



# ASHGROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## “GROWING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS”

*Mission Statement: “To provide a quality education in a positive environment which encourages learning for life”*

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Tena Koutou katoa  
Greetings parents and caregivers

– WELCOME –  
**BACK TO SCHOOL**

A warm and blustery welcome back to school 2017, students and parents. I trust you all had a good holiday break. We also welcome new families who have joined us this year. I know you are going to enjoy your time with us. We encourage parents to get involved in the school whenever the opportunity is available. We have a very friendly PTA group who are always willing to welcome new membership.

Getting back to school routine is tiring, particularly when the weather is so warm. Children need to get enough rest and hydrate often. A drink bottle and fresh fruit while it is in season is not only healthy but adds energy when children are tired. Remember to pack these in lunch boxes.

Wearing an approved school sun hat is a requirement for Terms 1 and 4. This reminds us also that the school uniform should be named. I suggest everything should be named with a permanent marker and named in two places on the garment.

Parents will have visited the Hubs where your children are placed for the year and no doubt you will be reading notices about up and coming events for the class and the team. If you are not signed up to the school app it would be a good idea to do that this week. Details later in the newsletter.

The Mahuri build is now completed with a few minor internal details to be improved. As for the landscaping, that work is still to be done and may take a little longer. Everyone is very excited that finally it is complete and operational. The feedback so far has been really positive.

Tipu Hub are now settled into their spaces for the time being while plans are being made ready for the refurbishment of their block. I will keep parents informed as updates become available. The Pihinga and Tūrepo Hubs are predominantly together in the same area as the previous year.

In 2017 we continue teaching and learning following modern learning practices with collaborative teaching in ways that are possible with our varied educational spaces. The teachers have done an amazing job setting up for this year I thank them for their dedication and diligence to be ready for the year.

This year we have made changes to the school day with set times for learning and teaching to take place. We have a new lunch time and have included a 20 minute play break in the early afternoon. The school day will be more about learning and using quality time better. The new bell times can be found later in the newsletter. We still receive the children into the school at 8:30am and finish at 3:00pm.

We remind all new families that the school buildings are not to be entered before 8:30am and the waiting area to enter the school is by the Beehive (Mrs Monson's office) and the fence by the scooter shed (from Kinley Street). We no longer have the use of McKenzie Place as Allenvale need ready access for their children and in cases of an emergency. Parents please remember where the wait area is, children should not be playing on the junior playground before 8:30am and we would appreciate it if parents would please wait with their children in the wait areas. Set the good example for us!

Parents are asked not to park in McKenzie Place. Parking is available in Kinley Street by the walkway or Kingsbury Avenue by Ashgrove Park as well as Seddon Street.

Thank you for your continued support of our school staff and children. Have a nice long weekend celebrating our nationhood on Waitangi Day.

### Maori Whakatauki (Quote)

*Tohua nga whatatipuranga ki te inu I te puna o  
te matauranga, kia hora ai te whakaruru hau o te ora,  
ki ranga ki te iwi*

Show the young how to drink from the spring of knowledge,  
So the sheltering mantle of well-being may spread over the nation.

Christine Chadwick  
Principal

### SCHOOL DAILY TIMETABLE

8.30am	Students may enter the school
8.50am	Drop off zone closes and scooter shed is locked
9.00am	School starts
10.30am – 10.50am	Interval
11.50am – 12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 1.50pm	Energizer break
3.00pm	School finishes

All bike stands for bikes are behind the old Rooms 19/20 facing Ashgrove Park



## MCKENZIE PLACE

McKenzie Place is available for Allenvale parking and Residence parking **ONLY**. McKenzie Place is a very narrow street and in case of Emergency there needs to be a clear exit. Thank you for following this request.

