ASHHURST SCHOOL
EKE TAUMATA

NEWSLETTER | Term 4 | Week 5

Kia ora e te whānau

It is hard to believe we are in Week 5 and have only half the term left until the end of the year.

As we head into that busy season, we try very hard to maintain routines and structure for our tamariki.

A reminder to whānau that tomorrow is a teacher only day and the school is closed for instruction.

William Pike Challenge



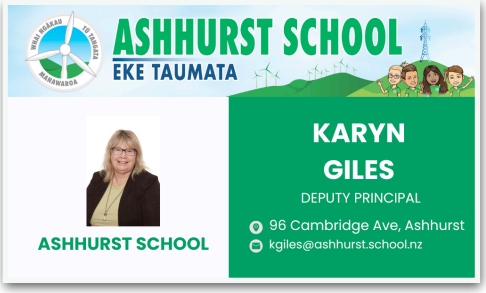
Our William Pike Challengers have been busy pushing their limits and embracing the outdoors with two exciting activities recently! Last Friday, the group tackled the Fern Track, where students showed incredible determination on the uphill climb and enjoyed the downhill section as a well-earned reward.

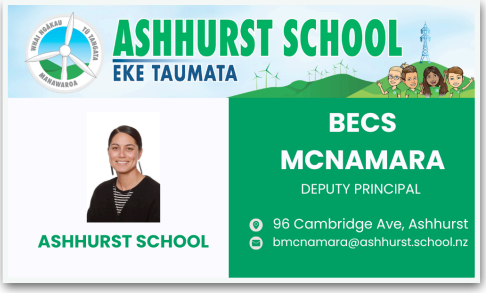
Then, on Monday, they were off to Mangaweka for an adventurous day of river rafting. With perfect weather on our side, the students had a fantastic time on the river, working together, and soaking up the beautiful surroundings.











RICOH Hockey Tournament

At the end of Term 3 our year 5/6 children had the opportunity to participate in the RICOH sports tournament.
It was a great opportunity for our children to showcase their talents across various sports and we are very proud of how our students conducted themselves as ambassadors of Ashhurst School on the day.



A highlight was our Hockey team placing second overall for the tournament.
The team showed great determination and played well, winning a number of games and then a draw which saw them go into nail biting overtime where they scored the winning goal within 30seconds, securing them a place in the final.
A huge thanks to Tracey for coaching the team, to parents and whānau for transport and to Whaea Becs for the organisation of the event.

Year 8 Dinner

As we near the end of the school year, we're looking forward to celebrating our Year 8 Leavers' Dinner, a tradition at Ashhurst School where we recognise the achievements of our Year 8 students before they move on to high school.

The dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, 17 December 2024. This year the event is being held at the Palmerston North Conference and Function Centre.

Lamb and Calf

Thank you to the following companies and organisations who sponsored Lamb and Calf day items.
Seales Winslow –
Calf muesli Stallion – Calf bottles and lamb teats
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Agrifeeds – Calf meal sample bags
NZ Agbiz – Rearing guide and scoop Lamb Collar and Lead Calf Halter and Lead Country Mile Calf Covers Lamb Woolover Beanies.
Sharpes - pellets for the winners

Celebrating Student Success



Mercedes has recently successfully auditioned for a place in one of the Young Dancer Programmes with the New Zealand School of Dance in Wellington – she will train with them next year a few times each term.

Leavers Hoodies

We are excited to be able to offer Leavers Hoodies for our Year 8 students. Please find a link that will take you directly to the Kindo shop to make a purchase. Cost is $55, and the hoodies will have every Year 8 student on the back.
https://shop.tgcl.co.nz/app/login?shop=Ashhurst%20School&service=year_8_leavers_hoodie

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.



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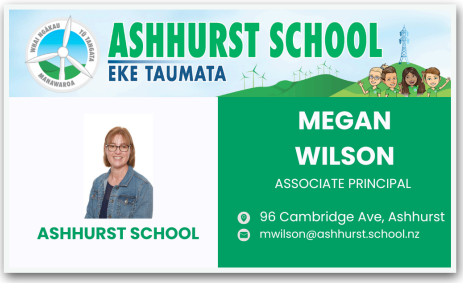
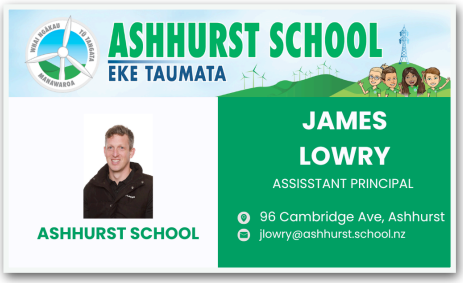
CALLING ALL OF THOSE TALENTED ASHHURST SCHOOL STUDENTS

Start practicing singing, playing a musical instrument, dancing, etc.

There will be auditions for our school talent show during week 7.

Mrs Pearce





Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Thursday 19 December

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

TEACHER ONLY DAY
FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER

SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Chicken Pox

We have had a couple of cases of students with chickenpox. It is spread by coughing and sneezing and direct contact with weeping blisters. The time between exposure and sickness is anywhere between 10 - 21 days. The early signs are fever and spots with a blister on top of each spot. The child is infectious from 5 days before the appearance of the rash until the lesions have crusted (usually about 5 days). Children should be kept home until all the lesions have crusted over and are no longer weeping.

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

Now is a great time to check the lost property box!! We have a number of items in there – some named, some unnamed – please spare a few moments to have a look to claim any of your child's property.



Orders close Friday 22nd November

Issue 8 is LIVE!

Welcome to our final Issue of 2024!

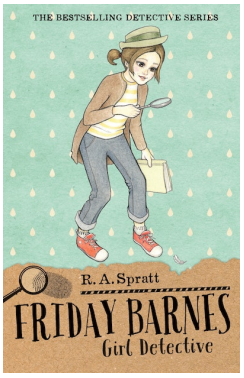
Our final $5 promo code for the year can be earned on all Issue 8 LOOP orders, and spent on Issue 1, 2025.

Remember if you ordered from Issue 7 spend your $5 promo code on Issue 8, before it expires.

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 please write "gift" on it.

Book of the Week

Friday Barnes by R.A.Spratt



Friday Barnes has somewhat of a universal appeal. In book one, Friday is 11 years old, which might give you an indicator for the age range, about 8-14yrs. For one of our students this was a book that is now a treasured set of the series.

Imagine if Sherlock Holmes was an eleven-year-old girl! When girl detective Friday Barnes solves a bank robbery she uses the reward money to send herself to the most exclusive boarding school in the country, Highcrest Academy. On arrival, Friday is shocked to discover the respectable school is actually a hotbed of crime. Can Friday solve Highcrest Academy's many strange mysteries, including the biggest mystery of all - what's the point of high school.





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