



Growing Together For Success

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

We hope you had a lovely holiday with your family and are ready for the last term of the year.

This term our STAR focus is Service / Ratonga. 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.

As we are coming into warmer weather all children must have a named sunhat at school. It is a good idea to leave it at school throughout the week.

Upcoming Events this Term:

Saturday 21st October - School Jubilee

Friday 3rd November - Pihinga Farm Trip. Further information will be coming out soon.

Thursday 16th November - Teacher Only Day

Friday 17th November - Canterbury Show Day

Friday 24th November - Pihinga Sports Afternoon

Further information will come closer to the date.

Learning Conferences / Reports - Reports will be sent home to the children requiring 20 week, 40 week or 60 week reports in Week 6. Learning Conferences will be held in Week 7 for those children.

Friday 1st December - PTA Gala Night

Tuesday 5th December - Pihinga Celebration Assembly at 2.15pm in the hall.

Monday 11th December - Teddy Bears picnic at Elephant Park

Tuesday 12th December - Postponement day for Teddy Bears Picnic

As it is Term 4 we are continually encouraging the children to become more independent. Coming to and from their learning spaces quickly and sensibly and unpacking or packing their own belongings before and after school, are ways we can encourage this independence together. Thank you to those parents who already fully support this. Dropping your child off at the steps or the willow tree once or twice a week is a great start if you are not comfortable leaving them to walk in from the gate. Then gradually build this up over time.

Oral Language Focus this term (Thursdays): This term we would like each child to bring a photo or picture of a pet they have at home. They need to talk about how they care for their pet and some interesting information about the kind of animal it is. If you don't have a pet you can choose a pet you would like to have and share the information with us. We will send home a note with your child when it is their turn.

Your child may also bring an item from home of their choice to share on a Thursday. This is to be placed in the class news box or shelf in the morning.

Ngā mihi

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