ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 3 | Week 1

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to Term 3. The holidays seemed to pass really quickly and it is hard to believe that we are already ½ way through the school year. We have a lot happening in the school this term with a variety of sporting tournaments and the Year 7/8 camp to Tui Ridge only weeks away. A friendly reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day on Friday 25th July for our teachers to learn more about our new mathematics curriculum.

SCHOOL REPORTING

Last term, we provided summary comments about your child's learning in class as part of the reporting process. Every three weeks, we have also sent you engagement reports about your child's behaviour in the playground and attitude in the classroom. We have also been providing work samples on HERO, showing how your child is achieving. We are currently investigating how to share the PAT results online with parents for easy viewing. Overall, curriculum data is still a work in progress. We are awaiting the information from the Ministry of Education on how we should be reporting to parents as we continue to unpack the new curriculum. You will begin to notice that some of the curriculum objectives will be tagged to the work samples on HERO. We are very hopeful that HERO will be a live reporting platform for parents to instantly see children's progress from 2026, and appreciate parents patience as we transition and wait on guidance from the Ministry of Education.



WHĀRITE TARARUA RUAHINE



CAMP PAYMENTS

Thank you to all parents who have made partial or full payments to the school for their child's camp. While these are considered donations, it is essential that parents are able to cover the cost of their children attending school camp. Otherwise we would have to consider different options. If there are any concerns with your current situation, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss options.

More information for the Tui Ridge school camp and also AIMs Games for Year 7/8 students will be coming out very soon. Included in that will be the parent meetings.



LINEWIZE - Wellbeing Surveys

Keeping our students safe and supported, both online and offline, is a top priority. That's why we're excited to be using Linewize wellbeing surveys (specifically Linewize Pulse) to gain valuable insights into our students' emotional, social, and physical wellbeing.

These brief, weekly check-ins allow students to safely and confidentially share how they're feeling. If a student indicates they need support, the system helps connect them with a trusted staff member, ensuring we can provide early intervention and tailored assistance.

While the majority of responses are anonymous, helping us identify general wellbeing trends across the school, the "How are you feeling today?" question is designed to directly link a student's need for help to a specific individual. This ensures that no one who needs support goes unnoticed.

This tool also provides us with actionable data to understand better and address the evolving needs of our students, helping us foster a more positive and supportive school environment for everyone. This initiative, in conjunction with our broader digital safety and wellbeing framework, will significantly enhance our ability to care for your children.

This will not impact any learning time. This is a 60-second survey, completed once a week. Our staff also complete the survey for themselves at the same time. All data collected from staff and students will remain confidential.

If you have any concerns or questions about this, or alternatively, you do not wish for your child to do the weekly check-in, please contact Becs on bmcnamara@ashhurst.school.nz.

For a quick video on the software, please click on the link - click here



SIGNING IN AND OUT

If you are dropping your child off or picking them up during the school day, please remember to sign them in and out at the Office. This is a safety measure we use to account for all students who are present at school. Please do your little bit to make sure we are all safe. Ngā mihi nui.

KAPA HAKA - Year 4-8

With waiata and haka already well-established in our kura, we're excited to gradually introduce more taonga Māori into our programme. This includes learning and exploring traditional practices such as tī rākau (long stick games), tītī tōrea (short stick games), and poi. These skills will be introduced at a gentle, steady pace to ensure our tamariki are learning in a fun, engaging, and positive environment. And yes – the kēmu/ games they love will definitely still be part of the sessions! Any students wishing to join from now are able to do so, so just pop along on a Tuesday.

Session time remains the same: Tuesdays from 9:15am to 10:45am.We're looking forward to this next step in deepening our cultural learning together.

KAPA HAKA - Ruahine

We are excited for all of the Ruahine Team to be participating in fortnightly kapa haka sessions with Angela McGregor. She brings with her a whole host of skills and knowledge to pass on to our younger tamarki. These sessions will be focused around waiata-a-ringa that the students and teachers can then practice in class.

