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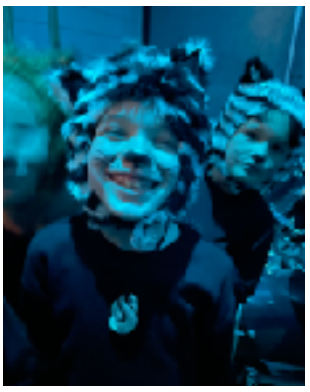
NEWSLETTER | Term 4 | Week 2

Kia ora Koutou

What a fabulous way to start the week with the Production on Monday night. Everyone involved made an amazing effort, and our tamariki were stunning. We are super proud of our students, our staff and our whānau. Thanks to Mrs Pearce for coordinating and producing the event and to Whaea Brooke, Whaea Amy, Whaea Sammy, and Mr Gerber for their input.
Special mention to our leads who have committed hours to learning their lines and also other classes acts that they were part of.



This is a reminder to whānau that this Friday is a Teachers Only Day. We understand this is quite soon after the holidays and apologise for any inconvenience, but this is a Ministry-directed day for schools to delve into the new curriculum. Kelly Club will be running on this day .











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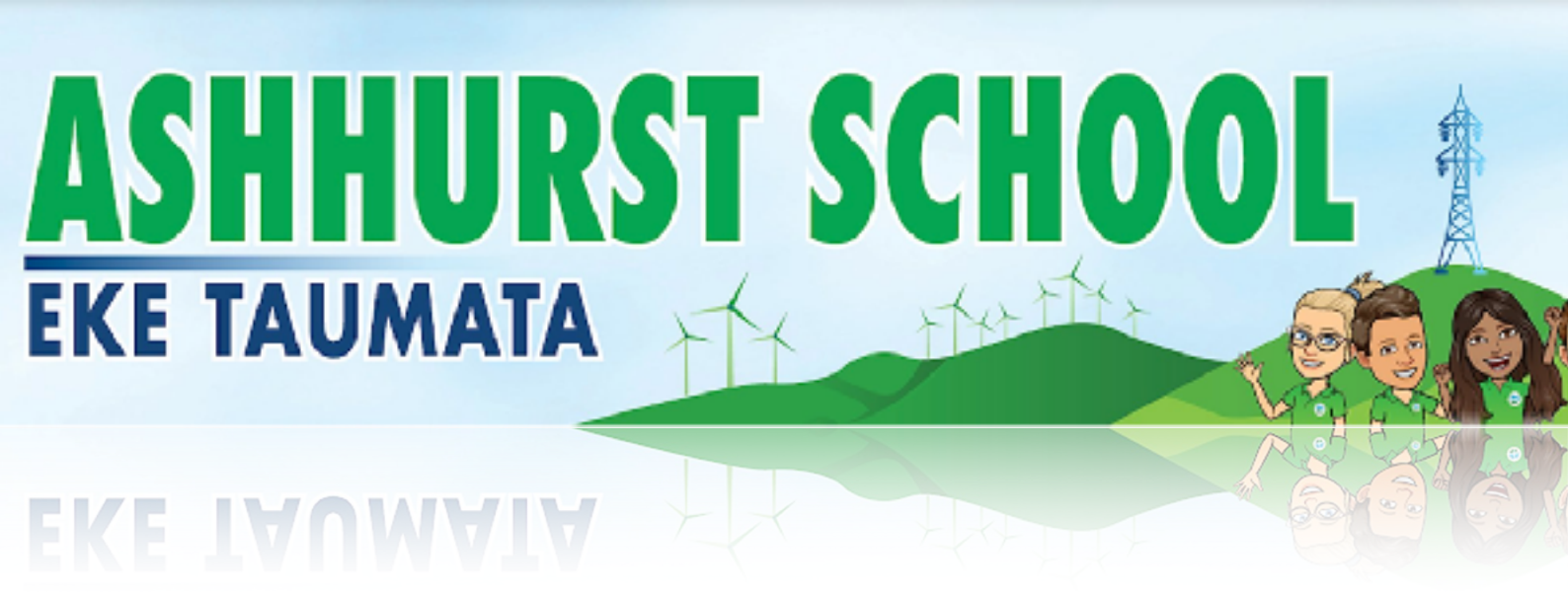

