



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

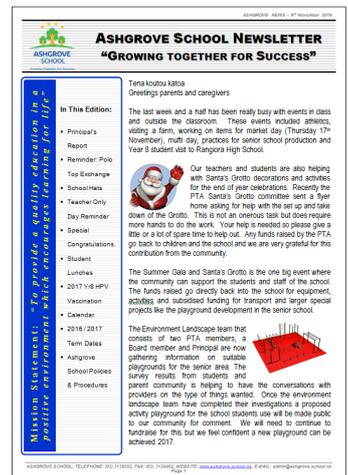
Welcome to our newsletter. If you are new to the school these bulletins are produced every fortnight Friday. The newsletter informs parents of events and activities in the school. It also provides a forum to celebrate the success stories of our children and their achievements. News from the student council, PTA and the Board of Trustees is often posted with updates of activities for information to parents. We do not post private advertising in our newsletter. A reminder also that the newsletter is posted via email every fortnight.

Teachers are all incredibly busy right now with collaborative teaching and student learning. We are very proud of the efforts of our children. I have observed science experiments in Mahuri, debating preparations in Tūrepo and children training for cross country. I was delighted when a group of Pihinga students visited, very proud to show their wonderful progress learning to read and sharing their improved writing skills.

This week we held an open day for parents to visit the students working in their collaborative environments. There were 39 parents who visited on the day. The general feedback was positive about being able to see the programmes in action and observing how the children are managing in the changed learning environments. Parents were pleasantly surprised how well the children and teachers have adopted collaborative teaching and learning so positively.

Property – I wish I had exciting news about the netball court but unfortunately not. The delay is due to water ponding issues not foreseen by the architects. New plans have been drawn to include drainage and work will get underway once the weather clears.

The Mahuri bag hooks issue is unresolved once again and we are doing everything we can to have something done about it.



**Pihinga Team**

Back: Milan, Bailey, Catherine
Front: Bri, Indigo

**Tipu Team**

Back: Megan, Junsei, Cameron
Front: Bella, Eden

**Rata Team**

Back: Sara, Georgia, Summer
Front: William

**Kowhai Team**

Brooke, Blake, Taylah

**Turepo Team**

Back: Laney, Ruby, Korben
Front: Lucy

**Allenvale - Ben**

We held our Term 2 emergency drill recently, practising exiting the buildings out onto Ashgrove Park. You will appreciate this is a big task with 540 students and over 35 staff on the school site. Despite all the temporary fencing and the changing route to move quickly onto the park the drill was a success.

As a point of interest schools are required to practice emergency evacuations at least once a term. Every other year we include a reverse evacuation drill where we practice remaining in the building, if it is safer to do so. Earthquake drills are held as often as necessary within the classroom setting. Each month the school is required to inspect buildings for safety standards requirements. This is normally conducted by a Board member, Mr Hetherington, and the Caretaker, Mr Moffat. Every learning space must include notices at exit doors clearly indicating the evacuation procedures. Our Evacuation Policy and Procedures can be found on School Docs the address found later on this newsletter.

Keep warm everyone, winter is here. Now is the time to pull out the winter hats and gloves and wear layers of warm garments to keep away the cold. Your child's health is important. Please do not send your child to school if they are complaining of being unwell. We have had children coming to school with sore throats, high fevers, sneezing, coughing, sore tummy and generally feeling tired. When children come to school with these symptoms it soon can spread. We ask that parents keep your children home when they are unwell and seek medical advice early before the situation becomes worse.

Have a good week everyone

Ngā mihi nui

Christine Chadwick

Principal

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

We would like to remind parents / caregivers that if your child requires the office to administer medication you **must** complete a medical form at the office for each medication required.

If your child's medications are long term, we ask that you provide the office with a plastic tablet container with enough medication for a week. It must be labelled with your child's name and refilled at the end of each week ready for the next week. Your child must remember to attend the office for his / her medication with their drink bottle if the medication is in tablet form – it is not the office responsibility to remind your child. We appreciate your cooperation.

