



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 Term 4 2017. We welcome all new children and their families to Ashgrove School. What a perfect term to start with the celebrations for the 50th birthday for our school.

We are very excited to involve our community in this special event with over 100 guests attending that have been involved with the school at some point over the past five decades. Our special thanks to the organising committee led by Mr Malpass. The planning for this event has taken several months and the team have met every month ensuring the three day event will run smoothly.



Congratulations to the students and staff for the amazing presentations ready to share with the Ashgrove Reunion guests. This work formed part of the learning topic enquiries taught during Term 3. I hope many parents have taken the time to view and enjoy your child’s presentations. Some of the Science Fair exhibits have amazing results.

The building refurbishment for Block 1 is now in progress. The plan still is to move in before the beginning of Term 1 2018. I am sure the students and teachers in Tipu Hub will be very excited to return to their space once completed.

During the holidays the shade sails were put up to provide shade on those very sunny days as summer will eventually arrive. Approved sun hats are compulsory for this term and Term 1 2018.

We wish our senior Jump Jam team all the very best as they prepare for the national competition which will be held in Auckland next weekend. As part of their preparation they will be presenting their item at the Jubilee celebration tomorrow. Good Luck girls! Thank you to the teachers and parents who have worked with the girls and will support them on their trip.



Pilinga Team
Riley, Tyla, Portia,
Lilith, Toby



Tipu Team
Caleb, Lucy, Jay,
Natalie



Rata Team
Phoebe, Tessa, Madison,
Ariel



Kowhai Team
Ben, Annika, Malikai,
Jonty



Turepo / Allenvale Team
Kade, Lily, Lucy, Brooke

2018 Preparations

This term staffing decisions and classes will be finalised for 2018. It is a difficult task making student placement decisions. This year as with years in the future we will not be taking requests from parents for placing their child. As we are now working in flexible learning spaces where children are across level groupings and working across a range of teacher expertise, specific placement requests are too difficult to ensure.

Parents are asked to trust the expertise of the teachers in consultation with the senior leaders and management to make the best decision for placement based on learning support and social and emotional support. Parents are encouraged to consult with the teacher about their child's learning style that can contribute to decisions for class placement however the school decision for placement is final.

Have a good weekend everyone if travelling be safe. We look forward to an exciting term ahead.

Ngā mihi nui
Christine Chadwick
Principal

Maori whakatauki me te wiki
Me tautoko tatou I a tatou
Support one another

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

School photo order slips have been sent home with all students. Orders need to be back to school by **Friday 27th October**.

ASHGROVE SCHOOL IS A SUN SAFE SCHOOL

Sunhats are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4. Please make sure your child has a Navy brimmed sunhat from the beginning of Term 4. Please make sure it is **CLEARLY** named.



ASHGROVE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES BLOG

If you would like updates on the buildings, playground etc please visit the Board of Trustees blog

<http://ashgrovebot.blogspot.co.nz/>

ASHGROVE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS THIS WEEKEND!!!

I decided that this is a perfect opportunity to hear from some of our 2017 students.

My question – ***What makes Ashgrove School a special place for you?***

“I have lots of friends and they always make me happy when I come to school.”

Year 3 student

“All the teachers are nice and they help me learn good strategies in my work. They teach me a lot of stuff that I find interesting.”

Year 5 student

“It’s not like other schools. This school has a really big field and lovely buildings. I just think it’s wonderful.”

Year 4 student

“I like seeing my friends and playing with them on the playground and doing Discovery.”

Year 1 student

“Everybody makes it like a community. There are so many things to join like Kapa Haka and Enviro team and stuff.

Year 8 student

“I like doing news. I have a snake for news and it has poisonous fangs.”

Year 0 student

“It’s good because you learn new things and find new friends.”

Year 5 student

“It’s special because we have a school cat. I really like Bruce, he’s cute.”

Year 2 student

“The community. The field is nice and people are respectful.”

Year 8 student

“The teachers are really kind and I get to learn really nice things.”

Year 1 student

“I love the field. There’s space to play. I love the courts too. The students are friendly. The teachers do things for individual students. They don’t just teach all the same.”

Year 7 student

“You can learn. The teachers help you. I like playing with my friends.”

Year 2 student

“I like the new learning spaces. It’s nice to see my friends and we can work together. It’s not the whole class working on one thing, it’s grouped.”

Year 6 student

We are looking forward to the Jubilee this weekend and hope that past students and teachers enjoy all of the celebrations. Special thanks to the Ashgrove School Jubilee Committee for their time and effort making this wonderful event possible.

Ngā mihi nui

Sue Monson

Deputy Principal

CHILD ANXIETY PRESENTATION

On Thursday 2nd November, at 7.00pm Jason Watson, from the CDHB School Based Mental Health Team, will be running a session at school for parents and caregivers relating to anxiety in children.