Getting Ready for the 2025 School Year

Many parents will know that schools will introduce a new curriculum in 2025. As it currently stands, we have four curriculum levels: Level 1 is Year 0-2; Level 2 is Year 3-4; Level 3 is Year 5-6; and Level 4 is Year 7-8. This will change to phases from 2025 onwards. Phase 1 covers Year 0-3, Phase 2 covers Year 4-6, and Phase 3 covers Year 7-8.

As a result, we will be required to change our team organisation for planning and material purposes. Ruahine will be Year 0-3, Tararua will be Year 4-6, and Whārite will be Year 7 and 8. This means we will see changes in composite classrooms, with the possibility of Year 2 and 3 children learning together and Year 4 and 5 children in the same class. We see large benefits to this both academically and also socially.

The big question for parents is what will this mean for their children. Except for a potentially different blend of year groups, it will mean little for children in any of the classes. Our curriculum content is tailored to the child based on their assessment. Just because your child is a Year 5 in a Year 4/5 class does not mean the work will be easier than a class of Year 5&6 students. Much of our classroom placements are based on the child's social relationships with other children. This is one of the most significant deciding factors on the makeup of the classes. Children in Year 4 cannot go to Ricoh Sports or Camp Makahika. The Year 4 children's camp will be a highland home.

This week, the students were asked to select five people who were friends or who they would work well with in class. The teachers record these names and will enter into our class placement programme.

We are pleased to be able to share our teaching lineup for 2025. You will notice that Mrs Morriss and Whaea Brooke are not on this list. Mrs Morriss will open a new entrant class later in the year and work with small groups in the junior school in literacy. Whaea Brooke will be back for the first few weeks in 2025 but

Yr	Room	Teacher
7/8	1	Ash Faithfull
7/8	2	Paula Thompson
7/8	3	Stacy Alston
7/8	4	Reece Brosnan
5/6	16	Sammy Olsen
5/6	17	Joel Birkin
5/6	18	Paige Van Gorp
5/6	19	Kate Reweti
4/5	22	Michelle Pearce
4/5	21	Jess Morris
4	20	Nicky Van Buuren
3	15	Gace Waterland
3	14	Kelly Larsen
2/3	13	Vikki Brogden
2	12	Lucy Parry
1/2	11	Amy Law
1/2	10	Nicole Thessman
0/1	9	Jane Fowell
0/1	8	Sheryl McCartney

will be taking maternity leave. We would like to congratulate Brooke and Matt on the pending new addition to their family.

The classes@ashhurst.school.nz email is again open for parents to write about any concerns relating to children's current or previous issues with previous students or potential staff. We ask that all parents please only use that email. We get a lot of correspondence through this time, and channelling it to the one email is the best filter. Do not see your current classroom teacher about this; sometimes, these messages can be misplaced. A full list of the teaching staff for 2025 will be in next week's newsletter.

If you are also moving away in 2025 and your child will not be attending Ashhurst School, please email classes@ashhurst.school.nz so we do not assign your child to a class. This is very important, especially if another child picks your child. It could result in other children not having friends in their class in 2025.

Havelock Exchange



It was a perfect, blue bird day in Waipukurau on Wednesday for the annual Festival of Sport. About 50 of our Year 7/8 students jumped on a bus and represented Ashurst School in Hockey, Netball, Rippa Rugby, Football, and Basketball. This tournament is between Waipukurau School, Havelock North Intermediate, and Ashhurst School.

We won the Basketball and Hockey events, and put in a huge effort for the other three sports. It was cool that it was a well matched tournament between the schools and everyone played hard and played fair.