ABSENCES



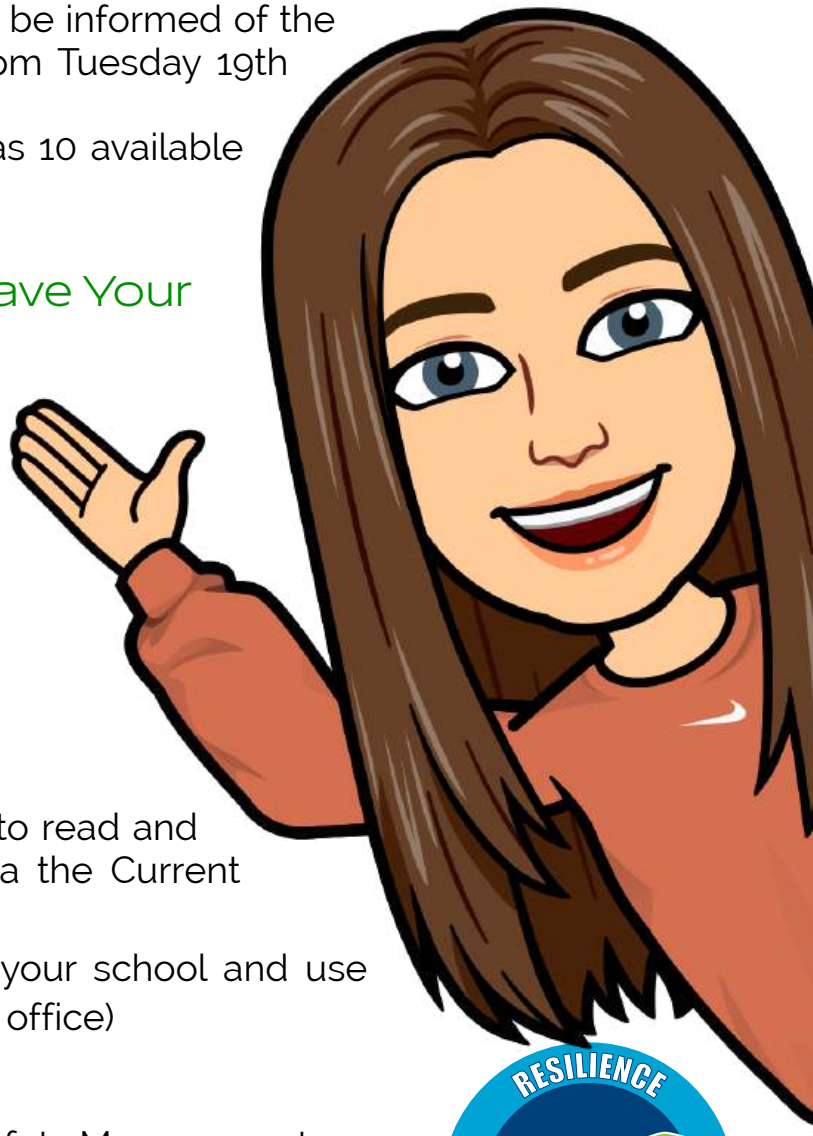
Please remember to phone, email or put an absence through on Hero if your child is absent from school. If we have no contact from a parent or caregiver, and we are not given a reason for an absence, we have to mark it as truant. If you know your child will be away in the future, please let the office staff know and it can be marked down as a future absence. Thank you!

Please also remember that <u>all</u> absences (justified or otherwise) are included in the percentages on Hero.

OUT OF ZONE BALLOT

The board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Ashhurst School in Term 4 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 15th August 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 18th August 2025 . Parents will be informed of the outcome of their applications by 3.00pm Tuesday 19th December 2025.

Further to this, the ballot for Term 4 has 10 available spaces for Year 1, 4, 5, and 6.



SCHOOL DOCS TERM 3 – Have Your Say

We hope you've had a relaxing break. The Term 3 review is now open, with a focus on student wellbeing and safety. Policies under review include:

- Child Protection
- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Food and Nutrition
- Police Vetting
- Safety Checking
- Missing Student Procedure

We encourage our school community to read and provide feedback on these policies via the Current Review tab on our SchoolDocs site:

🔗 www.schooldocs.co.nz (search for your school and use the login details provided by the school office)

Other updates this term:

- Term 3 Board Assurances
- Upcoming changes to Health & Safety Management
- Future updates to Finance & Asset Management and ECE policies

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

RAFFLE

We have drawn the raffle to help towards the cost of camp. A huge thank you to all of the parents and students who have supported the school by ponuding the pavements or making phone calls to sell raffle tickets!! This raffle, along with the support of Pub Charity will cover the over $14,000 cost for our children to travel to camps this year!!



