ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 3 | Week 4

Kia ora e te whānau,

Week 4 already — and what a busy week it has been here at Ashhurst School! We've had a real mixed bag of weather, from sunshine and clear skies to gusty winds and a few good downpours. Despite the changeable conditions, it's been heartening to see our tamariki making the most of their breaktimes, heading outside with smiles on their faces and energy to burn.

Our teachers have also been hard at work this week, as well as teaching a full and engaging programme, they have been taking part in professional learning around Structured Literacy. This is an exciting development for us, as it allows our teachers to deepen their understanding and expand their toolbox of strategies to support our learners in spelling, reading, and writing. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact this will have in our classrooms over time.



As always, thank you for your continued support. We're proud of the way our ākonga are showing up, engaging with learning, and embracing all that Term 3 has to offer.



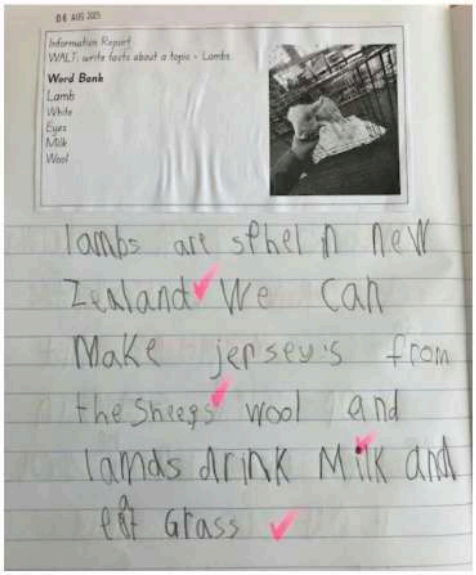
PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences are scheduled for 28th August from 2:20pm - 8:00pm. Bookings will open up for parents on Hero from Monday 11th August. You will be able to pick up your child/children from 2:00pm, however the Library will be open from 2:00pm-3:00pm for those children needing supervision.

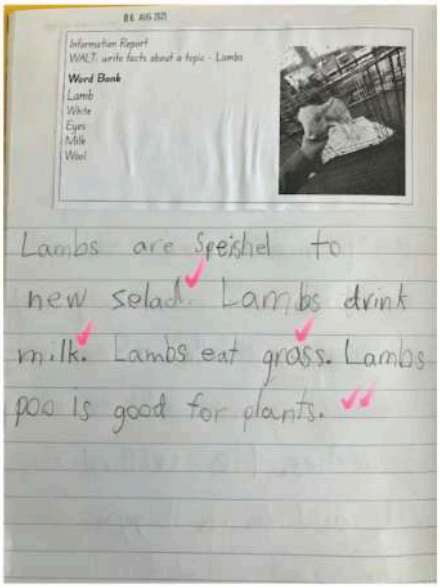
WRITING IN THE RUAHINE TEAM

Miss T brought her lamb 'Miracle' to school today. This provided a great motivation for our writing in the Junior School. Here are some examples of the super writing in Rooms 8 & 10.





