

BOT SURVEY RESULTS – June 2014

Tena Koutou katoa,

We appreciate the time families took to complete our recent survey. We had 59 respondents. Your input provides the Ashgrove BOT and Management with important feedback to help us better plan for our school.

40% of respondents indicated they had limited knowledge about the NZ Curriculum or where to find information about it, and people were interested in being given more information about specific areas of the curriculum nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz

Over 80% indicated that the current school uniform meets their children's needs and over 95% responded they would like to see no change or only modification of our current uniform. 62% of respondents would support the introduction of a school sports uniform. This is an area that will be looked in to.

The comment responses indicated that Ashgrove is valued for:

- being an inclusive, and welcoming school
- encouraging responsibility and independence
- having high expectations for learning and behaviour
- effective communication through the use of newsletters, twitter, and classroom noticeboards
- the warmth generally shown by teachers and staff, and their approachability,
- the safe and secure environment provided
- the large number of varied learning experiences offered
- senior management's involvement in Ashgrove's road patrol
- organisation of sports events and camps
- general appearance and tidiness of the school, and the shelter provided
- positive school assemblies
- fundraising efforts

Some suggestions were:

- slightly shorter assemblies
- more prior notice of upcoming events when possible
- increased opportunities for children to perform
- more cultural activities
- marked car parks on Kingsbury Ave

Developing the use of ICT is a key focus area at Ashgrove and has led to the recent purchase of iPads with money raised by the PTA and matched by the BOT. Much of the upcoming professional development within the Rangiora cluster of schools will be centred around using modern technologies to support learning and enquiry skills.

We are also keen to develop our playground area, and this will come about in conjunction with the building of the new classrooms. ashgrovebot.blogspot.co.nz. The amazing group of parents on the PTA has already raised funds for this purpose.

We are conscious of the need to balance learning opportunities with costs for families, and this is an area that will continue to be monitored.

Ashgrove School has a large team of staff. In order for families to be familiar with existing staff and keep up to date with new staff we will be profiling people in our upcoming newsletters.

Christine, the Senior Management and the BOT would like to say a **HUGE** thank-you to the staff, the PTA and families who all contribute to making Ashgrove a special place for our tamariki to grow and learn.

Ngā mihi nui koutou,

Ashgrove Board of Trustees

