



ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back. We hope that you have all had a wonderful break. A special welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year and to Miss Abby Washington who joins us at Ashgrove in the Tipu team.

This year our team comprises of five home rooms of Year 2 / 3 children. The Tipu teachers are: Tipu 1 - Trudy Miles; Tipu 2 - Leona Starkey; Tipu 3 - Kylie Forrest; Tipu 4 Emma Tillman (nee Oakley); Tipu 5 - Abby Washington.

Our shared space is in the old library and this is where Tipu will begin and finish each day. We will also be using two other classrooms Tipu 4 and Tipu 5 as both home rooms and teaching spaces.

Timetable

The whole school timetable has changed. The children will now have three breaks during the day as follows:

9.00am School starts

10.30 - 10.50am Interval

11.50 - 12.30pm Lunch

1.30 - 1.50pm Energizer Break

3.00pm School finishes

Communication

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. These notices will be emailed so please ensure that the email address that the school has on record is your preferred contact. A copy of these notices and those that affect the whole school as well as a calendar of events may be found on the school website www.ashgrove.school.nz. It is a good idea to keep checking the website so that you are aware of all the events that are happening within your school.

There is also a free school app which replaces the Twitter messaging service. A notification will

be sent directly to your phone when notices are uploaded. You can also use this service for notifying the school of absences, checking the school calendar and contacting teachers.

Stationery

The stationery has arrived at school and has been labelled for each child. You are welcome to cover your child's books if you would like to do so. We just ask that this be completed by next Tuesday 7th February. **The children have been asked to bring their reading folders / book bags from last year to school this week.**

Payments

The school uses the Wrap it Up service for payments such as trips, swimming and stationery. Please contact the office for information on how to sign up for this service.

Uniform

Please check that all school uniform is clearly named and that your child / ren have sunhats.

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.



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.

Swimming

This will be in Term 2. A notice will be sent out later this term regarding the programme but we envision the cost to be approximately \$10.00.

Studyladder

We will be using Studyladder to complement the classroom learning programme. Each fortnight we will update the set activities and the children will all be shown how to use this free programme. Studyladder will supplement the daily homework of reading and spelling providing both extension and maintenance activities in maths and literacy.

Term Focus

Our school wide theme for this term is Respect and Responsibility and our topics will be built around these Ashgrove Star values.

This term our theme is "Oh the Places You'll Go" looking at where our learning can take us, our goals and aspirations. We are also planning to have a Science Alive Outreach programme called "Hot Wheels" which ties in with our theme. The cost for this will be approximately \$8.50 per child. Further details will be sent home closer to the time.

In the final three weeks of the term we will cover the health topic "Keeping Ourselves Safe".

There will be a parent meeting about the content of this programme and some of our lessons will be supported by Constable Ken Terry.

Important Dates for Term 1

School Family Picnic for Pihinga and Tipu - We look forward to seeing you all at our family picnic on **Thursday the 9th of February from 5.30 pm until 6.45 pm**. You can bring along a picnic tea or fish and chips. The evening is an opportunity for your child to give you a tour of their classroom and for everyone to mix and mingle. It is also a great chance to get to know new families to our school in our learning team. At 6.15pm the Tipu team will give a short presentation around how the learning in Tipu is structured this year. We will be finished no later than 6.45pm.



Parent Interviews – Our reporting rotation based on the National Standards will be aligned to the children’s birthdays and number of weeks at school. Every student will receive two written reports. Reporting points are at 60 weeks, after 2 years at school, 100 weeks and after 3 years at school. The teachers will send the written report home and contact you to make a time to discuss your child’s progress. Interviews will be held for both progress and anniversary reports this year.

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/ren’s home room teacher.

Kind regards,

Kylie Forrest, Emma Tillman, Abby Washington, Leona Starkey & Trudy Miles
Tipu Team