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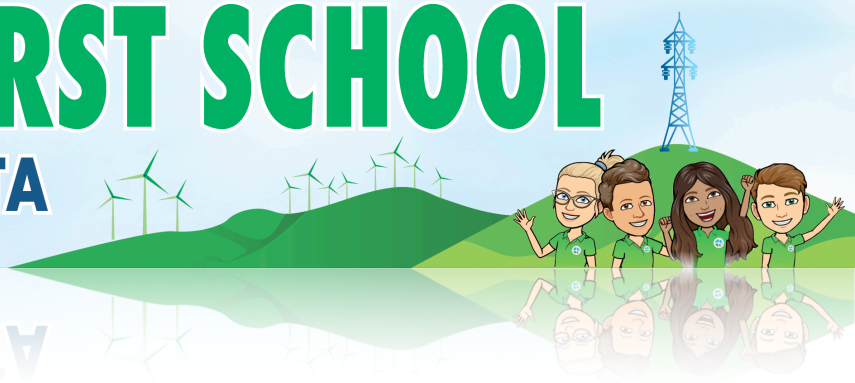


NEWSLETTER I Term 4 I Week 8

Kia ora Koutou

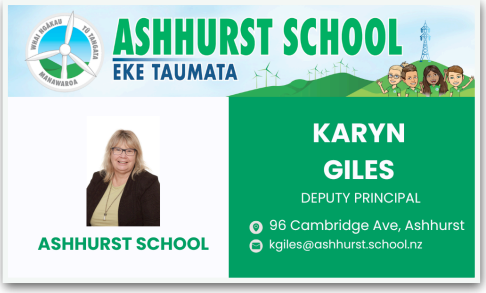
With only a couple of weeks remaining this year, we want to remind you of the important dates for the remainder of the year.

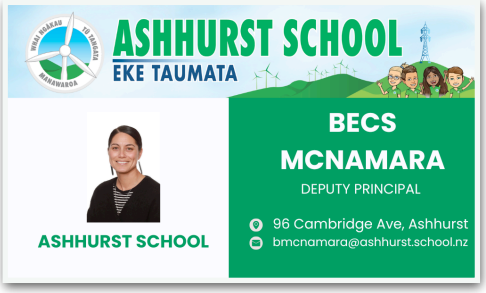
Wednesday 11th December - Junior Rewards Day
Thursday 12th December - Year 8 - Heads up for High School
Friday 13th December - Junior and Senior Prizegiving practice
Friday 13th December - Service Assembly 2pm
Monday 16th - Talent Quest 11am
Monday 16th - Meet your new teacher 2pm
Tuesday 17 - Domain day
Wednesday 18th 9.30 - Junior Prizegiving - Village Valley Centre
Wednesday 18th 6.30 - Senior Prizegiving - Village Valley Centre
(Students year 5 - 8) to assemble on grass area between the VVC and skatepark. Class teachers will meet their class and they will walk into the stadium as a group.
Thursday 19th 12.00 - whole school assembly on the blue court and farewell for Year 8 students and leaving staff. School closes 12.30. (Children only need to bring their morning tea to school)

Tūranga and Ruahine Memorial Park Trip

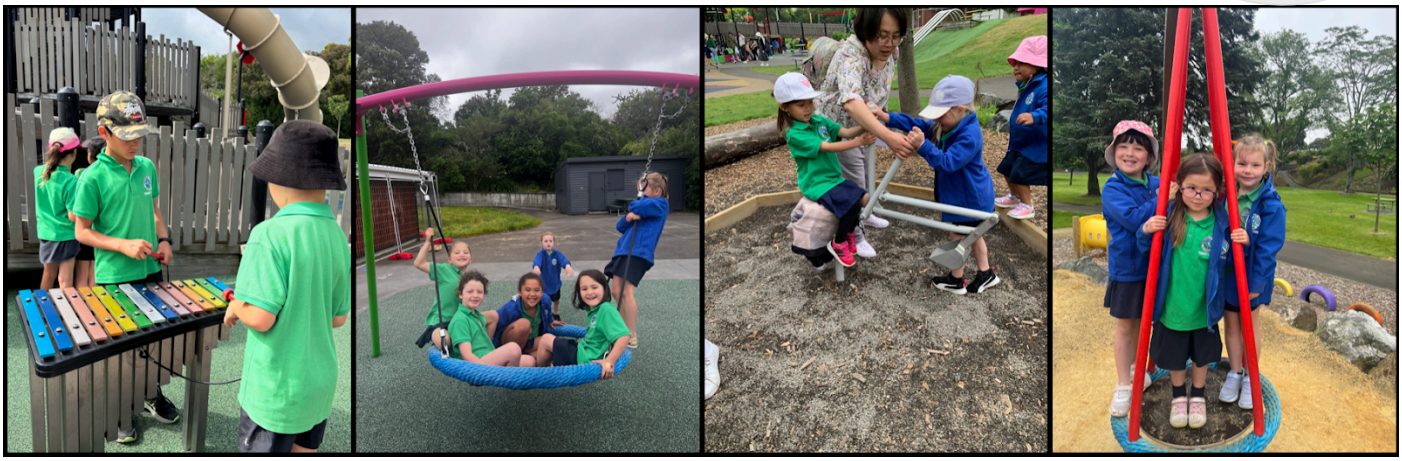
On Tuesday 3rd December and Wednesday 4th December, the Tūranga and Ruahine teams went to Memorial Park to investigate engineering principles involved in the creation of playground equipment. We participated in challenges where students learnt about principles such as gravity, energy transfer, sound waves, centrifugal force and many, many more!