WRAP IT UP / KINDO MERGER

Ashgrove School are pleased to announce that Wrap It Up will be merging with Kindo to enhance the schools payment system. The merge means that the payment system used will be the Kindo system as this has greater choice functions available to both parents and the school office such as:

- the option to make regular payments to build up your credit rather than paying a lump sum in one payment.
- you can view multiple children all on one screen eliminating the amount of screen movements required
- you can clearly see on your screen all items which have been paid already

The transition will take place prior to the end of Term 2. We will keep you updated on when this will happen along with details on how to register will follow later in Term 2.

If you wish to have a sneak peek at the Kindo website go to www.kindo.co.nz



JUBILEE 50 YEARS OF SCHOOLING AT ASHGROVE

Labour weekend 2017, Friday 20th October to Sunday 22nd October, the school will be celebrating 50 years serving the community. Plans for the weekend are well on the way. The school will be open to the community and past students, staff, friends and families of the school.

On the Saturday of Labour weekend the Learning Hubs will be operating as classes in the decades through the past life of Ashgrove School. We are hoping to have as many children as possible be available to assist the teachers in representing their allocated decade, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 2000 +. There will be displays and activities presented at those dates in history.

More information will be coming home but we would like to involve your child and if you have no other plans for that weekend, your child's teacher would appreciate knowing you are available.

We look forward to celebrating this great milestone. If you want to find out more, have a look at the website www.ashgrovejubilee.com

Thanks everyone
Jubilee Committee

ASHGROVE SCHOOL



J U B I L E E

Labour Weekend 2017

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS

- We cannot guarantee messages getting through to children for pick up changes etc. Due to the Modern Learning Environment, students are not always in their home room.
- Please discuss regularly with your child a plan that if a parent isn't there to collect them at the normal time they are to come to the office and a staff member can phone home
- Please advise the school in advance if you will be collecting your child early from school.
- For absences please do not email the office but instead use the Ashgrove School App or text 027 817 3303 or telephone 313 8552 ext 735.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MUFTI DAY

Thank you everyone for your kind donation for such a good cause. We raised \$589.00. This will go a long way to support the programmes offered through this organisation.

Their Mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of young people through strong and enduring, professionally supported, mentoring relationships. Big Brothers Big Sisters began over 100 years ago and has grown into the most widely established and reputable mentoring organisation in the world.



PTA NOTICE

Meeting - We had a great meeting last night and lots to look forward to. Lovely to see some new faces and to have a positive group of parents supporting the school. PTA is running the disco tonight. Hope to see you all there.



Entertainment books - We have sold 55 books and digital so far. Pauline has 29 books left so please support the school in purchasing your entertainment book from school. \$65.00 per book and \$13.00 goes back to the school.

Santa's Grotto - The Ashgrove School Santa's Grotto committee still needs 6 - 8 more parents to help us plan this year's event.

Please contact Jacqui Crosby or Vanessa Chapman urgently if you are interested or message us via our Facebook page. Get behind this fantastic fundraising event and help us give back to the school!

Many thanks
PTA committee



A Massive Thank you

It's time to say a fond farewell to some of our PTA committee

Thank you doesn't really seem enough to say when it comes to the effort, time and energy these ladies put into our school.

Chrissie Wrigley has been a part of the PTA since 2006 and has held numerous roles including most recently President supporting the PTA, the school, pupils, parents, staff and the wider community. Her efforts exceeded that of what is ever asked of her. She is always there to lend a hand, run events, parent help, and write numerous letters / documents or run meetings. This lady has made such a massive contribution to the growth of our school community it is only fitting that we try to show her our gratitude by so humbly saying **THANK YOU** we appreciate you and all that you have done and will continue to do.

Charmaine Copper arrived at Ashgrove and went on to help with the PTA in 2013. Charmaine has always been a willing, contributing helper in her many varied roles on the PTA. 'Just get the job done' is pretty much how you'd describe Charmaine. During this time she has supported the school through many PTA events every year. As well as the PTA, Charmaine has given up her own time to help out as parent help too. She is the go to lady when it comes to 'just doing it'. A million **THANK YOUs** for all your time and effort over the years. Again we really can't say thank you enough.

