

9th April 2025

School Pool: The school pool will close to parents at the end of the Term. Thank you for the respectful way key holders used the pool this year. We would like to thank Rachel Wilson and family for their hard work looking after our school pool over Summer, and for our Fairton Home and School for funding this.

Strategic Planning: – Our Strategic planning and Annual Implementation planning is complete for 2025. Our goals are to use the refreshed curriculums to continue the development of Writing and Structured Literacy, and Mathematics, and to continue to raise achievement in these key areas. We continue to develop our Healthy Active Learning for P.E., Sport and Health, alongside personnel from Sport Canterbury.

Another goal is to focus on the attendance of pupils aiming for 90% of attendance for all pupils for the year. Our Term 4 Everyday Matters report to the Ministry of Education had us sitting at 84%. Our Hakatere cluster of schools is trialling some initiatives alongside our attendance support person, Jill Herbert. Please look over the flyer attached. We are required to regularly report attendance to the Ministry, and to have an action plan of initiatives to improve attendance. Attendance will be reported to the Board of Trustees at each Board meeting.

Children have just completed beginning of the year assessments in core curriculum areas and we now have some robust data.

School Uniform: Please ensure your child's polar fleece is named and check it regularly, as we've had a few go missing recently. Thank you for keeping them clean and encouraging your child to wear their school uniform with pride. We also appreciate your support in making sure the kids are well-rested and ready for their busy days at school.



Picnic

Thank you to families and staff for attending our annual school picnic. As always, there was a great turnout, and it was loads of fun.

Camp

Room 2 is heading to an organised camp this year, Living Springs. It is a very awesome camp with fabulous activities and facilities. The cost of this camp is a lot, over \$400 per child. Do not despair, we aim to raise half of this per pupil, so aim for the camp costing a donation of about \$200 per pupil. Camp is in October from Monday October 13 until Wednesday October 15. If you would like to pay instalments for camp, you can set this up with Livia in the office. Spread over time the cost won't be such a hit at once.

One of the ways the children are raising money is with sponsorship on T-shirts. If you know of a business that would like to sponsor the t-shirts, please contact Livia on 03 308 9205 or email office@fairton.school.nz. Thanks!

National Library

Jan from the National Library has visited school twice to support Livia with culling Library books. Children were able to take appropriate ones home, so you may find you have some of these coming home. We are very fortunate that Jan has donated 100 books to the school from the National Library, so the children will have some refreshed reading books. We really appreciate this gesture from Jan and the National Library.



New Build

We are only days away from the completion of the new office. Jude Irwin will be using this new space for her office, and Livia McGregor is moving to the old Principal's office as School office. The old office will become a LSC (Learning Support Coordinator) / Mana Ake / Specialist / BOOST room for working with individuals and small groups.

Assembly

This will be held tomorrow morning, Thursday April 10 at 9.15 am, the more the merrier. Come and celebrate the term with us, then stay and join us for a cuppa.

Kai for Kids: This year once again Kai For Kids took Fairton School on as a charity as we are just over the threshold for government funding. We are not sure what will happen next year when the government provider takes over providing lunch. I will keep you posted. We very much appreciate Kai For Kids and what they do for our school and families. Since its introduction mid 2023, Staff have noticed an improvement in behaviour and learning both in the playground and classroom. Not having packets of sugar laden snacks in lunch boxes really makes a difference. Another notable thing is that the Dental Nurses commented on the improvement of Fairton teeth when they finished their recent visit, far less cavities. We think it all ties together.

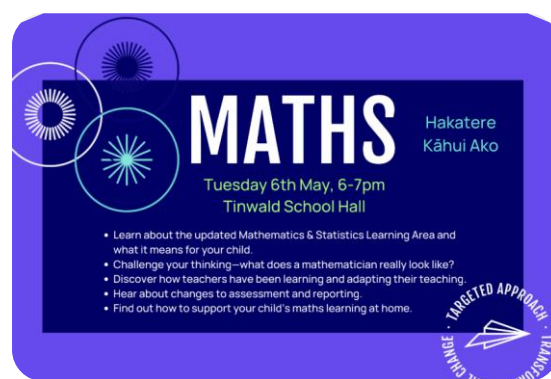
Some children are still bringing their own snacks and lunches. We encourage the children to eat the Kai For Kids food for morning tea and lunch. Our philosophy is good healthy and nutritious food that we all eat together like a school family, no complaints, just good eating. It works!

New Carpet

Room 1 and Room 2 are scheduled to get new carpet tiles early in Term 2.

Hakaterē Kahui Ako - Maths Parent Information Evening

Come and learn about the updated Mathematics and Statistics learning Area and what it means for your child. Find out how to best support your child's Maths learning at home. Tuesday 6th May at the Tinwald Hall from 6-7pm.



Term 1 Dates to remember:

Thursday 10th April

Friday 11th April

Monday 28th April

Tuesday 6th May

Friday 9th May

Assembly 9.15am Library

Last day of Term 1

First day of Term 2

Cross Country

Cross Country postponement date

Kind regards

Jude Irwin

Principal

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

Tinwald Golf Club

Sign up day Sunday, 27th April 1-2pm. Come along for some free games & activities. Prizes to be won!!

Term 2 Dates:

- ✔ Ages 5-9: Sunday's 1pm
- ✔ Ages 10+: Friday's 4pm
- ✔ First sessions 4/5/25 & 9/5/25
- ✔ 6-Week program, \$100 pp

More Information hsgolfcoaching@gmail.com 021 442 412 Tinwald Golf Club, Frasers Road

#LOVE EVERY MINUTE

Girls Have a Go

Tuesday April 15th, 9:30am - 2:30pm
Ashburton A&P Showgrounds

Year 1-3 Rippa
Year 3-8 Tackle

Come along and give Rugby a go
New, returning and current players welcome

Methven Scarecrow Trail

Saturday April 12 - Sunday April 27

Awesome school holiday activity
Only \$15 - eftpos or cash please
Info & Maps available from the
Methven ihub & Methven Four Square



NEW HORIZONS

AGES 5-12

Explore something new this school holidays with our lineup of easter and ANZAC themed activities!

12-27 APRIL

TERM ONE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Ashburton Library
ashburtonlibrary.co.nz



Parenting Through Separation

DATE, TIME & LOCATION*

Thursday 24 April
9 am - 1 pm
215 Tancred St, Ashburton

REGISTRATION

Please refer through www.psuffersouth.org.nz or visit Presbyterian Support to complete a referral form.

NB: Changes can occur depending on registration numbers.

The programme is not suitable for children to attend.

COURSE DETAILS

Practical advice and tips for parents and children to cope during separation, including better communication.

- » How separation affects children.
- » How to talk to children about separation.
- » What your children need during separation.
- » How to make a parenting plan.

* Spaces are limited, however, you can request to be placed on the waitlist