



ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a wonderful break over the Christmas period and managed to get some time to spend with your family and friends. A special welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year.



At the beginning of each term we will send out a newsletter outlining the term's events that are especially pertinent to our team. We will also send out notices as required to keep you up to date with future events. A copy of these letters may be found on the school website www.ashgrove.school.nz. Here you will also find a copy of the school newsletters and a calendar of events. It is a good idea to keep checking back so you are aware of all the events that are happening within your school.

This year our team comprises of four classrooms of Year 1 children – Miss Stevenson in Room 1, Miss Eastwick in Room 4, Mrs Green in Room 5 and Mrs Roberts in Room 2. We will be planning on a team basis to help provide consistency across our team.

Stationery

Thank you to everyone who has paid through 'Wrap it up' for their stationery. We will give all children their stationery items on the first day. Please make sure you pay for your child's stationery within the first two weeks. If you would like to cover your child's books you are welcome to take them home on Friday the 3rd and return to class on Tuesday the 7th of February. Please collect from the class if you wish to cover the books.

Uniform

Please check that all school uniform items are clearly named and that your child has a sunhat.

Urgent Messages

Please leave telephone messages with the office staff who will then pass these on to class teachers at the next break. This will help to eliminate disruptions to the learning programmes.



We appreciate your support with these matters.

Important Dates for Term 1

School Family Picnic - We look forward to seeing you all at our family picnic on **Thursday 9th of February from 5.30 pm until 6.45 pm**. You can bring along a picnic tea or fish and chips, whatever you like. It is an opportunity to talk with the teachers and look through the classrooms. It is a great chance to get to know new families to our school.



Parent Interviews – Teachers will contact you each term when it is time to share your child's progress. These are for 6 weeks, 20 weeks, 40 weeks and 60 weeks of being at school. There are set times each term for reporting, so please wait to hear from your child's teacher.

Assembly - Will be held Wednesday 5th April beginning at 2.15pm in the hall.

Swimming – Swimming will begin in Term 3.

Routines and Reminders

Library Day - Monday, please make sure your child returns their book every week so they are able to take a new one home.

Fruit Snack – Please make sure your child has a healthy fruit or vegetable snack at school each day. It needs to be small and preferably in a named container. If it is an apple please cut into smaller pieces for your child. If their snack is not finished at snack time they can finish it at morning tea.

Morning Tea and Lunch - All children need to take their rubbish back home in their lunch boxes. We strongly encourage litter free lunches as we do not have rubbish bins outside which is part of the Enviro Schools Programme.

Shoes – Please make sure your child only wears shoes with laces if they can independently tie them.

We encourage your child to be responsible for their own belongings and unpacking each day when they arrive at school. It is great for the children to carry their own bag and take responsibility for looking after themselves now they are at school.

We are looking forward to a wonderfully busy and exciting term. If you have any matters you wish to discuss then please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Nga Mihi,

Alice Eastwick, Nic Green, Ashleigh Stevenson and Kaye Roberts

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