



# ASHHURST SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 2024

TERM 1

## Week 7

Kia ora e te whānau,

I would firstly like to thank all of our whānau for the amazing turnout to the conferences held on Tuesday and Wednesday. It is a pleasure to have the time sharing the learning the children have been engaging in over the last 6 weeks and celebrating the successes. We had nearly 400 interviews over the two nights and I would like to thank the teachers for their mahi and commitment in sharing your child's progress and goals for learning.

### Life Education - Tūranga and Tararua Team - A message from Tim and Harold

Hi all you amazing Tararua and Turanga people!  
What can I say after 5 of the most majestic, awesomest (sorry – I love Hunt for the Wilderpeople!) days at your stunning Kura! The response of the students was just overwhelming – but I expected this – there is something about Ashhurst School and the excitement that is generated – it is truly awe inspiring! My hat is off to you lovely specimens – what you achieve with your classes is an inspiration to me – the kids are so lucky to have you. I have so many unique memories to take away – HEAPS of great ideas and perspectives from the pupils, and some responses that were WELL outside the box. It was fantastic to catch up with you all – wish I had WAY more time for this.

Can't wait till June to be back among you all – thank you again so much for making us feel so welcome – take care and have a spectacular rest of the term!

### GRIP Conference

This week our Heads and Prefects attended the GRIP conference in Palmerston North. The central focus of the conference was equipping student leaders with practical ideas and skills which will allow them to make a significant contribution to our school. This was done by applying the acronym G.R.I.P



**GENEROSITY:** Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well.

**INTEGRITY:** A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings.

**PEOPLE:** Every human being is of great significance, and has a purpose to fulfil.

It was great to see our student leaders taking up the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills. Thank you to Mr Lowry for his organisation around this and supporting the children on the day.

### Rural Games

Well done to our Year 5/6 and 7/8 teams playing Ki o Rahi at the Rural games last Saturday. They were amazing ambassadors for the school and provided a great spectacle demonstrating what Ki - o - Rahi is all about.

### Celebrating Success

#### Shelby - Room 3

Shelby's goal for the 2023/24 season was to qualify her show pony and get to Horse of the Year. Unfortunately due to an injury Shelby's pony was out for the season. A friend offered Shelby the opportunity to compete with her Australian imported ponies. Shelby not only qualified one, but she qualified 3 ponies. We took 2



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of the ponies to Horse of the Year last week, where Shelby successfully placed in both classes. Class Pony, Bellgarra Emirants placing in Saddle Hunter pony of the year not exceeding 128cm. Pony, Final Call of Priory placing Show Pony of the year not exceeding 128cm.



### Mr Brosnan

We congratulate Mr Brosnan on his achievement with Touch over the last fortnight. Reece represented Manawātū in the open men's division and placed 8th at the Nationals. He has been selected to represent the Central Region at the Premier Touch League competition held this weekend. We wish him all the very best.



## Sports News

### Netball Trials

Y7-8 netball trials will be held on Monday 18th March for those students who have registered. A second trial may be held on Thursday 21st March, if needed.

### Basketball Registrations

We currently have registrations open for basketball in Term 2 for the following teams: Year 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. If

your child is interested, please register through Kindo. Registrations close March 22nd 2024.

### Hockey Registrations

We currently have registrations open for winter hockey. If your child is interested, please register through Kindo. Registrations close April 5th 2024.

### Junior Triathlon

The weather was absolutely stunning day for our Junior triathlon on Tuesday last week. All of the Ruahine and Tūranga students were amped to go, as they had a couple of practice run-throughs to prepare them for the event. We had a couple of new courses this year that had the students zig zagging across the field and zipping around the bike track. Our youngest students coped really well with the running, cycling, and swimming and all tried their very best. There were plenty of happy but tired students at the end of the event. Thanks to all of the whānau that came down to support the event and cheer their children on - it really can boost confidence!

