



Growing Together For Success

# ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

We hope you all had a lovely holiday with your family despite the interesting weather we had.

This term our STAR focus is Trust / Whakapono. We are excited and looking forward to working with our children and building up their knowledge on how this looks and feels at Ashgrove School and in the Pihinga Team.

As we are coming into cooler weather, all children must have a named jersey or polar fleece at school every day. It is also a good idea to have a jacket and hat so we can get some fresh air on cooler days.

Room 3 is now full making our team larger with 5 full spaces. We look forward to starting our next space in the second half of this term.

### **Upcoming Events this Term:**

Swimming - Every Thursday

School Photos - 12<sup>th</sup> September

Trip to Rest Home - 15<sup>th</sup> September

Pihinga Assembly - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm

**Swimming** - Please remember to have your child's swimming items at school every Thursday this term. These include - togs, goggles, towel, drink, snack, different coloured socks and all clothing named. Can you please ensure girls are not wearing tights on swimming days as these are hard to put on afterwards and that girls have their hair tied up.

**Learning Conferences / Reports** - Reports will be sent home to those children requiring 20 week, 40 week or 60 week reports in Week 4 and Week 8. Learning Conferences will be held for these children. Conferences will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> August and again on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September. Your homeroom teacher will contact you to make a time if this applies to your child.

**Oral Language / News** - This term we would like the children to bring a photo or drawing of their family. It would be nice if they could tell us everyone's name and something special about each person. It could be what they do for work or what their favourite hobby is. We will give your child a note when it is their turn to bring this to school. Children can also bring something small to share with the class on a Thursday.

**Lunches** - We would appreciate your child having items / packets they can open independently. If they cannot open it, we recommend that it is eaten at home. Yoghurts can be quite messy and hard for children to eat. As we are an Enviro school we are encouraging no rubbish in our lunch boxes. If you put yoghurt pottles / squeezes or other rubbish in their lunch, these must go back in your child's lunch box and be taken home. Please make sure your child has enough food for the school day to keep their energy levels up.

**Home Learning** - Please read with your child every day after school, this is very important. Make sure you fill in the yellow reading log book so we can see you are reading at home. This should be returned to school the following day with the reading book. Keep learning letters, sounds and words at home. When your child can read them they can then spell them and write into sentences. If you need any ideas to help with learning at home feel free to ask us.

If you have anything you would like to discuss throughout the term please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

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