



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

Thank you to the fabulous parents who have offered their time and transport to the many events that have been held during the past few weeks with Education outside the Classroom. Our children have had some amazing opportunities that include abseiling, mountain biking, kayaking and outdoor bowls. Recently a group of senior



students had the opportunity to participate in the Police Challenge course used for training recruits. The two groups of students were selected from Tūrepo Hub and spent the day at Cowles Stadium. We were proud of

the way they took part representing Ashgrove School with pride. These students were selected on their fitness merit and willingness to participate as a team. The course was challenging and the children had a great time.

Earlier this week Ms Vaughan took a group of students from the senior school to participate in the Canterbury Literacy Quiz. Over 71 teams representing schools from all over Canterbury were in Christchurch for the big event. While not placed in the top three our team represented us well. To participate, the four students were selected for their love of reading from a wide range of material.

Daylight saving ends this weekend which means we put our clocks back an hour and gain an extra lie in on Sunday morning. We are already aware of the darker and cooler mornings. Winter will be here before you know it.



Set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed tonight.

Ideally now is the time to make sure your children are ready for the change in season and temperature. Most children will have already begun their winter sports and training practices, followed by competitive games. It is a good thing to keep children active and socially engaging with friends and team activities over the winter.



Pihinga Team
Zara, Kiara, Ryder, Jack



Tipu Team
Logan, Rita, Connor,
Toby, Julia



Mahuri Team
Emily, James, Ben,
Baxter, Seth



Turepo Team
Sam, Olivia, Jasmin, Noah



Allenvale
Ben

ASHGROVE SCHOOL ... GETTING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS

At school we want the children to be well and healthy. That they are fuelled up with hearty food in their lunch boxes and dressed for the changing weather conditions. The extra layer of undergarments is really advisable, for example a thermal in the school navy colour is acceptable. An outer garment jacket and school polar fleece is a must have for winter.



Children will be outside during play break times on fine days during winter. They can wear their outer garment jacket during those breaks for extra warmth if required. On colder and rainy days when the temperature is not likely to increase, teachers manage their



students in the Hub spaces with games and indoor activities supervised by them. Teachers encourage children to also bring along an appropriate game from home if permitted to share with others from their learning spaces.

There is nothing better than being prepared. Thank you for your support.

Have a good week everyone

Ngā mihi nui
Christine Chadwick
Principal

Māori whakatauki me te wiki

Māori Proverb for the week
Manaakitia mai mātou I a mātou mahi I tēnei wā
Care for us in all that we do at this time

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES SECRETARY

The Board is looking for a Minutes Secretary. 5 hours per month. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month. **Key tasks:** Record meetings accurately, type up minutes and distribute within the week following the meeting. If this is you please contact the school office.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE ON THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

As you are aware the Board in conjunction with a Uniform Committee of parents have been reviewing our school uniform. After thoroughly researching other suppliers and schools for their methods and options available and considering feedback from parents, **a final decision has now been made**. One of the aims during this review was to simplify the uniform whilst keeping it accessible and affordable for families and unique to Ashgrove School, consideration for these areas has been discussed thoroughly.

The Board is mindful of the costs that uniforms incur for families and this is why there will be only 2 compulsory items which need to be purchased through SchoolTex. By removing the tartan and changing to all navy bottoms this allows parents to purchase these from a supplier of their choice at a price they are happy to pay. To assist with the changeover there will be a 24 month time frame (from the date the new items are available) before all children are required to be in the new uniform. This will give parents the option / time to purchase the new items when they can afford to over the next two years. School jackets and a dress option will be reviewed at a later date when / if more choices are available.

ASHGROVE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Compulsory Uniform Items (purchased from The Warehouse – SchoolTex Brand)

- Navy polar fleece top - **full zip through** and / or the option of **¼ zip** polar fleece both with new logo
- New style cotton polo top (navy, royal blue with yellow piping - pictured) with new logo

Remainder of the Uniform

- Navy culottes (on or above the knee)
- Navy shorts (on or above the knee, no cargo pants, no branding)
- Navy track pants (no branding)
- Navy or black long sleeve thermals for wearing under the polo
- Navy or black socks or tights
- Footwear - suitable sports shoes firmly fastened for the purpose of physical activity to be worn with socks (no skate shoes). Sandals permitted
- Navy beanie or scarf
- Navy brimmed sunhat

Costs of Compulsory Items

Polo top cost will be \$37.50 (for all sizes)

Polar fleece full zip through \$42.99 (size 4 – 6), \$46.99 (size 8 – 16)

Polar fleece ¼ zip \$39.99 (size 5 – 7), \$43.99 (size 8-14)

Estimated Availability of Items

Navy items can be introduced from now. We've been advised it is likely to be term 4 before the new polo will be available in store. Polar fleeces will be available once production is underway. A sample of the chosen polo top will be available in the school office during this upcoming week for viewing. Further communication on stock availability will be communicated as we are advised.