The winners are as follows:
$150 Pak n Save Voucher
- Matt Tucker
Sandwich Press
- Lynda Kinnersley
Breville toaster and jug
- Tom Griggs
The village Coffee and Co ($100)
- Peter Guerin
Ashhurst Mower Cente Electric Secateurs ($249)
- Casey Robinson
Urbaness $100 Voucher
- Kim Jamieson
The Hair Lab $100 in vouchers
- Ian Puklowski
The Gym Ashhurst - 1 Year memberships, Hoodie and Gear Bag ($780 Value)
- Jesse Soderholm
DL Tree Services Mulch - 8 Cube Valued at $320
- Taylor Kavri
Village Valley Automotive - WOF and Service ($400 value)
- Carol Gilbert





Ashhurst School Term Dates

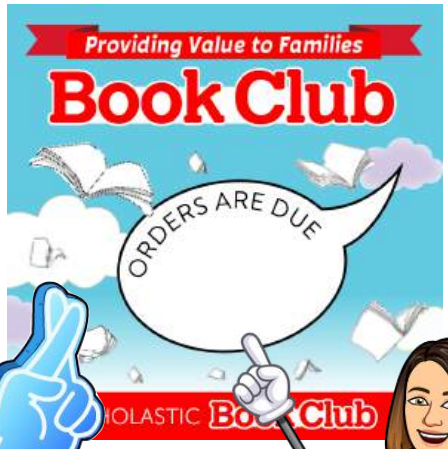
	Start / Finish	Key Dates
Term 1	Thursday 30 Jan - Friday 11 Apr	* Waitangi Day - Tuesday 5th Feb * Easter and ANZAC Day are in the School Holidays
Term 2	Monday 28 Apr - Friday 27 Jun	* King's Birthday - Monday 2 June * Matariki - Friday 20 June
Term 3	Monday 14 Jul - Friday 19 Sep	
Term 4	Monday 6 Oct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