Massive thank you to the coaches - Whaea Ash, Pā Reece, Pā Heath, Pā James, and Whaea Becs.







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Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to Tiana, Rocco, Molly and Sam for their participation in the Central Region Representative tournament held in Wellington over the holidays.






Heath Chittenden
Principal
PN East Kahui Ako
Co-Lead Principal

Karyn Giles
Deputy Principal

Term 4 Review topics are:

- Finance and Asset Management Policy
- Managing Income and Expenditure
- Financial Conflicts of Interest
- School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income
- ExpenditureAsset Management and Protection
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft

Instructions for reviewers

Encourage your school community to participate in reviews. Certain review topics will be more relevant to some reviewers than others.

You can use the text below to help advertise open reviews.

All reviewers

1. Visit the website *https://ashhurst.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm*
2. Enter the username (ashhurst) and password (team).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Lamb and Calf Day

We are excited to be running our Lamb and Calf Day on Tuesday 29th October.
Below is an outline of the programme for the day.



9.00 – 10.30

Teams have organised fun activities to take place in your classrooms.

10am - Lamb Experience (an opportunity for the pre school students to come and share their lamb

10.30 - 10.50

Morning tea
(there will be a roped-off area that will be out of bounds)

11.00 - 12.00

Judging begins for the school children and we have a special guest entry this year in the senior lamb competition.
Sarah and Gareth from MORE. FM will be joining us with their lamb !
NB - they will not be eligible for any prizes!



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Lamb & Calf Day 2024
Home Activity

This year for our Lamb and Calf Day Home Activity, we would like children to make a scarecrow. There are lots of different ways these could be constructed - from simple to more complex, from small to large! Scarecrows created must be able to stand up unaided. Below are some illustrations which may give you some inspiration.

Please note: This is an OPTIONAL activity

We would like scarecrows to be brought to school on Tuesday 29th October. These can be brought to the office area and Senior Management will organise for them to be displayed. They will be judged during the day by the Senior Management team.

We appreciate your time and effort in guiding your child in their scarecrow creation. Happy creating!

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PTA Update

We hit the ground running in February with our movie night. The weather was a dream and the community turned out in the masses. Bad guys was a huge hit and Ashhurst School was the biggest movie night for the PNCC. The PTA sold out of EVERYTHING!

During our cooler months we held two discos, first our PJ night and then our Character night. Discos are always a crowd favourite and a great opportunity for the school community to have some fun. September saw us at the spring market and covering the bar for our local volunteer fire brigade awards evening. The biggest event on PTAs calendar was our comedy night and we were fortunate to host Ben Hurley and Hayley Sproull . What a fantastic evening!

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful sponsors who continue to take our phone calls and support us – We literally couldn't do it without you! Ross and the team at the library, DJ fresh, Alisha at Blooming beautiful, Emma and the crew at PNCC Venues, Mike and the team at Mitre 10 Mega Palmerston North, Rex at the Mower Centre , Doug with sound and lighting , Rob for supplying the chiller and finally to our main Sponsor who always goes above and beyond to support PTA- James and the team at Village Valley Automotive. Our deepest gratitude to you all.

We also want to acknowledge Pa Heath and our wonderful Ashurst School Staff who contribute their time and energy to the success of PTA events. You are all legends.

Our wonderful PTA parents who work tirelessly behind the scenes whether pre bagging candyfloss, creating posters, organising logistics or working the bar – you guys are amazing! THANK YOU!

And lastly a heartfelt thank you to the wider community for attending our events. Your continued support enables us to fundraise for the school. PTA welcomes any interested parent who might be keen to jump on board for 2025 – Keep an eye on our FB page for 2025!

The PTA has raised just over $25,000.00 this year for our School. This has enabled us to contribute to Aims games, Year 8 dinner and sealing the pump track at school.

From the team at PTA have a wonderful summer and a relaxing festive season! See you in 2025.

TEACHER ONLY DAY
FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER
SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Term 4 Hats

All students need to wear a hat in term 4. We don't have a uniform hat, any hat will do. If students don't have a hat they will be asked to play in the shaded areas.