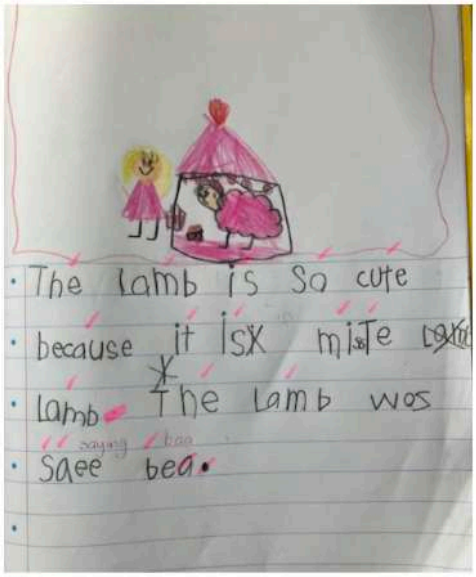
Writing by Arthur - Room 10



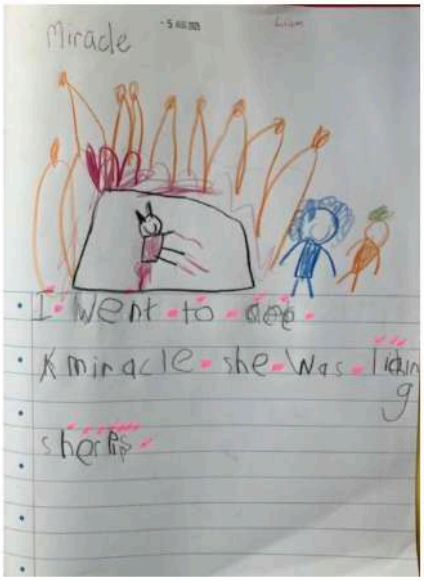
Writing by Aria - Room 10



'Miracle' the lamb



Writing by Harvana - Room 8



Writing by Llam - Room 8

KIND HEARTS

On Tuesday we took 24 students to the Kind Hearts Conference at Awapuni Racecourse. While there, students listened to speakers about different types of kindness. There was a lot of time for reflection and sharing of how we have shown or can show kindness toward others.

The guest speakers were engaging and fun. They had our school up and dancing their hearts out. Ashhurst School sure know how to have a good time. One of the activities was a 'hype' activity where students wrote a positive comment for someone else to read. We will do this as an activity in school and hang them up in the office. We will certainly do the same again next year. Thank you to the AMAZING parents who stepped in at the last minute to help with transport. It is so neat to see the community rally together to ensure that this trip was able to go ahead.





SCHOOL GATES AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Just an important reminder for the safety of all our tamariki, that teachers are the only ones that pin back the gate on Cambridge Street in the mornings and afternoons. This is a safety precaution so that students do not leave the school grounds after drop off or before a teacher is on duty after school.

Please be mindful of your speed when driving past our school grounds, we do our utmost to ensure safe conditions for crossing, but cannot be there beyond the times our staff are on duty. Let's all work together to keep our tamariki safe. Ngā mihi.





HORIZONS ENVIRO EDUCATION

The Horizons Regional Council's environmental education team, Christina and Sarah, recently ran some fantastic sessions with Tararua students. Students enjoyed a variety of hands-on activities focused on learning about, and taking action for, the environment. Topics included freshwater ecosystems, biosecurity (pest animals), and biodiversity. It was a great opportunity for our students to engage with environmental issues in a fun and practical way, and to learn about the importance of being kaitiaki (guardians) of our natural resources. We are really looking forward to putting some of our learning into action at our Raumai Stream visit next week!



SPORT

Netball

Registrations are now open for Y1-2 and Y3-4 netball in Term 4. For more information, and to register your child, head to Kindo.

Hockey Finals

Good luck to the Y7-8 Ashhurst Sticks hockey team who are playing in the finals at 10am this Saturday against Cornerstone. Come down to the Twin Turfs on Manawaroa Street and support them!



Basketball

Congratulations to the following basketball teams who played in the finals in the Primary School competition last week.

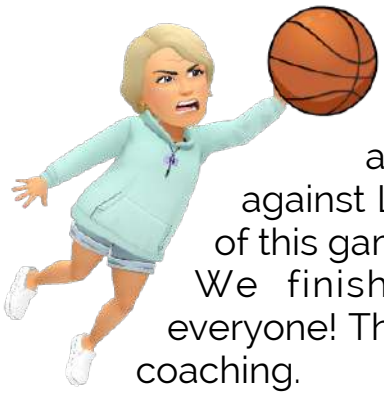
- Y3-4 Ashhurst Turbos - 2nd place in the Kikorangi division
- Y3-4 Ashhurst Allsorts - 1st place in the division
- Y5-6 Ashhurst Jets - 1st place in the Tupuarangi division

The Y7-8 Ashhurst Wizards & Ashhurst Pelicans are playing the semi-finals for their divisions this Friday. All the best!

Kowhai

Elite Football

Today's Elite sport tournament was Football. We took a team of



16 keen footy players, ready to tackle the day. After talking to Eva and Pippa, they said, "It was fun, well organised, and it wasn't raining." The best game was against Lakeview, which we won. The highlight of this game was the awesome team work. We finished up 6th place. Well done everyone! Thanks to Pā Heath and Mike for the coaching.



