



# ASHHURST SCHOOL

## EKE TAUMATA



NEWSLETTER 2024

TERM 1

## Week 4

Kia ora e te whānau,

### Staff News

As many of the community know, Mr Harris has been away since the start of the year. He has been an acting principal of Mt Biggs school just on the outskirts of Feilding. We are pleased but saddened to announce that Kyle has now been appointed as the school's new principal. This is awesome for Kyle as this has been an aspiration of his and we wish him all the best in the next step in his career pathway. We will be looking to have a farewell for Kyle here at school later in the term.

This will mean for the remainder of the year our Senior Management structure will remain the same with Kaz and Becs both working as Deputy Principals, James Lowry as Assistant Principal (Overseeing Year 5-8), Megan Wilson Senior Teacher (Overseeing Year 1-4) and our team leaders Reece Brosnan (Whārite), Kate Reweti (Tararua), Brooke Weel (Tūranga) and we are internally advertising a junior team leader and will inform the community once this is appointed.

For the next couple of weeks, Miss Giles will not be at school. She is on leave, and we look forward to seeing her back in about two weeks. In the meantime feel free to speak to Becs McNamara (our other acting Deputy Principal) if you have any issues that you would normally have seen Kaz about.

### Feilding Commemoration Mural

On Friday last week, Joe McMenamin hosted workshops for a number of schools, and students from Ashhurst School who live in the Manawatu District were able to participate. This small group of students each got to add their own art to a 20x20cm square that will form part of a pixelated mural that will be displayed in the

Feilding Civic Centre. The mural is a part of the 150th Commemoration of Feilding.

### Road Patrol

**We are very grateful to once again have the opportunity to have Constable Sarah Cree come to school and train our tamariki who have volunteered to be part of the road safety team.**

**This is such a critical role within our school and we appreciate the children who volunteer and commit their time. These students have made such a great start and are doing a great job.**

### PTA - MOVIE NIGHT TONIGHT !

Our PTA have been working hard to bring you an awesome movie night tonight at 6pm, in conjunction with the PNCC. More information can be found later in the newsletter.

### Past Students

It is great to see that our year 8s from 2023 have settled into their secondary school journey and it is lovely to hear how they are doing. We also understand that some older students need to pick up their siblings. We just ask that on the days that the secondary schools finish early, that those students stay well away from the classrooms while our tamariki are still engaging in learning.

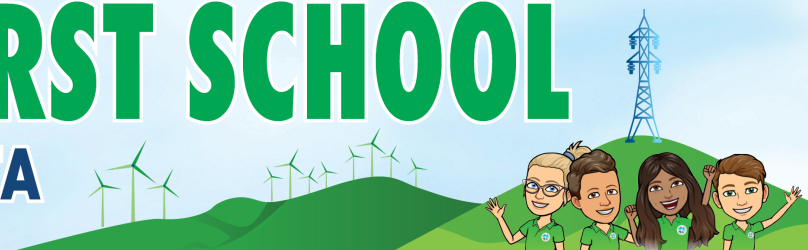
### Sports News

After school coaching with Ashhurst School provides after-school sports opportunities with our sports coach, Mike Van Buuren. In Term 1, we will run three after-school sports cycles for children passionate about the sports we provide. Sessions will run on the days listed



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below for Term 1. We have had a large response from the community and all of the spaces for Term 1 have now been taken.

The following sports are:

Monday - Cricket

Tuesday - Netball

Thursday - Hockey

The sessions run from 3pm until 4pm, and there is no cost to attend. All of these sports are in full swing next week.

### Triathlon

We have set the dates for the School Triathlon for 2024. The senior triathlon is on the 5th March and the junior triathlon will take place the following day, 6th March. Additional information will be sent out closer to the date.

### Netball

We currently have registrations open for Y7-8 Netball. If your child is interested, please register through Kindo. Registrations close March 5th 2024.

### Basketball

We are very fortunate to have some passionate basketballers in our community that are willing to pitch in to support our tamariki. Brandon Moore has offered to start running some organised scrimmages for our Year 7/8 tamariki starting Wednesday the 21st February at 3.15 - 4.30 on the blue court. Students will need to bring a change of clothes, correct footwear and have a mouth guard.

### Ki - o - Rahi

We are excited to be able to access Chris Swannell to work once again with our Year 5 - 8 students. They will be training weekly to participate in our region's Ki-o-Rahi tournament, as well as our Year 7 & 8 students competing in Ki-o-Rahi as a newly introduced sport in the Elite Sport competition. This will be hosted by our school in Week 8.

### Touch

Our Year 7 and 8 students have had an opportunity to trial for the Elite Sport Touch team and the squad has been announced. We look forward to competing in the Elite Sports Touch tournament in week 5.

**Heath Chittenden**

Principal

*PN East Kahui Ako*

*Co-Lead Principal*

**Karyn Giles**

Deputy Principal

## PTA News

Thanks to Palmerston North City Council for bringing a wonderful community event to Ashhurst. The PTA will be on site from 5.30pm with a delicious dessert bar and hot foods. Eftpos will be available. See you there.

**DREAMWORKS**  
**the BAD GUYS**  
OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN MOVIE

**WHERE** On the back field at Ashhurst School  
**WHEN** 22nd February (Thursday) 6pm – 8pm

**PALMY**  
FREE Community Event with free popcorn.

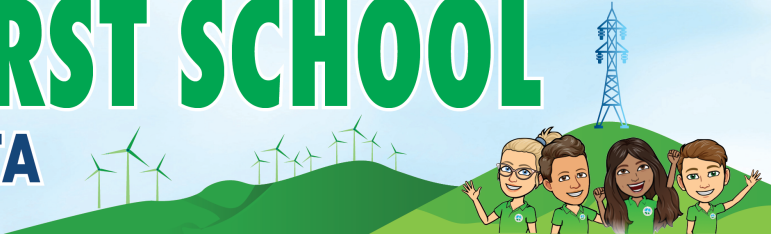
Ashhurst School PTA is supporting with a Fundraiser: Sausage sizzle, Bacon butties, Desert Bar – Spiders (drink), lollies, candyfloss and drinks.

