



ASHHURST SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 2024

TERM 1

Week 10

Kia ora e te whānau,

Finland Trip

It is great to be back in this warm weather. As many parents are aware, I was in Finland over the last three weeks examining their education system and looking for ways to continually improve the teaching and learning opportunities for the children at Ashhurst School. It was a fascinating trip, and I have gained a lot from the experience. Below are some of the highlights that I found interesting not only about the school but also about Finland.

- Finland has now won “the happiest country” title 7 years running
- Finland loves to have saunas. It's a very cultural experience with 5 million people and 3 million saunas
- Children begin their formal education at 7 (Basic Education). Schools are then built for children from the age of 7 years old to the age of 16. Then the children go to the next school.
- Although children do not start school until the age of 7, many of them are in pre-primary (Age 6) and early childhood. Although there is a philosophy of play in these sectors, it is very directed, and children are taught fundamental skills (pencil grips, letter formation, etc.) within these environments.
- Children aged 7 do not go to school from 9-3 pm. Some days, they finish at 12. Children then walk home and, in many situations, will be home alone until

their parents come home.

- Only 11% of people who apply to be teachers are accepted. It is harder to become a teacher than it is to be a doctor. It takes 5 years of university training to become a teacher, compared post graduate programmes in NZ, where you either complete a 3 year teaching degree or a degree + 1 year post graduate program.

I have completed a full report that has been presented to the board and also the staff. If you want to read this report, please click the following link. [Click here](#)

Swimming Sports

What a wonderful event we had last Thursday. The children's effort in both the competitive and non-competitive was outstanding and it was a pleasure to see the children all enjoying themselves and supporting each other. Thank you to all of the staff involved in the organisation for the day and we look forward to seeing some great results from our students at the Northern cluster event taking place on Thursday 11th April.

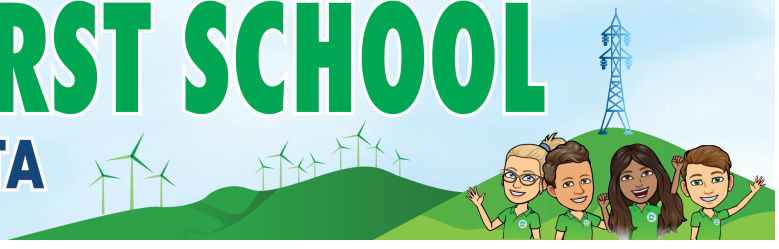
Junior Rewards day

We are excited to hold our Junior Rewards day next Wednesday 10th April. Students have been collecting Sterling for displaying our school values and will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities on Wednesday to acknowledge their efforts. Some tamariki will be heading off to Memorial Park and a notice will be going home on Friday afternoon asking for assistance for supervision and transport for this event.



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programme we are running. These dates will be confirmed next week so keep an eye out.

Farewell for Kyle

We would like to take the opportunity to farewell Kyle from our kura and this will happen next Thursday 11th April at 2.15pm on the Blue court. Kyle has made such a valuable contribution to our school and this will be an opportunity for the tamariki to wish him the best for his new adventure. There will be an opportunity for any whānau to join Kyle in the staffroom after school for a chat and cuppa.

Rippa Rugby

Today and tomorrow, we will see our Year 7⁸ and 5⁶ teams in action at the Arena. A big thanks to Mike, Phillipus and Reece for getting the teams ready and good luck for today. We will update the community with the results next week.

Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that we have a teachers-only day on Friday, 12th April. During this day, the staff will be engaging in professional development. This year, we have two professional development focuses. Our Year 5-8 students are focused on improving writing outcomes. We have engaged with a new tool called the writers toolbox. In Years 1-4, we are working through our structured literacy. On these teacher-only days, professionals from the providers fly in from around the country to work with our teachers.

Parent Information evening/TECH Open day

We will be hosting a couple of events for parents early next term. The first will be an evening for parents to come and learn more about the structured literacy approach and also the work we are doing with writing in the senior school. We will also be welcoming parents in for an open day looking at the TECH

Congratulations to Bev Evans



Bev is one of our release teachers at Ashhurst School. In her spare time she is a high performing archer. At the latest NZ Archery champs she was placed:

- Silver- Mixed Teams matchplay
- Silver- Target
- Bronze- Clout
- Bronze- Individual matchplay
- Woman's Open Champion of Champions

Trophy (overall combined points)

Congratulations Bev!!

