



ASHHURST SCHOOL

EKE TAUMATA



NEWSLETTER 2024

TERM 1

Week 8

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been a busy few weeks at Ashhurst School, with many opportunities for students both inside and outside of the classroom.

For the last two days, we have managed staff attending Paid Union Meetings by merging some classes in the afternoon, allowing the school to remain functioning as normal. We thank you for your patience and support around this.

This is just a reminder to whānau that we have an Easter break coming up next week. School will be closed Friday, March 29th, Monday, April 1st, and Tuesday, April 2nd. We look forward to seeing you all back for learning on Wednesday, April 3rd.

Red Day

It was super exciting to see everyone dressed us today for red day in support of Leukaemia and Blood Cancer Awareness. We were super proud of everyone for supporting this cause and are happy to announce that we raised \$602.90. A big thank you to Devarney, Tiana, Sophie & Brennan for all of the organising that went into making the day possible.

Attendance

It has been pleasing to see the consistent attendance of the majority of our tamariki at school. Every day counts and a day here or there doesn't seem like much but a day a week for the year equates to 8 weeks of school missed, which is nearly a whole term. We are currently working with our school management system provider as the half-day for conferences may be reflected in the engagement report in week 9 as an absence. This is due to the

coding we have popped in and cannot be altered but your child will still be credited with the sterling for that period of time. It has also been brought to our attention that the attendance data was greatly incorrect on some people's engagement reports for week 6. Please flick us an email and we will be able to correct this manually to reflect your child's actual attendance.

Weetbix Tryathlon

It was wonderful to witness Ashhurst School students participating in the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon on Tuesday. A real highlight was seeing so many new children taking up the challenge and giving it a go for the first time. All participants showed incredible determination, demonstrating lots of manawaroa during their races and bravely battling the cold. A big thank you to Whaea Tash for representing our school at the event and supporting the students.

Peer Mediation

We got our Peer Mediators together for their first training session on Monday—there are a lot of them, which is so great to see! Peer Mediation is open to any student in Year 7/8, and all students had the opportunity to fill in a form to express their interest in becoming a mentor.

Over the next few weeks, students will receive training so that they can become effective Peer Mediators in the playground. Simply put, Peer Mediation is a way where students can help to solve minor problems in the playground by facilitating conversations between students who are in conflict to help them come up with solutions where everyone is happy. If Peer Mediators are doing their job well, there



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shouldn't be much for them to do at break times! All Peer Mediators will get their own T Shirt to wear while on duty - this will enable them to stand out while in the playground. We are looking forward to working alongside the mediators throughout the year.

Ki o Rahi Elite Sport

We are super excited to be hosting the second Elite Sport event for 2024. Ki o Rahi is a new event to the Elite Sport calendar and the tamariki have been training hard to compete in this competition. This will be held on the school field next Tuesday and we look forward to being able to see our team in action! We would like to thank Chris Swanell for his support of this event, Lytton Street School for the use of their gear and Mike, Pā James and Whaea Becs for all the mahi preparing for this event

TECH

On Wednesday, we held our first TECH session of the year. It was great to see all of the students so engaged in this year's subjects. Year 7-8 Students are learning about the design process and are applying this process across Laser Cutting, Spike Robotics, Co2 Cars and Cooking. A big thank you to Pā Reece, Mrs Morris, Mrs Chittenden and Pā James for the mahi that has gone into getting the first round of programmes underway.

Hurricanes Visit

Today we were very lucky to have a number of Hurricanes visit the school. They spent some time with students who are engaged in Rugby and did a short Q&A session, then went outside and ran some rippa games and ended their visit with a signing session to finish.

NZSC Manawatu Tough Kid Challenge

On Friday, some of our Year 7 & 8 students will be taking part in the NZSC Manawatu Tough Kid® 2024 event. This fun and challenging obstacle course allows our students to test their abilities and develop their manawaroa

(resilience). The course, set entirely off-road, features various obstacles including cargo nets, tyres, water crossings, and other exciting challenges. We wish them the best of luck!

Senior School Swimming Sports

The senior School (Whārite/Tararua) Swimming Sports is on Thursday, March 28 (Week 9). This day is split into two events, competitive and non-competitive. The competitive meet commences at 9.10am and finishes around noon, while the non-competitive meet commences at noon and finishes at 3pm. We are looking forward to seeing all of the students showcasing their swimming skills during this event.

Garden Club Planting

On Thursday 21st March, a group of children from Ashhurst School were part of the planting of a Rongoā - a Maori medicinal garden at the Ashhurst Health Centre. These children are committed members of our school garden club. They helped to plant a variety of medicinal plants and learnt about some of the medicinal uses of these plants. It was a great community event and we were proud to be there to support it.

Thank you to Chris for all her mahi with this initiative and Whaea Megan for supporting the children.



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

Thursday 28 March - Senior Swimming Sports
Friday 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.

A reminder that if you pick your child up from school early, you must come and sign them out on the tablet in the office. (Even if you have told the teacher). This is for health and safety reasons in case of an emergency.



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.

Basketball Registrations

Year 3-8 Basketball registrations close Friday 22 March at 11am.

Please register through Kindo.



Orders Close 22nd March



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Kelly Club – Term 1, Week 9



THEME: Egg-stra Special Easter!

Term 1 Week 9, 25th March 2024

Weekly Activities Plan
Kelly Club Ashhurst

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am	Paper Plane Comp & Structured Free Time	Fort Building & Structured Free Time	Cup Towers & Structured Free Time	Hatching Chicks & Structured Free Time	
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Bunny Hop	Game: Noodle Tag	Game: Rob the Nest	Game: Staff Choice	
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	
3:10 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yogurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sausage Rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Slice & Fruit	
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Blindfolded Explorers	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: 4 Corner Dodgeball	
3:45 - 4:30 pm	SPORT Chase The Rabbit	COOKING Rice Krispie Treats	CRAFT Egg Carton Creations	GAME Easter Egg Hunt	
					
4:30 - 4:35 pm	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	
5:15 - 6:00 pm	Game: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	

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APRIL 12th - 27th 2024

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4TH - 28TH
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EASTER

sunday fair

Easter Sunday 31st March
9am till 3pm

\$2 per head
Preschool FREE

- Rain or shine
- 200 quality stalls
- Art, crafts, Music, food and entertainment
- Our entertainment this year will be:
James Steet
Sparkles
Taitoko
- All proceeds from the Fair after expenses are gifted back to worthy causes within the community
- No Dogs permitted
- No ATM on site
- Entry from Easton Park Johnson St or Main Street Foxton

foxtoneasterfair@gmail.com

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!

TRUE Hoops

APRIL BASKETBALL CAMPS

April 15th - 17th

- 2-Day Camp
- Advanced Camp
- Littles Camp

HEAD TO TRUEHOOPS.NZ TO REGISTER



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Taonui
Ground Spreading

Contact Paul
 0272346521
We don't treat soil like dirt



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