**GOOD IS NO FUN AT ALL**



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## Notices

### Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

#### Term 1

**Tuesday 30 January - Friday 12 April**

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.*

### ASHHURST POHANGINA FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION

SIGN UP FOR WINTER FOOTY!

Registrations close 12th March 2024

The more the merrier, so come on and register! There's fun for every age, so let's get into it!

Ages 4-6 First Kicks play on Mondays at 3:30pm.

Soccer ages 7upwards games are on Saturdays and practices will depend on those who volunteer to coach. (We love our coaches!).

This year we have the option of personalised hoodies with the new club logo and colours of Dark Green and Orange. These are heavily subsidised at only \$35 each so please ensure you fill out your size and name/nickname for printing.

You can do this now - follow the link below to re-register with Ashhurst Pohangina Football Club.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/279811>

Please make payment immediately and use your child's last name as reference.

### School Uniform

We have a large supply of second hand uniform in the office for sale.

Please feel free to pop in if you are looking for extra uniform items.

### Seasons

A peer support programme for 5-12 year olds who are missing someone significant in their lives (usually but not always due to divorce/separation of parents, the death of a loved one or moving town). If you think your child would benefit from this programme please talk to his/her teacher or fill out the enrolment form which is available at the office. If you wish to talk to someone about the programme please let your child's teacher or Miss Giles know.






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## Kelly Club – Term 1, Week 5

		<b>THEME: Staff Choice F</b> Term 1 Week 5, 26th February 2024					Weekly Activities Plan Kelly Club Ashhurst
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
7:00 - 8:15 am	Flower Making & Structured Free Time	Firework Painting & Structured Free Time	Family Trees & Structured Free Time	Friendship Clouds & Structured Free Time	Flag Making & Structured Free Time		
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Around the World	Game: Kiwis & Kangaroos	Game: Musical Statues	Game: Limbo	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 Fritters & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Frankfurters & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fudge Brownie & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Flapjacks & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Fish bites, Fries & Fruit		
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Blindfolded Explorers	Game: Turkey Tag	Game: The Sergeant	Game: Balloon Tag	Game: Duck Duck Goose		
	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Fizzing Ice	<b>SPORT</b> Freeze Ball	<b>COOKING</b> Fruit Traffic Lights	<b>CRAFT</b> Flowerpower Headbands	<b>GAME</b> Football 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: Train Stations & Projects	Game: Zip Zap Boing & Projects	Game: Noodle Tag & Projects	Game: Jedi Dodgeball & Projects	Game: Midnight & Projects		

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## WIN A VOUCHER!

**Order eZlunch for delivery dates  
12 – 23 February to enter the draw!**

Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. Three chances per order. Winners will be drawn on Friday 23 February 2024 and will be notified by phone or email. No correspondence will be entered into.

Visit [eZlunch.co.nz](http://eZlunch.co.nz) to order.

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## Ashhurst Pohangina Junior Rugby Football Club

Ashhurst-Pohangina Junior Rugby Football Club are on the hunt for some superstars to join our family friendly rugby club. You don't need experience just a willingness to have fun, learn new skills, and make new friends (parents too!). We are seeking players for all grades from Year 1 and 2 Ripper through to Year 3 and 4 with their first year tackle right up to Year 8 grades. If this sounds like you then head down to our first Registration Day on the 17th February 10-12pm and our last one on the 9th March from 1-2.30pm, at the Clubrooms 2 Lincoln Street Ashhurst. Here you can ask our committee any questions, see what we are all about and register your player. Online registrations are also available at [www.sporty.co.nz/aprfcjr](http://www.sporty.co.nz/aprfcjr)

You can also follow us on Facebook! Any questions contact Tiffany Rogers Club Convener at [ashhurstjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:ashhurstjuniorrugby@gmail.com)

## Kick Start Hockey Programme 2024 Aged Year 3 – 8

This Programme is designed for any tamariki wanting to kick start their love for the game of hockey or just wanting to dust off their skills from the summer break before the winter season starts. This programme is great for both new players and experienced players. 25th February – 10th March 9am-10am with a game day on Sunday 17th March. \$60 per child. Please get in touch with Hannah if you have any questions, [pdo@hockeymanawatu.org.nz](mailto:pdo@hockeymanawatu.org.nz) or click the link below or head to our website to register. <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/50b3bd>

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**Half Marathon & Fun Run**

**SPOT PRIZES**

Entries: [www.foxtonlions.co.nz](http://www.foxtonlions.co.nz)  
Email: [funrun@foxtonlions.co.nz](mailto:funrun@foxtonlions.co.nz)  
Txt: 021 490 828

Event	Price	Start Time
Half Marathon Walk	\$40.00	7.00am
Half Marathon Run	\$40.00	8.00am
10K Walk or Run	\$20.00	9.00am
5K Walk or Run	\$10.00	9.30am
5K Primary School Challenge	\$5.00	9.30am

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We are back... from the team that brought you Moana Jr & Madagascar Jr in 2023, we are so excited to open auditions for our July 2024 production – Frozen Jr. Come and join us on this wonderful adventure through Arendelle and beyond. Auditions are on 2nd-3rd March at Ross Intermediate. Please email [frozenjrnz@gmail.com](mailto:frozenjrnz@gmail.com) for more information.



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