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NEWSLETTER 2024 WEEK 1

TERM 2

Nāku iti noa, na

Welcome back to what looks to be another busy term. We are looking forward to all of the winter sports getting underway and would like to thank all whānau and our school staff for supporting these teams with coaching and managing teams.

Our big school event this term is Cross Country which will be held on the 22nd May. This is such a great event and we love seeing tamariki challenge themselves. All classes are practicing regularly and our plan is for all students to take part in a run-through down at the Domain to familiarise themselves with the track.

On the staffing front, this week we welcome back Miss Ashcroft from being away on maternity leave.

### Car Parking

We are very fortunate to have negotiated with the PNCC to upgrade parking spaces outside of the pool area. These are located against the fence of the school field. Strangely the Ministry of Education owns all of the land up to the two poles as you enter the carpark that was originally in place. The school has invested over \$9,000 to fix the surface area in front of the house on the other side of the road. This is not a designated car parking area, it is only to tidy up the broken asphalt and also to prevent people from driving on the grassed berm. Please do not park your car in front of the house, this is a yellow-marked area, and you may end up ticketed as a result. It

is very important to respect the homeowners and also prevent damage the work the school has invested in making that area more attractive.



### Road Safety on Bikes

It has been brought to our attention by a number of members of the public, that there have been a few near misses of our tamariki on bikes. Often this has been when our students are biking to and from school and when they are riding on the footpath. It can be quite difficult to see some of our younger students when they are on their bikes as they are quite low down and out of the vision of cars. Please have a chat to your children about safe bike practices. We do not want our tamarisk to get hurt.

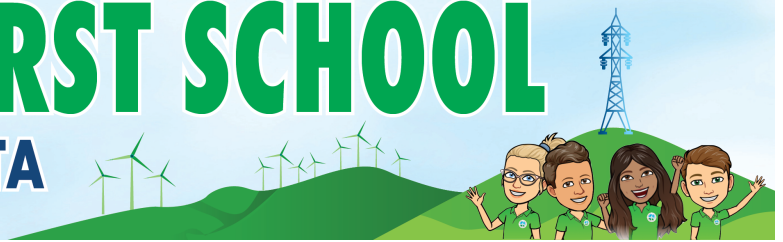
### Uniform Updates

NZ Uniforms are now stocking a track pant option for students coming into the winter. There are two options in the shop for students to wear now. A reminder that students are not permitted to wear



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Canterbury or other branded track pants. Also, through kindo, parents are able to order the bomber jacket instead of wearing a polar fleece if students prefer. Orders will take 4-6 weeks to come in, there is a sample in the office and these are a very warm option.



### Anzac Day

I am super proud of our student leaders who represented the school at the ANZAC Day civic service. They were amazing ambassadors for our school, and we are all incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves at such a special ANZAC service. A massive well done to those of you who spoke so clearly and confidently. You are all amazing!



Thank you also to the Ashhurst RSA for allowing us to participate in this service and to Pā James for all of his mahi with the organisation.

### Peer Mediators

We are excited to announce that Peer Mediation will start in Week 5 of this term. Peer Mediation is a structured process that uses a neutral person, the mediator, to help those in disagreement come up with their own solutions for a win/win outcome. It is a voluntary process to constructively manage low-level disagreements. The mediator facilitates the mediation process to support their peers in resolving their own problems.

Students working in the role of 'peer mediator', are trained in conflict resolution skills. We have a great group of peer mediators in our first cohort, who have undergone training over the last 6 weeks to prepare them for their important role in the school community. They will be on duty from the beginning of Week 5 this term.

### TECH Open Day

During this term, we will have an opportunity for whānau to come and see what our Whārite students have been learning during TECH. Our senior students will have their end products on display and will be able to share their learning with you. Please keep an eye out for more information about this, it will be announced shortly.

### Writer Toolbox / Structured Literacy Parent Information Evening

This year our teachers and students have been participating in the development around Structured Literacy (Years 1-4) and Writer's Toolbox (Years 5-8). This has meant that some of the ways children are learning and work they are completing has changed. We would like to share with parents/caregivers and whanau what this



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looks like. During this term we will be offering parents / caregivers and whanau an opportunity to come to an information afternoon and evening about Structured Literacy and Writers Toolbox. Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters for an update about the date this will be held.