Year Group	1	2	3
Year 1 Boys	George	Max	Kyan
Year 1 Girls	Roxi	Thea	Maia
Year 2 Boys	Noah	Eli	Levi
Year 2 Girls	Milla	Kasey	Matilda
Year 3 Boys	Miles	George	Oaklyn
Year 3 Girls	Adeline	Kaia	Tenley
Year 4 Boys	Toby	Harry	Henry
Year 4 Girls	Starlia	Izabella	Rose



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### Senior Triathlon

After an extremely rainy morning and the start time being pushed back a couple of times, the senior triathlon eventually got underway about midday on Thursday. Much like the junior event, the senior courses were new this year, utilising the zig zag course on the field for parts of the run and cycle legs. It was clear to see that there were some keen athletes out there and that the adrenaline kicked in for a lot of them throughout the course. There were some tough competitors on the day and some jostling for places through the run, bike, and swim. It was great to see that many students were enjoying themselves and giving it a go!

Thank you to all whānau who took the time to support and cheer on your children!

	1	2	3
<b>Year 5 Boys</b>	Nelson	Ollie	Jasper
<b>Year 5 Girls</b>	Piper	Lucy	Kahri
<b>Year 6 Boys</b>	Fletcher	Eli	Thomas
<b>Year 6 Girls</b>	Adalyn	Lily	Ava
<b>Year 7 Boys</b>	Arden	Madden	Kyle
<b>Year 7 Girls</b>	Lilly	Tiaan	Amber
<b>Year 8 Girls</b>	Tiana	Gloria	Molly
<b>Year 8 Boys</b>	Aiden	Connor	Matthew

### Inter School Triathlon

We took our top 5 finishers from our school triathlon along to the Manawātū Interschool Triathlon Champs on Wednesday, 13th March. This was a really tough event, and the conditions were not easy - the wind seemed to be coming at the kids from all angles! We got a few top 10 placings - Piper 6th, Adalyn 4th, and Fletcher 7th. We also got a few top-20 placings too. Well done to all athletes for their hard work on the course! Thank you

also to the parents who helped with transport of students and bikes to and from the event. It was so good to see so many whānau members supporting our tamariki.

Course distances: Yr 5: 1km Run; 3km Bike; 75m Swim. Yr 6: 1km Run; 3km Bike; 75m Swim. Yr 7 and Yr 8: 1.5km Run, 4km bike, 150m swim

### Supporting one of our own

Some of you may remember Maia, who is a previous Ashhurst School student. Unfortunately, after leaving Ashhurst School and moving on to high school, Maia became very unwell. Over the last almost 4 years, her health has deteriorated significantly. At the end of 2023, Maia finally got a diagnosis of Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome and multiple Abdominal Vascular Compression Syndromes, and the family has been advised by her specialists that surgery is necessary. Unfortunately, there are currently no treatment or surgery options available in Aotearoa for Maia, and travelling to Germany for surgery is our best and most cost-effective option. It does still come with a significant cost. Without fundraising to cover the costs, Maia will not be able to get this surgery, so the family has created a Givealittle page to try to raise enough to give Maia a chance at everyday life.

If you would like to support we have included the link to the Givealittle page below :-

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-us-fund-medical-treatment-for-maia-not?fbclid=IwAR1KdeDN-Ik7oLYP3mxLW1ZrMmwcaiMv6FoLkzkE0zBCPVRXnSTiW-V7F0o>

Nāku iti noa, na

Karyn Giles  
Deputy Principal





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## Notices

### Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

#### Term 1

**Tuesday 30 January - Friday 12 April**

29th March - Good Friday

Monday 1st April - Easter Monday

Tuesday 2nd April - Easter Tuesday

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.*

### PRINCIPALS AWARD

**Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Certificates this week**

- Room 1 ..... Alex, Georgia
- Room 2 ..... Jeffrey, Ezra
- Room 3 ..... Connor, Devarney
- Room 4 ..... Teagan, Tiana
- Room 7 ..... Isaac, Jasper
- Room 8 ..... Felix, Laekyn
- Room 9 ..... Charlotte, Finley
- Room 10 ..... Charlie
- Room 11 ..... Kasey, Otis
- Room 12 ..... Harper, Ollie
- Room 13 ..... Parker, Zara
- Room 14 ..... William, Mickayla
- Room 15 ..... Theo, Maddison
- Room 16 ..... Kahn, Hazel
- Room 17 ..... Kiana, Ricky
- Room 18 ..... Ollie, Lily
- Room 19 ..... Rhett, Adalyn
- Room 20 ..... Victoria, Thomas
- Room 21 ..... Lo, Wyatt
- Room 22 ..... Anjuli, Paxton