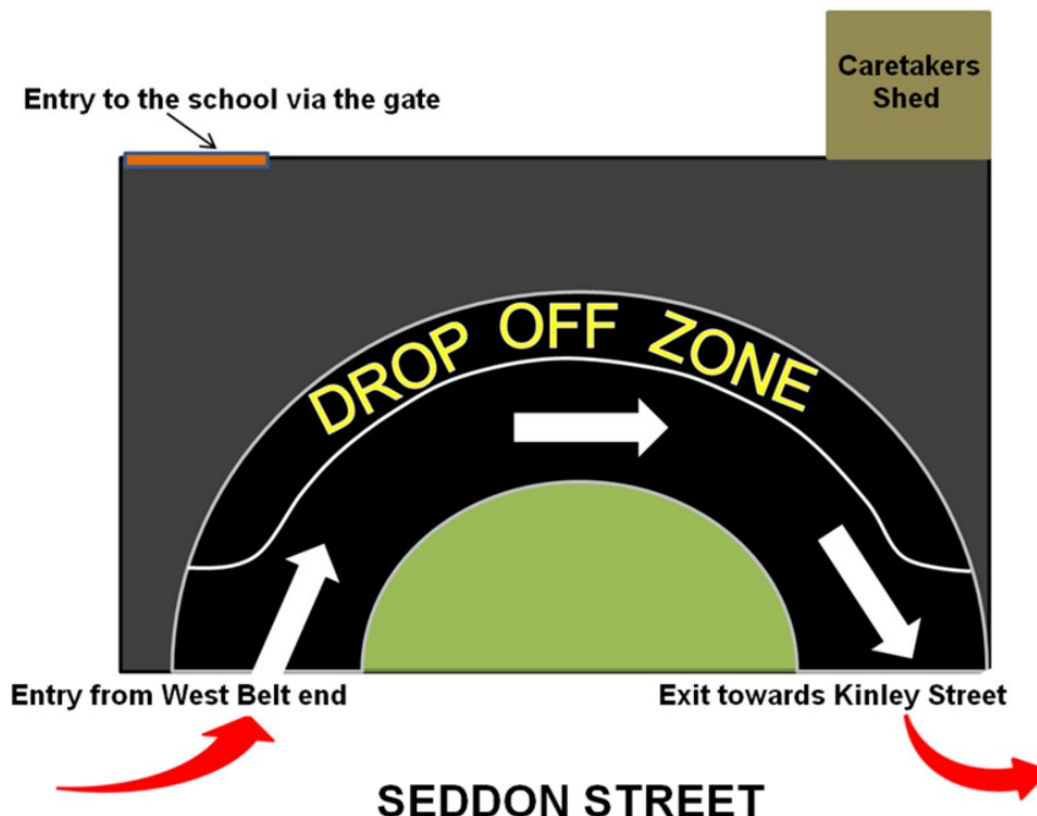
## DROP OFF ZONE

The main purpose is for buses transporting children. The drop off can be used by parents to drop off those students who can **independently** get out of the car and off to school. If your child needs assistance; i.e. needs door opened and back-pack put on, your child is not ready for this drop off zone.

- This is **not** a parking area
- Entry to the drop off area will be from West Belt end and exited from the Kinley Street end. Arrows indicate the direction of traffic
- Drivers **must not** leave their vehicles and **must** park in the designated drop off zone
- Please move as far forward as you can to allow other vehicles to have access
- Children must leave the vehicle from the passenger side of the car onto the walk way not onto the road

Drivers will need to be courteous when entering and leaving the area taking extreme care watching for foot traffic.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The drop off zone is not a thoroughfare into the school for pedestrians. The Drop off closes at 8.50am in time for learning.



## INFORMATION EVENINGS

Over the upcoming weeks each hub will be offering the opportunity for parents to come along and find out about the programmes running in each hub, as well as meet the teachers etc.

<i>Pihinga Picnic</i>	- Thursday 9th February 5:30pm - 6:45pm
<i>Tipu Picnic</i>	- Thursday 9th February 5:30pm - 6:45pm (with a parent presentation at 6:15pm)
<i>Mahuri</i>	- Monday 13th February 7:00pm - 7:30pm
<i>Turepo</i>	- Monday 6th March 5:00pm - 5:45pm



Turepo and Mahuri will also be having 'Meet and Greet' interviews. Information regarding these interviews will be sent out by each team.

## STATIONERY REQUIREMENT / PAYMENTS

We had hoped by trying this year's method of payment options and delivery of the stationery at very good competitive prices to Ashgrove students, would make life easier for parents.

The advantage of that was to ensure every child had the right material on day one of the school year and all the students would all be ready for learning activities, particularly now as we work more collaboratively in Modern Learning environments. We also anticipated parents would be happy not to be hassled with buying more stationery through the year.

If a parent has concerns regarding the way stationery has been provided or using the school payment options let us discuss it with you. We want to make life a little easier especially at the beginning of the year when there are so many demands on parents getting children ready for school.



