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EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 4 | Week 3

Kia ora Koutou

Comedy Night

We have finished all the counting and tidying up of the comedy night we held last week. This event was highly successful and will go a long way to supporting several events at our school. A huge thanks goes to James from Village Valley Auto, who sponsored the evening. His contribution covered all of the expenses of the sound equipment, also we would like to thank Emma from PN Convention Centre who supplied all of the tables and chairs, and lastly, Rex from Ashhurst Mower Centre for providing us with a weedeater to raffle off at the end of the night. We have an outstanding PTA led by Teia, who works hard to support the school. If you are interested in being part of the PTA feel free to email the PTA on pta@ashhurst.school.nz

Lamb and Calf Day

What a fabulous start to the week to hold Lamb, Calf and Craft day. A huge well done to all of the students for their efforts and to our staff, who provided such fabulous opportunities for crafts in the classrooms.

Thank you to everyone who completed a scarecrow for the at-home activity. Some of them were very lifelike!



An extra special well done to those students who entered a Lamb or Calf! The effort that goes in behind the scenes to care for and work with your animals is so fantastic! You all did an excellent job and should be proud of yourselves! Special mention to Poppy and Sam who were our very first entries into the pre school event, you both were stars.

Thanks also to the judges for giving up their time to spend the morning with us, Amy Anderson for her mahi, sourcing sponsors who donated to the event and drumming up support. Finally, thanks to Sarah and Gareth from More FM Manawatu 92.2. We loved having you both and Daisy as part of our day!

Lamb and Calf Results

Senior Lamb	
Senior Calling	1st Shelby Hughes 2nd William Davidson 3rd Colton Hughes VHC Chloe O'Riley HC Pippa Law
Senior Care and Attention	1st Shelby Hughes 2nd Amelia Nicholls 3rd William Davidson VHC Chloe O'Riley HC Colton Hughes
Senior Leading	1st Shelby Hughes 2nd Colton Hughes 3rd Amelia Nicholls VHC Olivia Buchanan HC William Davidson
Senior Champion	Shelby Hughes

Lamb Results	
Junior Calling	1st George Ridd 2nd Toby Law 3rd Nova Lowry VHC Paige Stewart HC Jack Morris
Junior Care and Attention	1st Mason Nicholls 2nd Toby Law 3rd Ollie Morris VHC Paige Stewart HC George Ridd
Junior Leading	1st Paige Stewart 2nd Mason Nicholls 3rd Digger Morley VHC George Ridd HC George Anderson
Junior Champion	Paige Stewart

Junior Calf Results	
Junior Calf Leading	1st Cormac Faisandier
Junior Calf Care and Attention	1st Cormac Faisandier
Junior Champion	Cormac Faisandier
Open Beef	Teagan Allan

Senior Calf Results	
Senior Calf Leading	1st Teagan Allan 2nd William Warner 3rd Ava Warner
Senior Calf Care and Attention	1st William Warner 2nd Teagan Allan 3rd Ava Warner
Senior Champion	William Warner
Open Dairy	Ava Warner
Open Beef	Teagan Allan

Festival of Sport Exchange

It was a beautifully sunny Wednesday for our annual Year 7/8 Festival of Sport Exchange, quite the change from the dreary day that we left behind in Ashhurst! Pā Heath, Pā Reece, Whaea Becs, Whaea Ash, and Mike took 50 students to play Waipukurau School and Havelock North Intermediate in Football, Rippa, Hockey, Netball, and Basketball. This tournament is held in Waipukurau at Russell Park, as it is the midway point between Ashhurst and Havelock North. We all jumped on the bus and headed over to play our chosen sports. Results were as follows:



Football - 3rd, Hockey - 1st Equal, Rippa - 2nd, Basketball 1st

Netball - 3rd. We are extremely proud of all participants and admired the way they played hard in their respective sports and how they managed themselves between games. There were some very tired students on the bus ride back!





Rippa World Cup

Last Thursday Pā Reece, Pā James, Mike, and Whaea Sammy took 4 teams to represent Ashhurst School in the Rippa World Cup. This is a fun tournament, where each team is given a country to represent. Our Year 5/6 Girls were Chile, Year 5/6 Boys were Samoa, Year 7/8 Girls were Peru, and our Year 7/8 Boys were Australia. It was a windy day and a little bit chilly, but they all played their hardest and came away with some good wins. There were no placings at this tournament, but Tiana Mildon and Tiaan Peka both won spot prizes. Well done on another great event!







