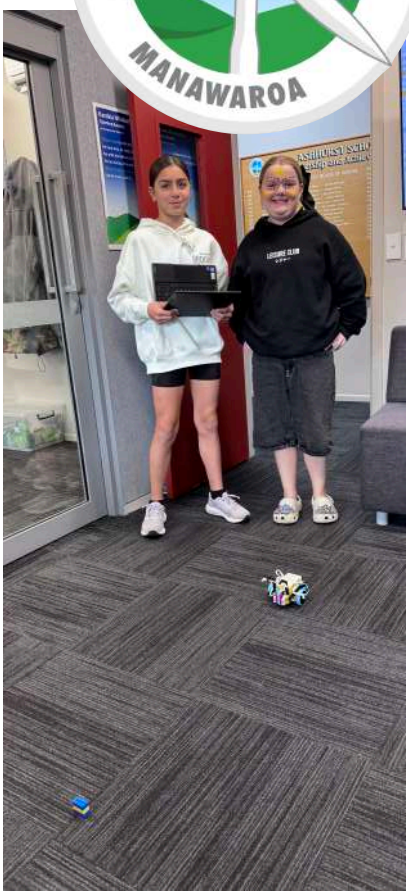






TECH - Robotics

We have our Year 8s from Room 1 currently learning all about robotics in their TECH rotation this term. They have learnt how to build robots, programme them using a programme called 'Scratch'. They have a series of tasks that they need to programme their robots to complete. The code needs to be perfect otherwise the robot will not run. Students have experimented with sensors, sound, light, and lots of other things! It's always nice when students come and share their work - ka pai to mahi!



2025 Interschool Cross Country Results

Ashhurst School had a strong showing at the 2025 Year 5–8 Interschool Cross Country, with impressive efforts across both individual and team events. A special congratulations goes to Toby Law, who placed 1st in the Year 5 Boys' race — an outstanding individual achievement that we are incredibly proud of. We also had a number of other students place in the top 20 of their respective categories, showcasing determination and perseverance throughout the day.

Our team results were equally commendable. The Year 5 Boys team took out 1st place, while the Year 5 Girls secured 3rd. The Year 6 Girls placed 6th and the Year 6 Boys 14th. Among the intermediate students, the Year 7 Girls placed 7th and the Year 7 Boys came 5th. The Year 8 Girls placed 8th and the Year 8 Boys 9th. Overall, Ashhurst School finished 5th in the Primary competition and 6th in the Intermediate division — a fantastic result for our tamariki. Ka rawe, team!

CELEBRATING STUDENT WORK



Room 21 have created some beautiful Puanga Matariki art this week. They have created a scene using multi media - paint, paper, and bubble wrap. It is always so neat seeing our students immersed in creative outlets.

As always, when students come over to share work, Rue likes to see what it is all about too. There is generally a stamp, sticker or a lolly involved too!

Keep up the amazing work Ashhurst School - we love seeing what you are all learning.

MATARIKI SHARING TABLE

It was so neat to see all of the contributions that whānau made to our sharing table. It's a really cool way to share / swap food / goods with others in our school community. We had lots of home baked goods, homegrown mandarins and limes, parsley, lemongrass, home baked cookies, books, batteries, pickles, chutneys, and so much more. It was lovely to see all of the festive lights and decorations. Thank you to Mrs Morris for the idea and Whaea Paula for laser cutting all the gorgeous stars.





COSMODOME

As part of our Puanga a Matariki celebrations, we had the Cosmodome from Te Manawa onsite at school to teach our tamariki all about the star cluster and other constellations that we will see at this time of year. This is also connected to stories from different cultures too. Ask your child/children if they can show you some of the constellations visible at the moment - Southern Cross, Scorpio, Betelgeuse, and Alpha and Beta Centauri to name a few.







RAFFLE

Please remember to bring in any money for tickets sold by the end of the term - Friday 27th June. All your mahi selling tickets is greatly appreciated.









Ashhurst School Term Dates

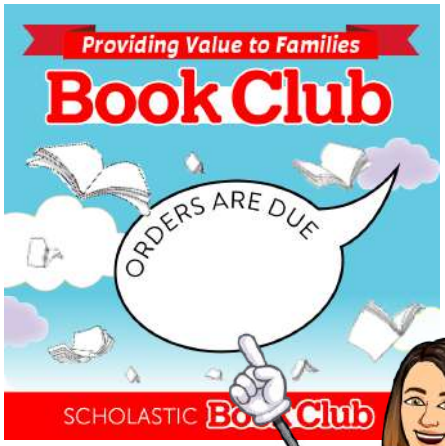
	Start / Finish	Key Dates
Term 1	Thursday 30 Jan - Friday 11 Apr	* Waitangi Day - Tuesday 5th Feb * Easter and ANZAC Day are in the School Holidays
Term 2	Monday 28 Apr - Friday 27 Jun	* King's Birthday - Monday 2 June * Matariki - Friday 20 June
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct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



SCHOOL LUNCHES

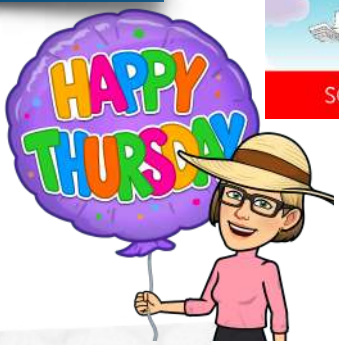
Monday / Wednesday / Friday - Ashhurst Dairy
Thursday - Subway

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 Day | 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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Hockey Manawatu are running a Holiday Camp between Monday the 7th to Friday the 11th (depending on the year level). The links to each age group are here:



Year 3/4 Camp:
Monday 7th of July, 9am-3pm at the Twin Turfs.
Cost:$80 for camp, Camp T-Shirt is included.
Registration link

Year 5/6 Camp:
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th of July, 9am-3pm at the Twin Turfs.
Cost:$140 for both days for the camp, Camp T-Shirt is included.
Registration link

Year 7/8 Camp:
Thursday 10th & Friday 11th of July, 9am-3pm at the Twin Turfs.
Cost: $140 for both days for the camp, Camp T-Shirt is included.
Registration link



Marist Football Club Footie Fix Holiday Programme

Please note Monday and Tuesday players are to meet in Freyberg Gym and Wednesday players meet in Ross Intermediate Gym.

FOOTIE FIX HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Dates: Monday 7th July to Wednesday 9th July
Times: 9.00am to 3.00pm
Venue: Freyberg School Gym, off Freyberg Street
Ages: Players Born 2012 to 2017
Cost: $100 for three days or $40 for a single day
Registration Form - https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/349737



CAMP CHOCOLATE MONEY

Just a reminder that this money is now OVERDUE. If you can please make sure that this is returned as soon as possible, that would be awesome.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

The order deadline to have photo orders sent with free shipping to the school is 23rd June 2025. Photos can be viewed & ordered using the shootkey codes handed out to students on the day.

🦷 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.

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