Thank you to the many parents who have only but praised what the school is doing to provide options that make life so much easier for you. We will continue to work for our students and parent community to provide quality education in the best setting with quality teachers and support staff working with our learners.

## ASHGROVE SCHOOL APP

Ashgrove School now has its very own app, available for free for both android and apple phones and tablets.

The app contains a number of useful features including:

- Receiving alerts relating specifically to your child
- Notifying the office about your child being absent from school
- Send emails to class teachers
- Read newsletters and notices online
- Find important dates on the calendar
- Check term dates



There is no charge for parents to use this service. Download it onto all the phones in your house so that you never miss out on important information. The app replaces the twitter service previously offered by the school. Please see Justin Perriam if you have any questions regarding the Ashgrove School app.

NEW

**Lunches delivered to our school!**  
**Pita Pit (Wednesday) & Sushi (Friday)**  
**Starting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

It is simple all you need to do is register at  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)



## 4 Easy Steps to Start

- Register an account (set up new account)
- Add member(s) (set up your child; school & classroom)
- Make payment (so you have funds in your account)
- Place an order



## Healthy & Affordable



## Easy Internet Ordering




**lunchonline**

*making lunch easy*


[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

0800 LOL LOL

0800 565 565



# ASHGROVE SCHOOL LIBRARY



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Now you  
can order  
online!

**Your orders earn books for the library. Thanks!!!**



### Orders due back Thurs 24 Nov



## Ways of ordering

Option 1: Order and pay online using  
Book Club Loop

[mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

Option 2: Return completed order form  
and payment to dropbox at school  
(cheques to Scholastic New Zealand)

Completed orders are delivered to  
classrooms for pupils to take home  
Or to the school office if you have  
indicated this preference

**GIFTS:** If you want to collect this order yourself (so your child doesn't see it) you need to clearly indicate this to us.



*Order form*—write your phone number instead of the child's class

*Loop orders*—put 'Gift' as your child's class



Thanks from

Linda Vaughan—Librarian

Jenny Cox—Book Club Co-Ordinator

# ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 6<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 <sup>th</sup> February	7 <sup>th</sup> February Swimming Practice	8 <sup>th</sup> February	9 <sup>th</sup> February Pihinga & Tipu Family Picnic 5.30pm	10 <sup>th</sup> February
13 <sup>th</sup> February Mahuri Parent Information Evening	14 <sup>th</sup> February Swimming Practice	15 <sup>th</sup> February	16 <sup>th</sup> February	17 <sup>th</sup> February
20 <sup>th</sup> February Mahuri Meet & Greet	21 <sup>st</sup> February	22 <sup>nd</sup> February Ashgrove Swimming Sports	23 <sup>rd</sup> February Mahuri Meet & Greet	24 <sup>th</sup> February
27 <sup>th</sup> February Turepo Activity Week Blue Skies	28 <sup>th</sup> February Turepo Activity Week Rangiora Bowling Club	1 <sup>st</sup> March Turepo Activity Week Biking Rakahuri Track	2 <sup>nd</sup> March Turepo Activity Week At school	3 <sup>rd</sup> March Turepo Activity Week Tramping Mt Grey
6 <sup>th</sup> March Year Big Day Out Turepo Meet the Teacher	7 <sup>th</sup> March Year 4 Big Day Out	8 <sup>th</sup> March Year 6 Big Day Out	9 <sup>th</sup> March	10 <sup>th</sup> March
13 <sup>th</sup> March	14 <sup>th</sup> March	15 <sup>th</sup> March	16 <sup>th</sup> March	17 <sup>th</sup> March
20 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> March	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	24 <sup>th</sup> March
27 <sup>th</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> March
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> April Pihinga Assembly 2.15pm	6 <sup>th</sup> April	7 <sup>th</sup> April
10 <sup>th</sup> April	11 <sup>th</sup> April	12 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> April	14 <sup>th</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY
17 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER MONDAY	18 <sup>th</sup> April HOLIDAYS	19 <sup>th</sup> April HOLIDAYS	20 <sup>th</sup> April HOLIDAYS	21 <sup>st</sup> April HOLIDAYS
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### 2017 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1 30<sup>th</sup> January – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
 Term 2 1<sup>st</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
 Term 3 24<sup>th</sup> July – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 Term 4 16<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017