LOST PROPERTY

There is s large amount of lost property in the box.
Please check the boxes outside the Wharite classes and collect any items that belong to your family.

Ashhurst School Cups & Trophies

Can all cups and trophies received last year please be returned to the school office in preparation for this year's prize giving.

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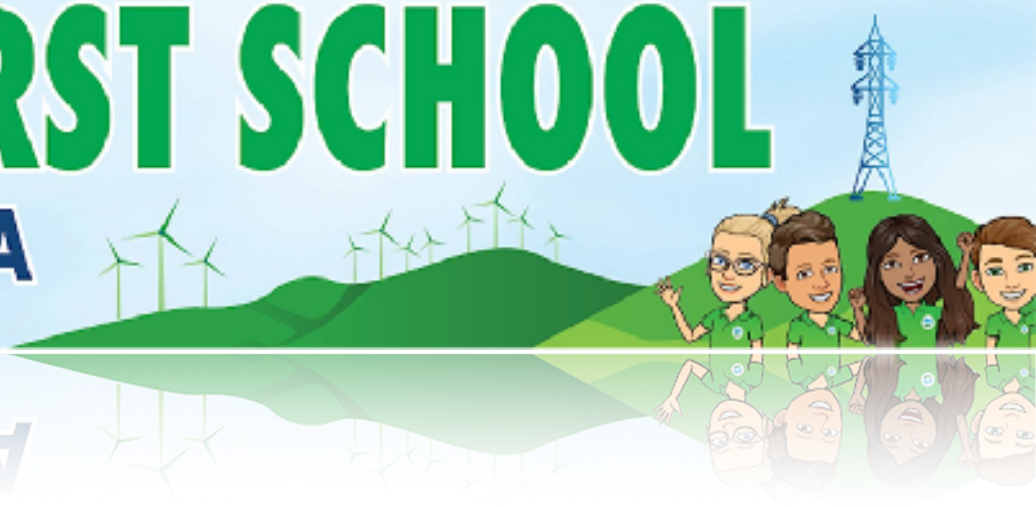

Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Thursday 19 December
Friday 25 October - Teacher Only Day
Monday 28 October - Labour Day
Tuesday 29 October - Lamb & Calf Day
Wednesday 30 October - Senior School Athletics
Thursday 31 October Lamb & Calf Postponement Day
Monday 4 November - Crazy Hair Day
Friday 1 November - Senior School Athletics Postponement Date
Friday 15 November - Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 26 November - Junior Athletics
Thursday 28 November - Junior Athletics Postponement Date
Tuesday 17 December - Domain Day, Leavers Dinner
Wednesday 18 December - Junior Prizegiving 9.30am
Wednesday 18 December - Senior Prizegiving 6.30pm
Thursday 19th December - School Finishes 12.30pm



Term 4 ezlunch Promotion

Every week for the first **five weeks** of term 4, customers who order ezlunch will be in the draw to win one of two $50 ezlunch vouchers! Staff can order too!

All ezlunch orders placed for delivery between **Monday 14th October and 15th November** will automatically be entered.

We have bags of free sanitary products available for our school whānau & friends.
We have plenty of bags so please call into the office and collect a bag or two.



Orders close on Friday 25th October

Books make the best gifts, so you will see that the gift function is available in LOOP.
If your item is a gift we will contact you to pick it up from school. If you are using the paper student order form









