

16th October 2017

Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back. It was wonderful to hear about all the different activities the children enjoyed over the holiday break.

Programmes of work this term are based around our STAR focus - Service / Ratonga. As well as our continuing focus on literacy and numeracy we will also be working on Science and P.E.

In Science we will be investigating how materials can be changed from solids to liquids. We will look at simple chemical changes based around melting, dissolving and mixing. The other big idea that we will explore is that while many reactions can be reversed, some cannot.

In P.E. for the first few weeks we will work on our jumping, running and throwing skills. Then we will learn some new team games as we practise our batting and fielding skills.

Spelling and Reading homework continues this term. The spelling homework is discussed and given out on a Monday which gives all children plenty of time to complete the task and practise writing their spelling words ready for Friday's test. Please encourage your child to complete the weekly spelling activity and to hand their notebook in for marking to their home room teacher each Friday.

Sunhat / Pōtae - It was really impressive to see the number of children who had their sunhats at school today. Thank you for your support. If your child hasn't brought their hat to school please ensure that they have one by the end of this week. As we are a Sunsmart School the children are expected to wear a sunhat this term. Please check that these are named.



Seesaw - All Tipu home rooms now have Seesaw accounts. As you will have seen when the calendar art was posted, this is a wonderful way for your child to share their learning with you. We hope that it opens up learning conversations at home and provides another view into your child's school life. You are welcome to make comments and give feedback to your child. Please be assured that your child's learning is only shared with you. If you require another copy of the information and sign up for Seesaw please see your child's home room teacher.

Important Dates for Term 4

As promised here is a list of the dates that are currently booked for this term to support your planning. Please keep checking the school website which has a calendar of events. This is also published on the back of each fortnightly school newsletter that is emailed to families every second Friday. Here is a direct link

<http://www.ashgrove.school.nz/newsletters/fortnightly-newsletters/>

Saturday 21st October - Ashgrove School Jubilee.

Friday 27th October - Athletics for Years 4 - 8 **including Year 3 children who have turned 8 years before or on 1st October**. This involves 24 Tipu children. A notice will be sent out this week.



Friday 10th November - Tipu Sports Afternoon. There will not be a postponement date for this event. Further details regarding this will be sent home closer to the time. All children in our Tipu team will be involved in this fun event.

Thursday 16th November is our school's Teacher Only Day with Show Day following on **Friday 17th**.

Celebration Hui - Thursday 7th December at 2.00pm Our Tipu Celebration Hui will be in a different format this term. It will be held in the hall and everyone is welcome to join us.

Learning Conferences - Those families whose child did not receive a written report last term will do so in Week 7 of this term. **There will be one round of reporting this term.** Learning Conferences will be held in Week 8.

There is an electronic booking system for anniversary report interviews. Parents are sent a reminder via email when their child is due for a learning conference. This will include a booking code to make bookings and confirmations easier and more manageable for everyone.

We are looking forward to another wonderfully busy and exciting term. If you have any matters you wish to discuss about your child/ren then please feel free to make an appointment to see your child/ren's home room or group teacher.

Ngā mihi nui,

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Tipu Team