ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 3 | Week 5

Kia ora e te whānau,

Somehow we've blinked and arrived at Week 5 already - halfway through the term! Even with the mix of sunshine, showers, and chilly mornings, our tamariki have been full of energy! It's such a joy to see our students embracing learning, trying new things, and showing manawaroa to one another.
We know the middle of the term can feel busy for families too, so thank you for everything you do - the drop-offs in the rain, the lunch making, the encouragement at home, and the cheering from the sidelines. Winter sports have all but finished up for the season. Well done to all who got out there and gave it heaps. We have had a large number of successes in the sporting arena this winter.

Here's to making the most of the second half of the term, with plenty of learning, connection, and shared moments still to come.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

The time has come to get your votes in for the Board of Trustees. Voting forms have been mailed out and these need to be returned by the 10th September. The 10th September is also the Election Day. Forms can either be dropped into the office or posted using the envelope provided. If posted these need to be post marked prior to the 10th September.
All results are counted on the 16th September and the new Board takes office on Wednesday 17th September 2026.

WHĀRITE TARARUA RUAHINE



SCHOOL GATES

Another reminder that only staff are to pin back the Cambridge Ave gate. This is a safety issue to ensure that all of our students are safe inside the school once they have been dropped off. Once a staff member is on gate duty, then we can monitor the movements of children. Ngā mihi!

SCHOOL SURVEY



Please visit this link to complete the Community Survey. It has also been posted on Hero if you would like to access it that way.
SURVEY

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!

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2025

LAMB & CALF DAY

You are invited to come along and support our tamariki on Lamb and Calf day, 2025! Enjoy viewing our art & craft displays, support our lamb & calf competitors, and get involved in our Rural themed games.



FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER

Lamb ring, Calf ring, Animal fancy dress parade, Scarecrow competition, Garden creations, Art & Craft displays, Rural games and more!

Register your lamb or calf on Kindo today!

RAUMAI STREAM STUDY TRIP - Tararua Team

The Tararua students had a fantastic time at Raumai Reserve this week, getting their hands (and feet!) wet as they became environmental scientists for the day. As part of our Science unit, each class worked in groups at the Pohangina River, actively monitoring the health of the stream and its surrounding habitat.

The students' enthusiasm and engagement were wonderful to see. They collected data and made some exciting discoveries. The stream proved to have excellent water clarity, a good water temperature and pH level, and a great variety of macroinvertebrates living in it; all signs of a healthy waterway! This education outside the classroom experience gave students a deeper understanding of the importance of protecting our local waterways, and it's clear that we have some budding scientists in the making!

We extend our sincere thanks to the parent helpers who joined us on this adventure. Your support with transport and supervision was invaluable and ensured the safety and success of this trip for all our students.





PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent Conferences are scheduled for 28th August from 2:20pm - 8:00pm. Bookings are open up for parents on Hero. 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. Please let the Office know if your child will be staying at school.

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...

SPORT

Registrations are now open in Kindo for the following Term 4 sports. These all close on Wednesday 10th September:
- Y1-2 and Y3-4 Netball
- Y7-8 Volleyball
- Touch

Summer hockey registrations will be open soon.



Hockey

A massive congratulations to the Y7-8 Ashhurst Sticks hockey team who won their Division 2 finals on Saturday. The team had a great season, starting with a draw and a loss, then going on to win the rest of their games and also ending a 5 year drought by beating Cornerstone two weeks before the finals.



Rugby

Congratulations to Eva Hiku who won the Sarah Goss Cup for Most Promising Female Player and Fletcher Collins won the Merit for Most Improved and the overall Most Improved trophy for Year 7. These two play in the Fielding Saturday Morning Rugby Club.

Basketball Finals

All the best to the Y7-8 Ashhurst Pelicans who are in the finals for their division on Friday night.



Manawatū Cricket Visit

On Monday, our Whārite team had a fantastic day with Manawatū Cricket! The students were fully engaged, learning new skills like batting, bowling, and fielding. It was great to see their teamwork and sportsmanship on display throughout the sessions.

At lunch the coaches stuck around and facilitated a huge game of cricket on the field, which was a big hit with the students.