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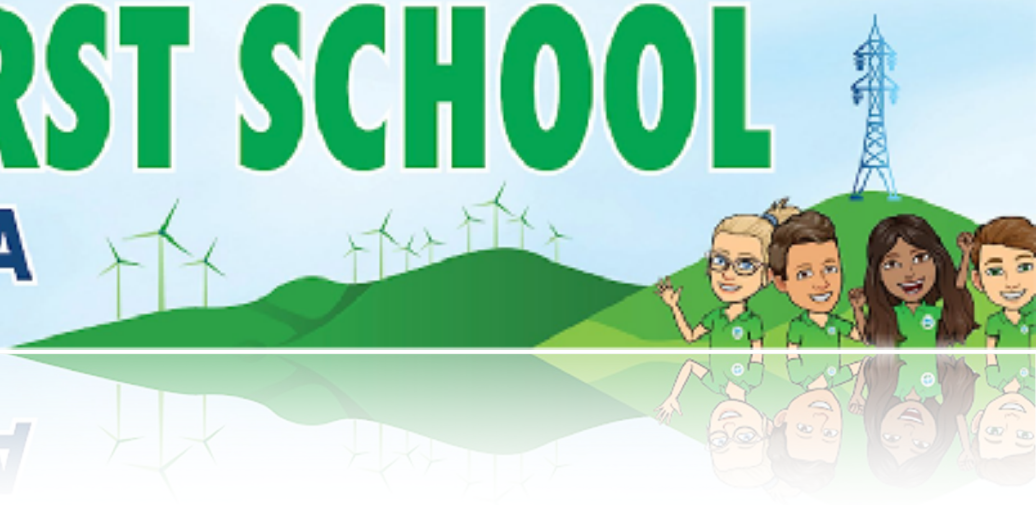

County Fayre Incorporated

Pohangina Downhill Walk

Saturday 9th November 2024

9:00am – 2:00pm

Take an easy walk down The Branch Road Walkway through 6kms of native bush and farm and back to the Pohangina township, where a light lunch awaits you (all included in price) at the County Fayre.

Buses leave County Fayre every 45 minutes at the following times: **8:00am; 8:45am; 9:30am; 10:15am; 11:00am; 11:45am; 12:30pm; 1:15pm and 2:00pm.**

YOU MUST BOOK and PRE-PAY for this event

To book your ticket email:
countyfayre@inspire.net.nz

Adults $30, Children $15 (5 to 15yrs),
Family $100 (2 Adults & 4 Children), under 5's free

NO Dogs or **Pushchairs/Prams** allowed on the track

County Fayre is run by local volunteers for the benefit of the beautiful Pohangina Valley your support is very much appreciated



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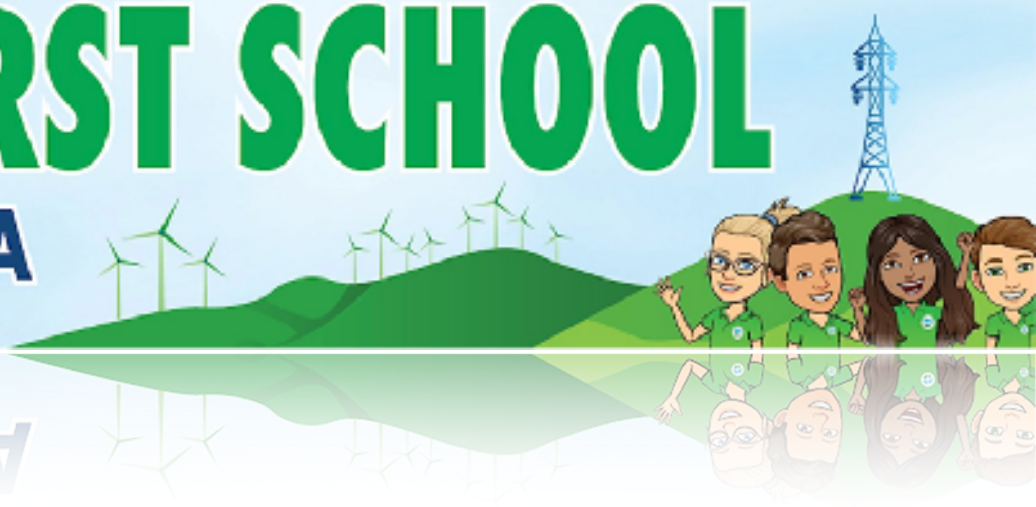





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