- Head Boy Certificate**.....Ailey
- Head Girl Certificate** .....Devarney
- DH Boy Certificate** .....Starlia
- DH Girl Certificate**.....Aria

### 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!

### School Lunches

Monday - Ashhurst Dairy  
Wednesday - Ashhurst Dairy  
Thursday - Subway  
Friday - Ashhurst Dairy  
Remember lunches need to be ordered through Kindo.

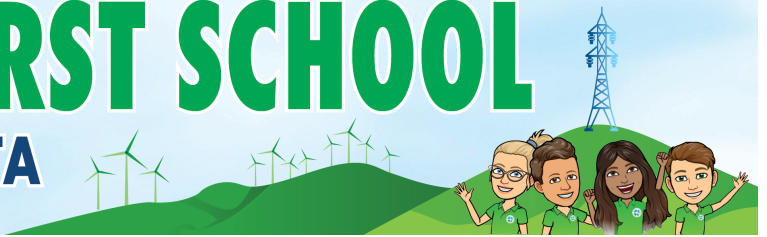
**No lunches on a Tuesday.**





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## Kelly Club – Term 1, Week 8



### THEME: Ooey Gooley!

Term 1 Week 8, 18th March 2024

Weekly Activities Plan  
Kelly Club Ashhurst

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Oobleck Slime & Structured Free Time	Lego Battle & Structured Free Time	Clay Animals & 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: Head It, Catch It	Game: Captains 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 Rice Cakes & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Chips & Dip & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Zip Zap Boing	Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Crab Football	Game: Tug Of War	Game: Jedi Dodgeball
	<b>COOKING</b> Gooley Spaghetti Pies	<b>CRAFT</b> Ooey Gooley Chalk	<b>GAME</b> Guess The Goo	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Gooley Slime Bubbles	<b>SPORT</b> Don't Step On The Mess
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: Campers & Tents & Projects	Game: The Warm Wind Blows & Projects	Game: Train Stations & Projects	Game: Whats The Time Wally & Projects	Game: Zombie Tag & Projects

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### Land of the Long Long Drive in the Pohangina Hall!

2.00pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - the last day of the Easter break. Tickets available now at [tickets.pohanginavalley.nz](https://tickets.pohanginavalley.nz)

We are delighted to be able to bring to you from Wellington The Land of the Long Long Drive. This play is being toured by Arts on Tour and this is the only performance in the Manawatu! Manawatu District Council has kindly given us some money from the event fund and we are hoping for another grant which means we are able to sell tickets to this show for the very affordable price of \$9/ticket! What a great thing to do on the last day of the Easter break! Here's a little bit about the show:



Weta, Tuna and Karearea are mates of Gary the Glowworm, and are traveling to attend his rave in the cave birthday party. The friends face a number of trials on the road, and learn that despite their differences, they can achieve their goals by working together.

Land of the Long Long Drive is a story that has been "Loved by .....audience[s] from tots to grandparents" (Deborah Rea, Theatreview).

A tale for Kiwi kids, featuring iconic N creatures, landscapes and fresh waiata by NZ singer-songwriter Benny Tipene. Ideal for children aged 3 - 10, Land of the Long Long Drive brings you a laugh out loud, inspiring adventure of three unlikely heroes.

This show jumps into life with beautiful costumes from Gridley by Victoria, Costumer for the Royal New Zealand Ballet, and support from Capital E National Theatre for Children through their Creative Residency programme.



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Is your child a keen DIY'er who would love to sell their handmade goods at our Market?

We please ask that it is only items that children have crafted themselves, please no sale of secondhand items, adult crafted items or purchased products for resale. This is about the kids having their fun in the spotlight, and sharing what they have lovingly created.

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# SAVE THE DATE

# FAMILY FUN DAY

## 17TH MARCH

### 10:00AM TO 1:00PM

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