Our children were excellent role models for Ashhurst School and we were very proud of how well they participated in the challenges. Thank-you also to our wonderful parents who helped out with transport and with challenge groups - we couldn't have done it without you!



Tokomanawa Queens

Our girls who play Basketball were super excited to have an opportunity to spend last Friday morning with the Tokomanawa Queens! They had a fabulous time learning new skills and putting these into a game situation. The girls had an opportunity to get posters signed and we are sure it inspired many of them to carry on playing.











Christmas Parade Float

The school is once again having a float for the Ashhurst Christmas Parade. This year, the theme for the school float will be The Night Before Christmas. Your child will need to wear Christmas-themed clothes (or as much as they can) to keep in with our theme.

The parade begins on December 7th at 11:00 a.m. Students must assemble in the school staffroom at 10:20 a.m. to set up and be dressed in their costumes. Your child must be collected from the staffroom after the parade at approximately 11:20 a.m.

MONDAY 16th December

Village Valley Centre 11.00am - 1.00pm



Celebrating Student Success - Feedback from a parent

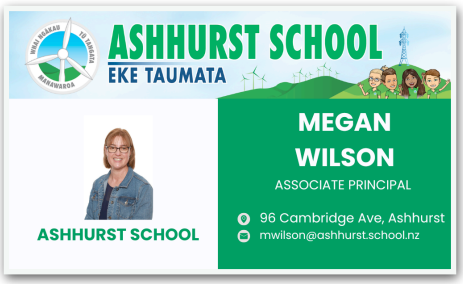
Firstly, what an awesome job your senior kids did helping with athletics on Thursday! I was very impressed with the overall effort and leadership they demonstrated throughout the day.

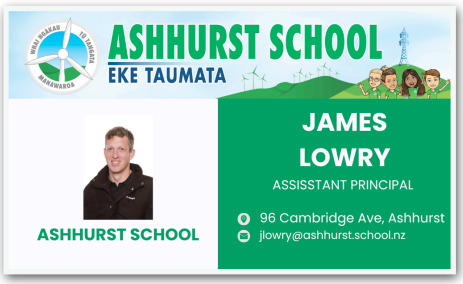
In particular, I want to congratulate Maddie Rolton (Long Jump), Zoey Blenkiron and Ava Larsen. Those three girls were especially outstanding. They demonstrated great leadership, encouraged children who were nervous or shy, and kept a level of enthusiasm throughout the day that helped create an experience for our tamariki.
These girls are excellent ambassadors for your school.
Congratulations to them, their parents and teachers.



Celebrating Student Success

Ultan and Nikita trailed for U13 Hockey teams and both got through, once they were selected they worked really hard for 14 weeks of training and learning, they finished it off with a tournament in Whanganuii where they both played real well and had heaps of fun.





Triple P Positive Parenting

Sessions that are coming up that are available to

Self-Esteem - Thursday 28th November at 9:30am (an in-person discussion group at ACROSS Offices 294a Church St, Palmerston North).

Overcoming Fears - Friday 6th December at 9:30am (a live Zoom discussion group - Tuesday 17th December 9:30am (an in-person) discussion group at ACROSS Offices 294a Church St, Palmerston North). Interested parents/caregivers can complete the online form at the following link: https://forms.office.com/r/HrpGuk2EQ8?origin=lprLink to indicate their interest, topic preferences and consent to participate. They are also welcome to email or phone me for more for more information, to discuss anything or for help with registering. We will get in touch with them once they have completed the online form at the link to let them know topics, dates and times they can choose from.