LAMB AND CALF DAY

A Day of Fun, Farming, and Friendship!



Mark your calendars! The much-anticipated Lamb and Calf Day is just around the corner on Friday, October 24th. Whether your child has a pet lamb or a calf, we encourage them to get involved and be a part of this memorable day. They'll have a chance to showcase their animal care skills and learn valuable lessons in responsibility.

How to Enter:
Registrations are now open on Kindo. A small $3.50 fee is required, which supports the wonderful work of the Manawatū Oroua Boys and Girls Ag Club.

Important Details:
Calf Entries: Calves must be born between July 1st and September 15th. Each student can exhibit one calf (dairy or beef). All calves must have a NAIT tag.

Lamb Entries:
Lambs must also be born between July 1st and September 15th. Each student can exhibit one lamb.



Judging:
Students will be judged on leading and care and attention. Lambs will also be judged on calling.

We can't wait to see our students and their animals. Get ready for a day packed with fun, community, and pride!

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

Friday 25th July | Teacher Only Day
18th - 22nd August | Tui Ridge Camp Year 7/8
28th August - Parent Teacher Conferences 2:15-8:00pm
Ist - 5th September | NZAIMS Games
Thursday 11th September | Ashhurst School Speech Finals



COLOR DAY

Come along to our colour day on Friday the 8th of August! All funds will be donated to YouthLine. Please bring a gold coin donation.
Come dressed in your favourite color to support the awesome work YouthLine is doing.



NORTHERN CLUSTER ARTS FESTIVAL

4 September 2025
Regent on Broadway
1.00pm





Russell Street
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Whakarongo
Winchester
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AIMS GAMES

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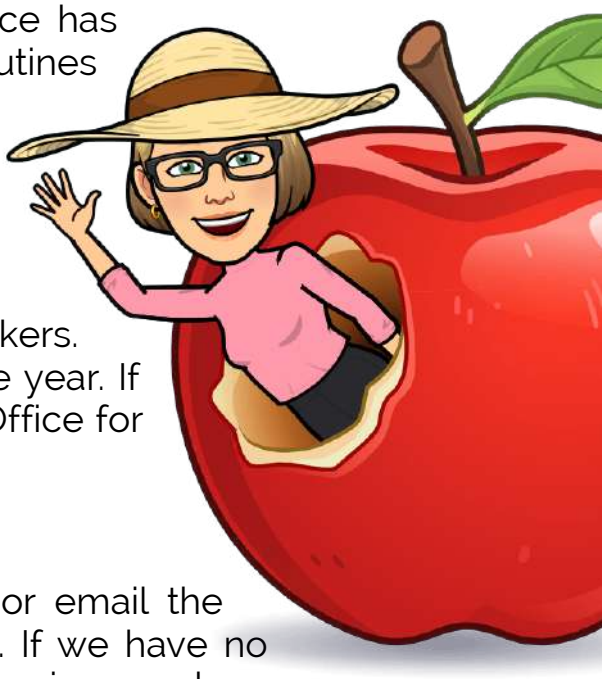
OUT OF ZONE BALLOT

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 August 2025.
Further to this, the ballot for Term 4 has 10 available spaces for Year 1, 4, 5, and 6.

NORTHERN CLUSTER ARTS FESTIVAL

Later this term, we have our two Dance NZMade crews sharing their routines for the rest of our cluster. Miss Grace has been working incredibly hard to get these routines polished and ready to perform. It is such an exciting event to be a part of! More information to come...



YUMMY STICKERS

Please remember to keep collecting yummy stickers. These help us buy PE equipment at the end of the year. If you would like a sticker sheet please call into the Office for one.



ABSENCES

Please remember to phone or email the school if your child is absent. If we have no contact from a parent or caregiver, and we are not given a reason for 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.

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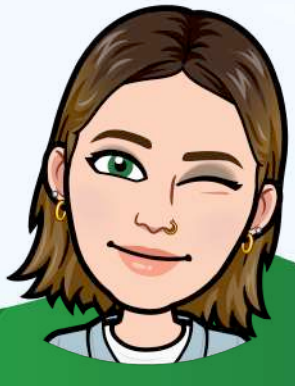

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