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

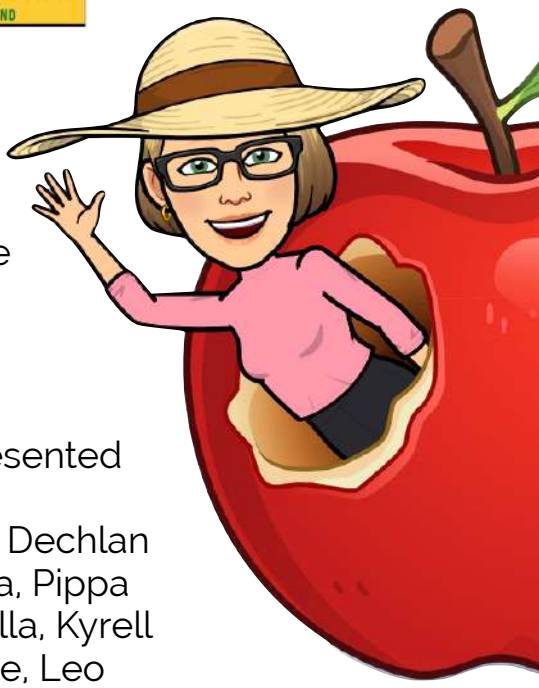
Friday 25th July | Teacher Only Day
18th - 22nd August | Tui Ridge Camp Year 7/8
28th August - Parent Teacher Conferences 2:15-8:00pm
Ist - 5th September | NZAIMS Games
Thursday 11th September | Ashhurst School Speech Finals





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.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates at our recent assembly.

Room 1 - Ethan, Halem
Room 2 - Matai, Dechlan
Room 3 - Thomas, Maddy
Room 4 - Amelia, Pippa
Room 9 - Ava, Lucy
Room 10 - Izabella, Kyrell
Room 11 - Arlo, Lilah
Room 12 - Sophie, Leo
Room 13 - Taylor, Hunter
Room 14 - Chase, Kiara
Room 15 - Finn, Tokuma
Room 16 - Toby, June
Room 17 - Ellie, Eli
Room 18 - Charlie, Lauren
Room 19 - Henry
Room 20 - Mila, Raelynn
Room 21 - Eva
Room 22 - Oaklyn, Jasper
Head Boy - Cael
Head Girl: Kree
Deputy Head Boy: Christopher
Deputy Head Girl: Reiko













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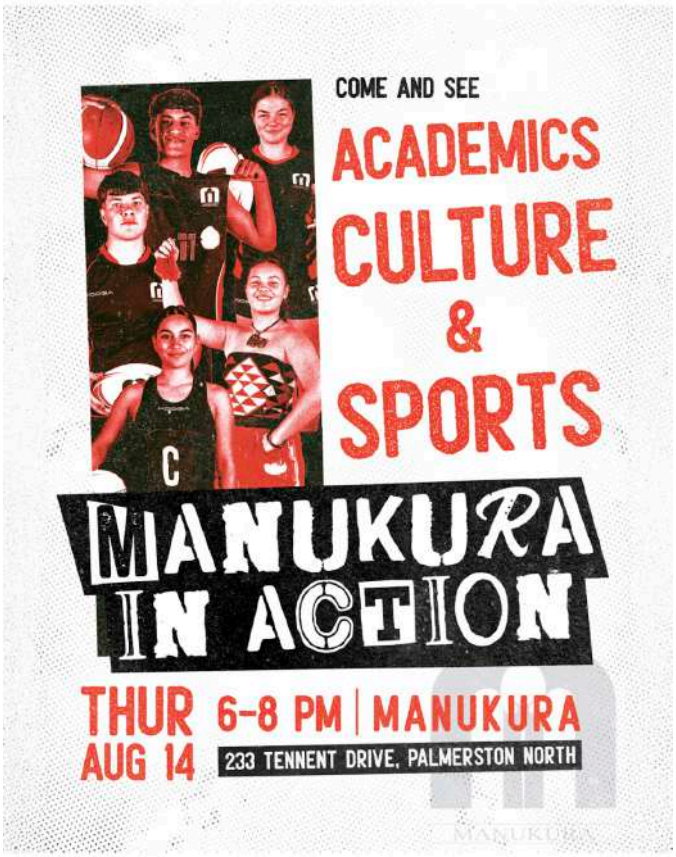

OUT OF ZONE BALLOT

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.

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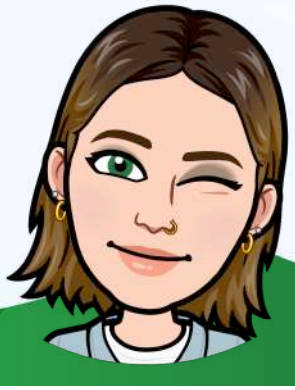

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