### Seasons

Seasons for Growth is an 8-week programme for children, young people, or adults who have experienced grief or loss. Sessions are run in small groups and last 45 minutes to one hour, depending on the group's age. As an evidence-based and highly regarded programme, Seasons for Growth has a unique and important role in supporting mental health within your school community. Designed as a 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 contact Whaea Kaz on [kgiles@ashhurst.school.nz](mailto:kgiles@ashhurst.school.nz).

### School Internet Upgrade and the Phone System

We have an upgrade of the school network from the 22nd to 24th of May. Please be prepared on those days for some or no internet and this may have an impact on the school phones in the office. During this time if you are unable to contact the office and you need to get hold of someone, please contact Heath on 0278616913 or Kaz on 0274450772.

### AIMS Games

AIMS Games trials will be held on Monday, May 6 (Rip Rugby) and Tuesday, May 7 (Netball). An extended squad for each team will then be selected to train leading up to the AIMS Games, which will be held in Tauranga from September 7th to 13th. As part of the programme children who are selected are expected to fully participate in Cross Country practices, the cross country and also our sports programme by bringing togs etc. We are not focused on the result at all, simply the effort and commitment to giving it a go and improving personal fitness. It is a very long week with multiple games a day. This will also assist in minimising injury risks.

**Heath Chittenden**  
Principal  
*PN East Kahui Ako*  
*Co-Lead Principal*

**Karyn Giles**  
Deputy Principal



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## 2024 School Cross Country

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 22 - Week 4

**Postponement Date:** Wednesday, May 29 - Week 5

**VENUE:** Ashhurst Domain

### Children Need:

- Suitable MUFTI clothing for running
- Suitable footwear for running on grass, metal road, and bush tracks
- Warm clothing for putting on at the start and conclusion of the race
- Lunch and snacks, drink bottle

### Other Information:

- Grillhouse will be set up selling hot food and drinks
- You are able to take your child home after their race, but you must sign them out with their team leader, or Whaea Paula or Whaea Jess for Whārite.
- The Y5-8 courses are different this year as they are the same as the Inter School Courses.

### EVENT TIMES:

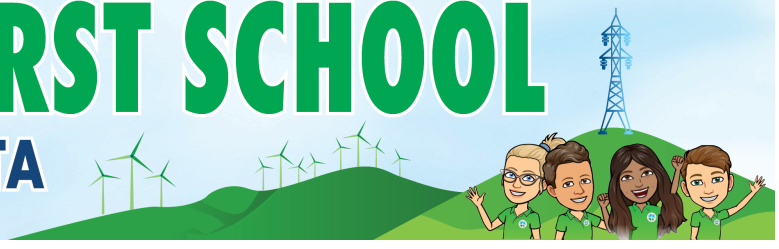
**Please note that these are estimated times. Times may change due to weather conditions meaning that events could be earlier or later.**

Year 8 girls:	09.40 am - 15 min intervals
Year 8 boys:	09.55 am -
Year 7 girls:	10.10 am -
Year 7 boys:	10.25 am -
Year 6 girls	10.40 am -
Year 6 boys	10.55 am -
Year 5 girls	11.10 am -
Year 5 boys	11.25 am -
Year 4 girls	11.40 am - 10 min intervals
Year 4 boys	11.50 am -
Year 3 girls	12.00 am -
Year 3 boys	12.10 am -
Year 2 girls	12.20 am -
Year 2 boys	12.30 pm -
Year 1/NE girls	12.40 pm -
Year 1/NEboys	12.50 pm -



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### Year 7/8 Track - 3.5km



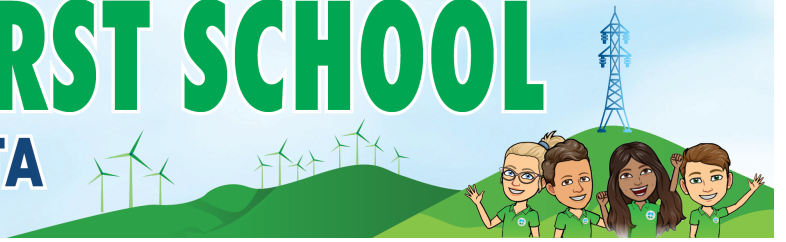
### Year 5-6 Track - 3km





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### Year 3 - 4 Track - 1.5km