Have a great week everyone

Nāku iti noa, na

Heath Chittenden
Principal



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Notices

Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

Term 1

Tuesday 30 January - Friday 12 April
Friday 12th April - Teacher Only Day

Term 2

Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July
Monday 3rd June - King's Birthday
Friday 28th June - Matariki
Friday 5th July - Teacher Only Day

Term 3

Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Friday 27th September - Teacher Only Day

Term 4

Monday 14 October - Friday 20 December
Monday 28 October - Labour Day

There will be two additional days in 2024. These will be between the 27th of May to the 7th of June and October 21st to the 15th of November.

Teacher Only Day
Friday 12th April

SCHOOL IS CLOSED

Absences

Please remember to phone or email the school if your child is absent. If we have no contact from a parent or caregiver, and we are not given a reason for absence, we have to mark it as truant.

If you know your child will be away in the future, please let the office staff know and it can be marked down as a future absence.
Thank you!



Don't forget to keep collecting yummy stickers. These help us buy lots of PE equipment at the end of each year. If you would like a sticker collection sheet please call into the office for one.

HOCKEY

Registrations are still open for Y1-2 winter hockey. There is a wait list for Y3-4 & Y5-6 winter hockey so please register if your child is keen to play so we can create a second team. Register through Kindo.



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Kelly Club – Term 1, Week 11

 KELLY CLUB		THEME: Book Worms! Term 1 Week 10, 8th April 2024			Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Ashhurst	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:00 - 8:15 am	Make A Book & Structured Free Time	Target Practice & Structured Free Time	Finger Painting & Structured Free Time	Staff Choice & Structured Free Time	Origami & Structured Free Time	
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Kiwi & Kangaroos	Game: Kids Yoga	Game: The Giant Peach	Game: Limbo	Game: Angry Birds	
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 Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Shapes, Pretzels & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Pikelets & Fruit	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Paper, Scissors, Rock	Game: Duck, Duck, Goose	Game: Toilet Tag	Game: Follow the Sergeant	Game: Cat & Mouse Tag	
	DISCOVERY Sensory Writing	SPORT Book Balancing Obstacle Course	COOKING Homemade Bread	CRAFT Bookworm Bookmarks	GAME Witch Tag	
3:45 - 4:30 pm						
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	
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: Concentration & Projects	Game: Dance Competition & Projects	Game: Doggy Doggy & Projects	Game: Flee Chase & Projects	Game: Foot Volleyball & Projects	

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APRIL BASKETBALL CAMPS

April 15th - 17th

- 2-Day Camp
- Advanced Camp
- Littles Camp

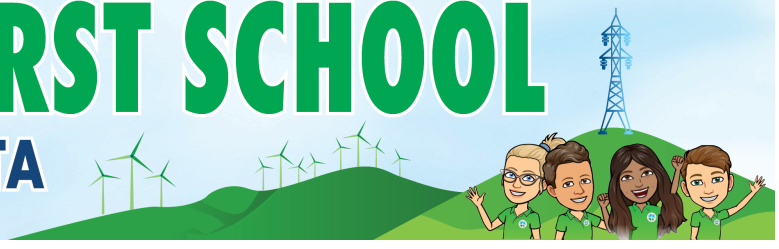


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CHILLED EVENTS PRESENTS

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4TH - 28TH APRIL | OPEN 10am - 10pm EVERYDAY

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TICKETS FROM [CHILLEVENTS.FLICKIT.CO.NZ](http://chillevents.flickit.co.nz)

PALMY **MOREFM**

Netball Manawatu

Holiday Programmes April 2024

- Belated Easter Day**
Monday 22nd April
8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)
- Netball Manawatu Mystery Day**
Tuesday 23rd April
8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)
- ANZAC Day Tournament**
Wednesday 24th April 2024
8.30am- 3.00pm (4pm for late collections for an extra \$10.00)

Throughout the day these programmes will consist of:

- NetballSmart activities
- Development of Skills
- Games
- Lots of fun!

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APRIL BASKETBALL CAMPS

Skills Drills Games! Teaching Kiwi kids to love the game! Free Camp Tee! *T's & c's apply

APRIL 15TH & 16TH	2 DAY CAMP (AGES 9+)	\$100
APRIL 17TH	ADVANCED CAMP (H/S ONLY)	\$45
APRIL 17TH	LITTLES CAMP (AGES 5-8)	\$45

ARENA MANAWATU

*T's & c's - registration must be booked & paid by March 28th for free camp tee

Register at truehoops.nz

BOUNCE ACADEMY

Get Basketball ready these holidays!

23 & 24 APRIL
9am - 3pm

Here at Bounce Academy, our holiday programmes focus on skillsets, fundamentals, games and team skills for boys and girls aged 5 - 12 years old.

REGISTER NOW

Includes: HOLIDAY CAMP TEE!

\$50 for YR 1 & 2 (23 APR ONLY)
\$80 For Yr 3 - 8 (BOTH DAYS)

www.bounceacademy.nz



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