As previously advised, this changeover will be over a 24 month period, existing uniform may continue to be worn until that period is finished – this date will be confirmed once stocks of new items arrive.

Regards,
Board of Trustees

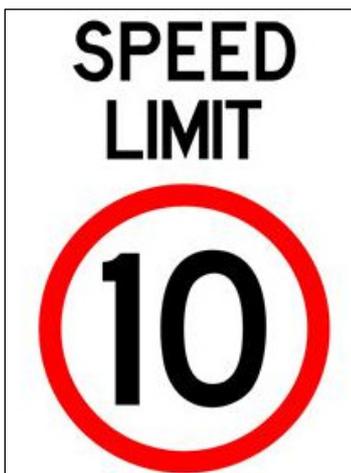


SCHOOL DONATIONS / CONTRIBUTIONS

A quick note. Your donations assist with the big items like playground equipment, sports equipment and computers for your children. This year we need to buy a new school trailer. As it is, we do not have the funds available for this purchase. The school trailer gets used a lot for school activities and camps.

To date we have received a total of \$7,100 in school contributions, this equates to 15% of our budgeted amount. Many thanks to the families that have already made contributions already. To those that haven't yet made a contribution, you can do so via the "Wrap it up" system and is only \$27.50 per term.

Thanks Brodie McDonald
Ashgrove School Board



ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT THE DROP OFF ZONE

Several notices have gone out to parents regarding the use of the drop off zone. The latest problem is parents parking their cars and escorting their children to class or helping them out of the car. The drop off zone is only to be used if your child can exit the car **independently** e.g. without the need for assistance to get out of the car or put their bag on. Parents using the drop off zone must remain in their vehicle at all times. Other issues include the speed at which drivers are entering / leaving the Drop Off. **10kms or less** is recommended.

PARKING IN MCKENZIE PLACE AND USING ALLENVALE DROP OFF AREA

Allenvale driveway is **NOT** a drop off for Ashgrove students. The taxi service was prevented from dropping off Allenvale students earlier this week due to Ashgrove parents using the driveway. **In future number plates will be taken and police will be notified.**

ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

3rd April – 9th June 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 rd April Tipu Celebration Assembly 2-3pm	4 th April	5 th April Pihinga Celebration Assembly 2.15pm	6 th April Canty Primary Swimming Champs	7 th April
10 th April Student Council Leadership Day	11 th April	12 th April	13 th April Mahuri Celebration Assembly 1.30pm	14 th April GOOD FRIDAY
17 rd April EASTER MONDAY	18 th April HOLIDAYS	19 th April HOLIDAYS	20 th April HOLIDAYS	21 st April HOLIDAYS
24 th April HOLIDAYS	25 th April HOLIDAYS	26 th April HOLIDAYS	27 th April HOLIDAYS	28 th April HOLIDAYS
1 st May First day of Term 2	2 nd May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming	3 rd May	4 th May	5 th May Tipu Swimming
8 th May	9 th May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming	10 th May	11 th May	12 th May Tipu Swimming
15 th May	16 th May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming	17 th May	18 th May	19 th May Tipu Swimming
22 nd May	23 rd May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming Canty Schools Indoor Basketball/Volleyball Tournament Yr7/8 ICAS Digital Tech Test	24 th May	25 th May	26 th May Tipu Swimming
29 th May ASB Getwise Financial Programme	30 th May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming ICAS Science Test ASB Getwise Financial Programme	31 st May ASB Getwise Financial Programme	1 st June	2 nd June Tipu Swimming Friday Winter Sport
5 th June	6 th June Mahuri Kowhai Swimming	7 th June Rakahuri Cross Country	8 th June Rakahuri Cross Country Postponement day	9 th June Tipu Swimming Friday Winter Sport

2017 SCHOOL TERMS

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

ASHGROVE SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



Ashgrove School Policies and Procedures are available to all Ashgrove Parents/Caregivers to view on the school website. Please go to <http://ashgrove.schooldocs.co.nz>
The username is **ashgrove** and the password is **ashgrove**