The anxiety workshop will cover topics such as:

- what parents and caregivers want to know about anxiety
- what is anxiety
- how anxiety works in our brain and body
- signs of anxiety in children
- how to help your child manage anxiety
- services available for further help

The workshop is largely discussion based and there will be handouts available to take home as well at the time. The presentation is limited to 18 parents and caregivers, so please email dp@ashgrove.school.nz ASAP to reserve a spot.

CANS FOR GOOD

During Week 3 we will be collecting cans to support the Rangiora Salvation Army foodbanks. On Friday 3rd November we will be holding a mufti day but instead of bringing a gold coin we are asking you to bring along cans of food, which can be donated to our local foodbank. Cans can be brought to school any day during Week 3 and will be collected by the student council.

[Click here](#) to view a video explaining the nationwide fundraising event.



PTA COMMUNITY NEWSBOARD

KIA ORA FROM ASHGROVE PTA

Ashgrove School 50th Jubilee - The Ashgrove School 50th Jubilee is being held this Labour weekend. Celebrations kick off with an assembly on Friday 20th October at 2pm in the hall.

The PTA will be holding a sausage sizzle and selling ice blocks, ice creams, BAPS, and school raffle tickets. **Parents need to bring cash as there is no eft-pos.**



Summer Gala - Yes! It's still happening. Mark Friday the 1st December on your busy social calendars!!! We have the man in the red suit for Santa photos so remember to get yourselves on the nice list and get your photo done at the summer gala. More information is on our Facebook page Ashgrove summer gala <https://www.facebook.com/groups/165017773868599/>



Disco – Friday 10th November. Disco super exciting last disco coming up details coming soon

Raffle tickets - The school will be holding a raffle this year and tickets will go home with the eldest child of each family next week. We have some great prizes but are still hopeful that some families might like to donate items for this raffle or for our silent auction at the gala.

If parents would like to donate something big or little it all is appreciated. If you would like to donate a non-perishable item there will be a container in the office area. We hope you all get in behind this raffle as it's raising the much needed funds that we will no longer be getting from this year's Santa Grotto.

Shhh!

Planning for 2018 has commenced and we have a few things boiling away in the background... watch this space Ashgrovians... All will be revealed in the fullness of time!



Reminder Calendar Art Forms and payment are due **Friday 27th October**. Please remember if you are paying online the order form still needs to be returned to the Dropbox in the office. We need forms back to process orders.

Thank you! - A very big thank you to all those who came and supported our Lego Fun Day in the holidays. We hope you had a great time building and creating. A special thank you to all the parents caregivers and staff who helped out on the day. Without our volunteers we can not run events like these and your time is much appreciated. We have lots more events coming up this term, so keep an eye out on how you can help out. Just doing a small job can really make a difference when organising events for our tamariki. For Lego fans....watch this space for Lego fun at the Gala!



ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

23rd October – 15th December 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23rd October LABOUR DAY	24th October Turepo Swimming	25th October HPV Vaccination	26th October Student Volunteer Army rep talk to Mahuri	27th October Turepo Swimming Ashgrove Athletics Calendar Art orders due School Photo orders due
30th October Ashgrove Athletics Postponement day	31st October Turepo Swimming Year 8 Orientation day at Rangiora High School	1st November	2nd November Anxiety Evening for Ashgrove families 7pm	3rd November Mufti Day Turepo Swimming Year 4 Big Day Out
6th November	7th November Turepo Swimming	8th November	9th November Pegasus Zones Athletics	10th November Turepo Swimming Tipu Athletics afternoon Pihinga Farm Trip Pegasus Zones Athletics Postponement day
13th November	14th November Rakahuri Athletics Day Turepo Swimming	15th November Rakahuri Athletics Postponement day Pihinga Farm trip p/p day Road patrol training with Ken Terry	16th November TEACHER ONLY DAY	17th November SHOW DAY
20th November Turepo Team sailing all week	21st November Turepo Swimming	22nd November	23rd November Yr 6 Puberty Parents Meeting	24th November Turepo Swimming Pihinga Sports Afternoon
27th November	28th November Turepo Swimming	29th November Turepo Swimming Canty Primary Triathlon	30th November	1st December Subway Lunches
4th December Year 6 Cycling all week ASB St John in School	5th December Pihinga Celebration Assembly 2pm	6th December Canty Primary Athletics	7th December Last Tech for Turepo Tipu Celebration Hui 2pm	8th December
11th December Mahuri Celebration Day Pihinga Teddy Bears Picnic	12th December Mahuri Celebration Day Pihinga Teddy Bears Picnic p/p day Turepo mountain biking/Adrenalin Forrest End of year Prizegiving	13th December Mahuri Celebration Assembly Pihinga Resthome Visit	14th December House Games – Tabloids Year 8 Leavers Formal	15th December Last Day of Term 4

2017 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 4 16th October – 15th December 2017

2018 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1 29th January – 13th April 2018

Term 2 30th April – 6th July 2018

Term 3 23rd July – 28th September 2018

Term 4 15th October – 17th December 2018

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**