Class Lists and Staffing Update

The new norm of a primary school teacher/leader:

I just want to update the community on the implications of the new collective agreements all schools have to follow in 2025. Every classroom teacher will be entitled to 5 release days a term to complete assessments, planning, preperation, observations to improve their practice. On top of this, if teachers hold areas of responsibility they will be getting an additional 2 release days per term. Some of our staff work 4 day weeks and also we have beginning teachers as well who are released weekly. This is not an issue that is isolated to Ashhurst School but a new norm for all schools in the country. We have put in measures to accommodate this by no longer hiring relief teachers and several other part time teachers working fulltime in our school. This ensures they are familiar with our children and systems so children's learning continues seamlessly regardless of who is in the classroom.

Kate Reweti has been appointed as an Across Schools Teacher for the Kahui Ako. This means she will work three days a week as usual at Ashhurst School and then on Thursday and Friday for the Kahui Ako. Sarah Ashcroft will be in that class for the other two days.

We would also like to wish Amy Lampp all the best as she heads off to College Street School in 2025. At the end of this year we will also be farewelling Cheyenne Tattle who will be doing release.

We have had multiple emails from families about class lists for the 2025 school year. We work very hard to ensure that we meet the needs of our community. We will touch base with many families as we can not meet all of the requests that some parents have made. We are asking parents to prioritise their requests. If you have sent multiple requests through an email, we will email these families, asking them to prioritise their requests.

A reminder to all parents to use the classes@ashhurst.school.nz email. Do not approach the classroom teacher or contact senior management. This system will ensure we are accurate with our placements as we do receive a lot of information.

We will be closing this email on Monday, November 4th, as we begin organising for 2025. This is a very large job. Once we begin this work, we will not make any changes to class lists. Moving one child can cause a waterfall effect and can completely disrupt four other classes. Please ensure you meet the deadline.

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.

We are excited to introduce some of the teachers joining our amazing team next year. We know that they will feel welcomed into the community in the coming months.



Grace Waterland

Hi! I am Grace Waterland and I am so excited to be joining Room 15 at Ashhurst School for the remainder of 2024. I am a Palmy local and I am finishing a Bachelor of Primary Teaching with the University of Waikato. I enjoy music, baking and exercise and I am passionate about dancing. I am looking forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks and appreciate your support in this time of change for your tamariki!



Paige van Gorp

Kia ora e te whānau, Ko Paige van Gorp tōku ikoa. I'm thrilled to introduce myself as one of the new kaiako joining the amazing team at Ashhurst School. I'm incredibly passionate about teaching and can't wait to bring my positive and energetic energy to the classroom and the wider school community. Outside of school, I love staying active with sports like football, badminton, tennis, and cricket. I also enjoy swimming, especially at my favourite spot – Brighton Beach in Dunedin. In my downtime, you'll find me reading, baking (my chocolate brownies are a hit!), or spending quality time with friends and whānau. I'm excited to work alongside all of you and look forward to an amazing 2025! Let's make it a fantastic year together!



Stacey Alston

Kia ora tatou! I'm Stacy Alston, and I'm thrilled to be joining the Ashhurst School community in Term 4. Originally from the Kapiti Coast, I moved to Wellington City for my studies before settling in the Manawatu in 2020. I now live in Kiwitea with my son, Archer, and our dog, Lady. Outside of teaching, I enjoy hiking, camping, baking, and reading. I'm excited to get to know the akōnga and their whānau at Ashhurst School and am looking forward to the opportunities we'll have to learn and grow together.



Lucy Parry

Kia ora. My name is Lucy Parry. I recently got married, so some of you might know me as Lucy Hirst! In my spare time, I enjoy staying active and busy with my small family, which includes my 2.5-year-old son, Noah, as well as two dogs and our cat. I love going on walks and taking Noah out to do his favourite activities. I'm looking forward to meeting the staff next term and starting at Ashhurst School in 2025.

Gumboot Friday - Tomorrow



Gumboot Friday is this Friday! We are asking Years 1 -4 to please come to school wearing their gumboots and their uniform. Years 5 - 8 have senior school athletics. For this they are to have their house colours on and if they wish they can wear their gumboots as well. Thank you for showing your support to the I AM HOPE organisation. We are not collecting any donations at school for this great cause. However, if you would like to donate you can do so at the following link.

https://www.gumbootfriday.org.nz/2024#donate

Athletic Sports

We are holding the Senior (Years 5-8) athletics sports day Tomorrow at Lincoln Park, Ashhurst. This is a standardised event, where children will compete against a series of Standards for their age in discus, hurdles, long jump, high jump and long distance running and sprints. We would love to see you there supporting your child / children. Please note that this is not an official athletics event and is not run as such. It is a day where all of our children are exposed to athletics, where they can put their learning into action, and where children can compete against a Standard for their age. Teachers will be running events with support from students. Senior students will walk down to Lincoln Park, leaving school at approximately 9.10am and returning to school before 3.00pm. If your child is unable to participate they will need a note. They will remain at school for the day and be placed in one of the teams / classes who are not at athletics on that day.If you are taking your child or children home from the event, please let their classroom teacher know. If you are picking up other children we will need written permission from their parents or caregiver.If you child benefits from hayfever medication

can you please ensure they have this prior to school. Your child / children will need the following:

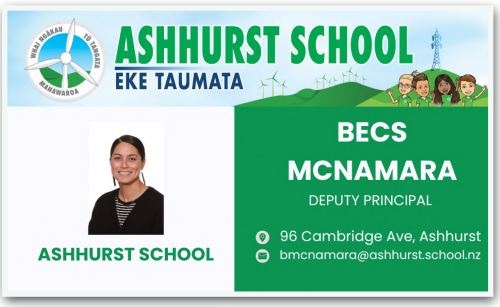
Backpack/school bag, Water bottle, full of water, Sunhat, Mufti clothing and footwear appropriate for running, jumping and throwing (House colours if possible), Extra clothing for the changeable weather conditions (school Jacket or fleece) , Morning tea, snacks, and lunch to last the day.
Please apply sunscreen before coming to school. We will have more available throughout the day
Any medical needs e.g. inhalers

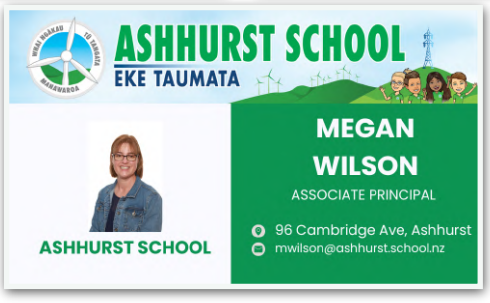
Out of Zone Applications

The board of Trustees invites applications from parents who wish to enrol their children at Ashhurst School in Term 1 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 29th November 2024. 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 2nd December . Parents will be informed of the outcome of their applications by 3.00pm Tuesday 3rd December 2024.











Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Thursday 19 December

Friday 1 November - Gumboot Friday
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

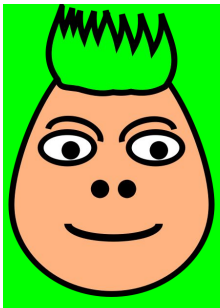
Marist Football Club and the All Girls Programme are running the below on behalf of Central Football.

MARIST MILO FANTAILS HUB
WHO: Girls aged 7-12 years
WHEN: Term 4 - Thursdays - 7th November to 12th December, 4:30 - 5:30pm
WHERE: CET Arena, Behind Marist Clubrooms, Pascal Street
COST: Term 4 - $30.00 ($5 per session)
Register online: www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/282758

MARIST'S KICKIN' IT HUB
WHO: Girls aged 13-19 years (or younger if up for the challenge)
WHEN: Term 4 - Thursdays - 7th November to 12th December, 4:30 - 5:30pm
WHERE: CET Arena, Behind Marist Clubrooms, Pascal Street
Register online: https://www.sporty.co.nz/

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.



Crazy Hair Day
Monday 4th November

We are raising money for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand. On Monday the 4th of November we are having a 'crazy hair day'. Come in non-uniform clothing and make sure to have some crazy hair (no permanent hair colouring).

Let's dress up, have some fun and raise some money for a great cause.

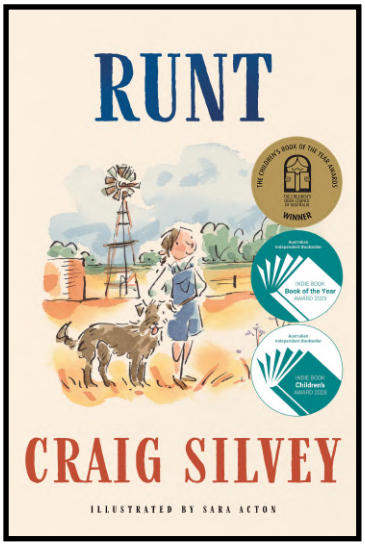






Ashhurst School Cups & Trophies

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



WINNER: 2023 CBCA Book of the Year, Younger Readers

Runt is a heart-warming and hilarious tale of kindness, friendship, hurdles, hoops, tunnels, see-saws, being yourself and bringing out the best in others.
Reading age from 8+ Parents you will enjoy this beautiful story too, a great read to share together.
Room 21 thoroughly enjoyed this book and loved their trip to see the movie. It really motivated their writing.

Check out what we have at our school library
nz.accessit.online/ASH11/#!dashboard

County Fayre Incorporated

Pohangina Downhill Walk

Saturday 9th November 2024
8:00am – 2:00pm

Take an easy walk down The Branch Road Walkway through 6kms of native bush and farmland 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 15yr),
Family $100 (2 Adults & 4 Children), under 5's free

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

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