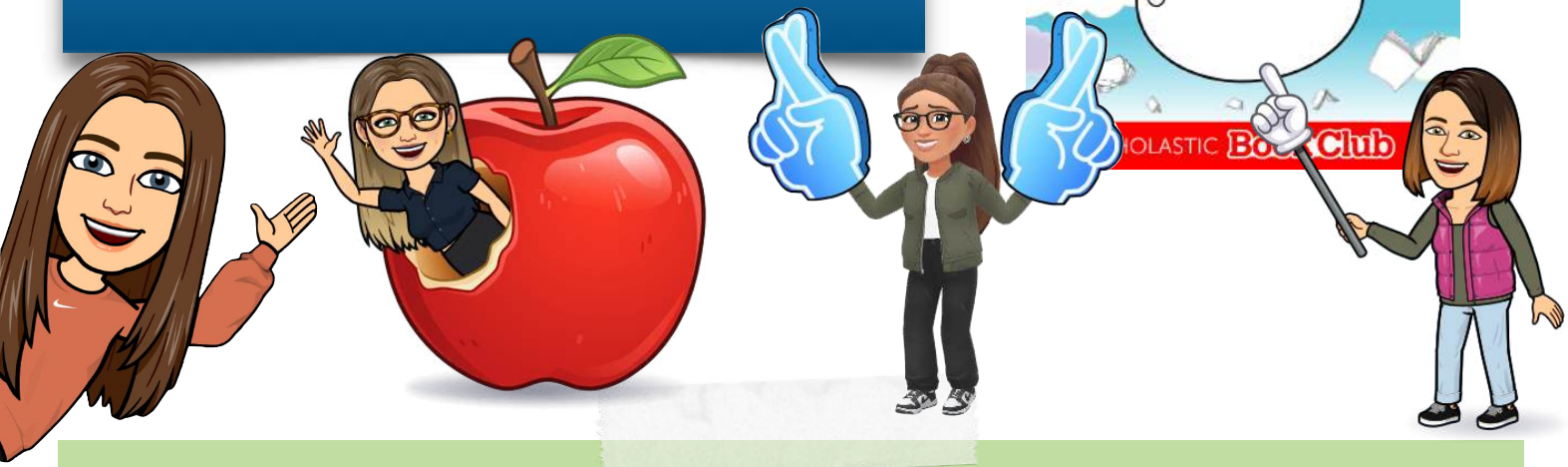


SCHOOL LUNCHES

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 3

Monday 14th July - Friday 19th September
Teacher Only Day | Friday 25th July

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18th - 22nd August | Tui Ridge Camp Year 7/8
1st - 5th September | NZAIMS Games
Thursday 11th September | Ashhurst School Speech Finals









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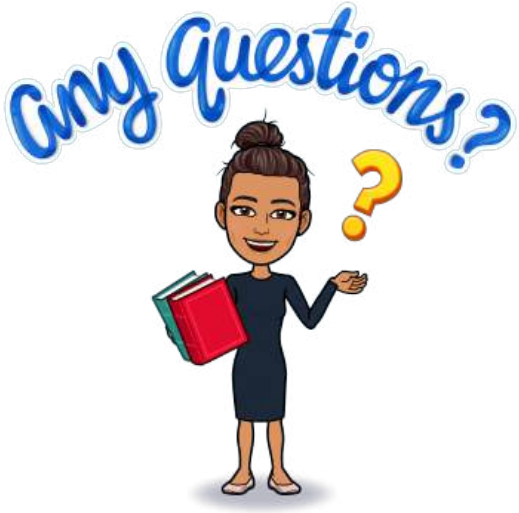

PNBHS Information

Monday 14 July 2025
Online Applications for Year 9 2026 enrolments will be available on our website from 8:00am Monday, 14 July 2025.
Thursday 24 July 2025

OPEN DAY
Day Session – 9:45am
Evening Sessions – 5:30pm and 7:00pm
Meet at the Speirs Centre at the times stated above and are each session is followed by an optional student-led tour of the school. Bookings not necessary.
College House Hostel Tour Times – 11.30am and 4.30pm.

Friday 15 August 2025
2026 enrolment applications close at 4:00pm

FEILDING HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE 2025



Parents and students are warmly invited to attend Open Day sessions as follows.

Assemble in the School Hall at:

3.30 PM
or
6.30 PM

- Tour the school
- Meet our student leaders and staff
- Discuss the programmes we offer

For further information:

Telephone the school office: (06) 3234029
Email: principals.pa@feildinghigh.school.nz





PNGHS

Palmerston North Girls' High School

Invites all Year 8 students from smaller and rural schools who are considering PNGHS as their school of choice in 2026 to attend an information afternoon.

Purpose:

- To inform students of some of the many opportunities that PNGHS provides
- Reassure students from smaller and rural schools that PNGHS will be a welcoming place for them
- Outline our Year 8 transition and support processes

Key Details:

When:
Tuesday 22 July 2025 from 1:45pm to 2:45pm.
Doors open at 1:30pm.

Where:
Palmerston North Girls' High School Huia Centre, Huia Street, Palmerston North.

Parking:
Please park on Huia Street, the YMCA carpark on Park Road or Fitzherbert Avenue, Palm Avenue or Marne Street.

Year 8 students are welcome to attend with their whānau or Year 8 teacher.





Enrolment details are on our website
www.pnghs.school.nz

If you have any question please contact our school office on 06 357 9194 or email office@pnghs.school.nz

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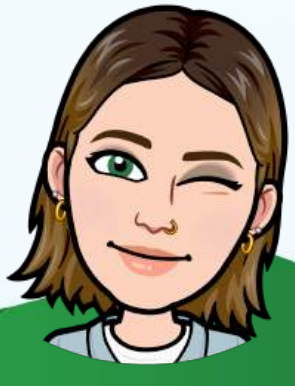

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