Pack the Bus

On Wednesday, 4th December, we had the privilege of participating in the Pack the Bus initiative. It was heartening to see such fantastic support from our community. All the Christmas gifts and kai collected will be donated to Palmerston North Methodist Social Services (Koha Kai Whare) and Barnardos, helping to support families in need during this festive season. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



Christmas Market

This year, Ashhurst School is excited to have a stall at the Ashhurst Christmas Market! Whārite students have been working diligently this term, learning about entrepreneurship, and some students have chosen to showcase their skills by participating in the market. Be sure to keep an eye out for our stall and come along to show your support. Your encouragement means the world to our young entrepreneurs!

Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Thursday 19 December

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 - (Children only need to bring their morning tea)

Term Dates 2025



Term 1: 30 January - 11 April

Term 2: 28 April - 27 June

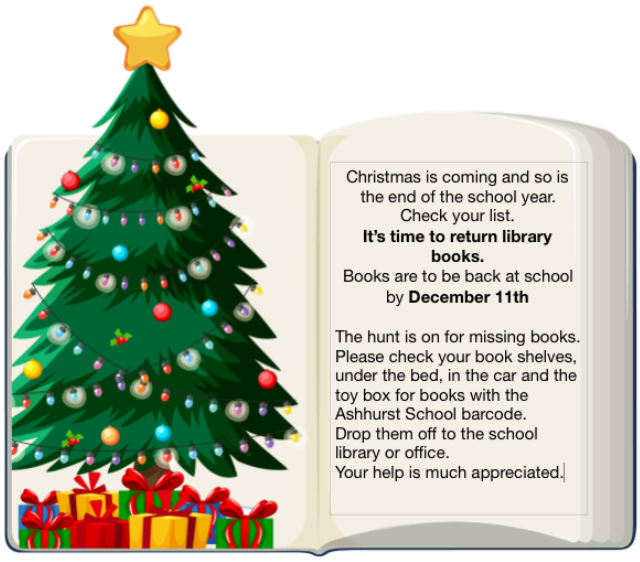
Term 3: 14 July - 19 September

Term 4: 6 October - 16 December

There will be 2 Ministry Teacher Only Days. These dates are to be confirmed.

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.



CLOSED

The Junior Playground will be closed tomorrow morning from 8am-10:30am while the shade sails are being cleaned, repaired, and replaced.

Book of the Week - Te Rehi - The Race Picture Book

Tahi, Rua,Toru, Wha, let's race e how ma! Little Rāpeti races with his friends, but he keeps hurting himself. Can he be brave and reach the finish line? Sometimes a little bump or bruise is par for the course, at least it is proof that you were there and tried your best.

This bilingual book with simple text offers an accessible introduction to te reo Maori vocabulary for young readers and their whanau. The layout of the book is lovely too, with te reo Maori coming first. The text is in speech bubbles, introducing young readers to the concept of dialogue.

This is one of a series of bilingual books for young readers that follow the adventures of a playful and determined young rabbit.

Adults and older children will also enjoy the delightful text and colourful illustrations.





KELLY CLUB

THEME: Christmas is Coming!

Term 4 Week 9, 9th December 2024

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Ashhurst

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Colouring in Comp & Structured Free Time	Salt Dough Ornaments & Structured Free Time	Dance Battle & Structured Free Time	Origami & Structured Free Time	Homemade Muffins & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Chicken Tag	Game: Staff Choice	Game: Musical Statues	Game: Jingle Bell Toss	Game: Captain's Coming
3:00 - 3:10 pm	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time	Sign In & Structured Free Time
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Spaghetti Bread Baskets & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Muffins & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Zip Zap Boing	Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Crab Football	Game: Tug of War	Game: Jedi Dodgeball
3:45 - 4:30 pm	COOKING Christmas Cookies 	CRAFT Christmas Characters 	GAME Beach Flags 	DISCOVERY Flying Reindeer 	SPORT Non-stop Cricket 
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars	Snack Time Potato Sticks	Snack Time Corn Thins
4:50 - 5:15 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Campers & Tents & Projects	Game: The Warm Wind Blows & Projects	Game: Train Stations & Projects	Game: What's the Time Wally? & Projects	Game: Zombie Tag & Projects

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