Tiff Wafer has been a constant presence on the PTA. Tiff has always been there supporting or running activities like the disco, big wheelie day and the chocolate fundraiser. She was regular whirlwind of activity. She has been another regular contributor on the PTA and again in multiple roles always willing to lend a hand. Tiff often spoke at assemblies to keep parents and children informed about what the PTA was up to and what up and coming events they had planned. Tiff you are a treasure and are dearly missed. **THANK YOU** doesn't seem to be enough considering how many hours you put into our school. We wish you all the best up in Hanmer with many new adventures to come.

Nikki Denley has been an asset to our PTA taking on the role of treasurer over the last two years. She is always keeping us on track and where funds are and what they are being spent on. Nikki had her finger on the pulse. Nikki supported all of our school PTA fundraising events. Without her streamlining our budgets and counting the pennies we would have not made as good a profit on our events. Nikki you are going to be well missed by us all and a massive **THANK YOU** for all your time and energy over the last two years.

Alex McNabb has been secretary on the PTA for the last year. We would like to thank you Alex for all the time and effort you put into that and also your support to the Gala and Santa's Grotto. I know your skills will be dearly missed. We would like to take this opportunity **THANK YOU** for all your efforts.

On behalf of the PTA, all the families and staff we Thank you.



you
are
awesome

Milo day

Being run by the student council.



WEEK FOUR OF THIS TERM

Pihinga & Tipu : Tuesday 23 May

Mahuri: Wednesday 24 May

Turepo: Friday 26 May

Milo is \$ 1 per cup

A piece of baking is also \$1

Make sure to bring your own cup!

ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

22nd May – 21st July 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22nd May	23rd May Mahuri Rata Swimming Canty Schools Indoor Basketball/Volleyball Tournament Yr7/8 ICAS Digital Tech Test Milo Day for Pihinga/Tipu Teams	24th May Milo Day for Mahuri Teams	25th May	26th May Tipu Swimming Milo Day for Turepo Teams Mahuri & Turepo Cross Country 12.30pm
29th May ASB Getwise Financial Programme Mahuri & Turepo Cross Country pp day	30th May Mahuri Rata Swimming ICAS Science Test ASB Getwise Financial Programme	31st May ASB Getwise Financial Programme	1st June	2nd June Tipu Swimming Friday Winter Sport
5th June	6th June Mahuri Rata Swimming	7th June Rakahuri Cross Country	8th June Rakahuri Cross Country Postponement day	9th June Tipu Swimming Friday Winter Sport Subway Lunches
12th June ICAS Writing Test	13th June Mahuri Rata Swimming	14th June ICAS Spelling Test NZ Playhouse – Whole School	15th June	16th June Tipu Swimming Friday Winter Sport
19th June	20th June Mahuri Rata Swimming	21st June Canty Primary Cross Country – Halswell Quarry	22nd June	23rd June Tipu Swimming Friday Winter Sport
26th June Canty Primary School Yr5/6 Indoor Tournament Basketball/Volleyball	27th June Mahuri Rata Swimming	28th June Canty Primary Cross Country pp day	29th June	30th June Tipu Swimming Friday Winter Sport
3rd July Canty Primary Ripa Rugby Tournament Y6 Rakahuri One Day Tournament	4th July Mahuri Rata Swimming Rakahuri One Day Tournament pp day	5th July Rakahuri One Day Tournament pp day Tipu Celebration Assembly 2pm	6th July Mahuri Celebration Assembly 12.45pm	7th July Subway Lunches Tipu Swimming Last day Term 2
10th July School Holidays	11th July School Holidays	12th July School Holidays	13th July School Holidays	14th July School Holidays
17th July School Holidays	18th July School Holidays	19th July School Holidays	20th July School Holidays	21st July School Holidays

2017 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 2 1st May – 7th July 2017
 Term 3 24th July – 29th September 2017
 Term 4 16th October – 15th 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**