### NE/Year 1 -2 Track - 1km





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## Notices

### Ashhurst School Calendar & Term Dates 2024

#### Term 2

**Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July.**

Tuesday 21st May - School Photos

Wednesday 22 May - Cross Country

Friday 31st May - Ministry Teacher Only Day

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.*

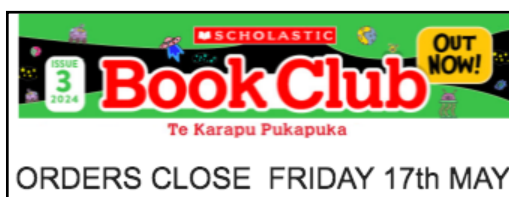
During the school holidays Amy and Sam attended they Kids Market in Otaki where over 80 children managed stalls. They showcased their talent with craft, home baking and products with professionalism and always a smile.

Congratulations to Amy and Sam with their stall: Amy & Sam's Bugs and Bakes. Amy and Sam were runner's up in the best kids stall, which was judged by the Mayor of Kapiti. Well done to you both!



#### Congratulations Madden

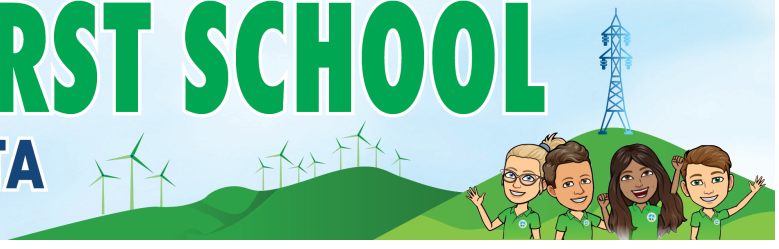
Congrats to Madden one of our Year 7 students. He has been selected this weekend to play for the Feilding A grade Mens Pennant Team vs Palmerston North. Madden plays off a single figure handicap for the mens competitions.





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# Kelly Club

KELLY CLUB		THEME: Marvellous Mums!				Weekly Activities Plan
		Term 2 Week 2, 6th May 2024				Kelly Club Ashhurst
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
7:00 - 8:15 am	Colouring Comp & Structured Free Time	Lego Building & Structured Free Time	Mothers Tree & Structured Free Time	Dance Battle & Structured Free Time	Origami Flowers & Structured Free Time	
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Chicken Tag	Game: Theatre Sports	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 Noodles & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Corn Thins & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Tomato Pasta & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Slice & 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> Cupcakes	<b>CRAFT</b> Mother's Day Card	<b>GAME</b> Rob the Nest	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Playdough	<b>SPORT</b> Soccer	
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: What's the Time Wally? & Projects	Game: Zombie Tag & Projects	

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## STAR SEARCH MANAWATU

Star Search Manawatu is an opportunity for young performers in dance and music to showcase their talents to the community.

**GOAL:**  
The primary goal is to foster and showcase the talent of young performers in our area.

**WHEN:**  
Auditions will be held on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd June 2024  
The Finals evening will be held on Saturday 27th July 2024

**WHERE:**  
Auditions and the Show Night will be held at the Feilding Civic Centre's Concert Chamber.

**EVENT DESCRIPTION:**  
Any young person or group, between the ages of 8-18years will be eligible to enter.

**CATEGORIES:**  
Solo  
Duo/Trio  
Groups 4+


**Age groups:**  
8 to 11  
12 to 14  
15 to 18  
*(The age group will be determined by the oldest member in the group)*

- Performers will be auditioned and assessed by a panel of experienced judges.
- The best performers will be invited to participate in the Show Night.
- The Show Night will be hosted by a local MC/entertainer in order to attract the widest possible appeal and to ensure a successful event.
- Cash prizes will be made to the most promising performer in each category and age group (\$150 - Solo \$250 - Duo/Trio \$400 - Group)

**ENTRY FEE:**  
Solos - \$10 | Duos/trios - \$15 | 4-9 - \$30 | 10+ \$50

**Participants:**  
- Performers - invitations will be sent to all Schools, Dance Schools, Drama Schools and Music Teachers in the local and surrounding area inviting participation.  
- Volunteers - Judges, Director, Stage Crew, Ushers and Front of house staff  
- Director - Alan Williams  
- Administrator - Carla Bennett

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