

# ASHGROVE NEWS (PANUI)

Term 1 2024



Growing Together for Success

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Greetings Ashgrove whānau,

### Our wonderful PTA:

I have just had a great hui with our PTA chairperson Erin. We discussed the wonderful events planned for this year, and how the school and PTA are committed to working together for the benefit of all students. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the PTA at Ashgrove for their invaluable support and dedication to our school community.

The tireless efforts of our PTA members have been instrumental in enriching the educational experience of our students and enhancing the sense of belonging within our school. From organizing engaging events and fundraisers to providing essential resources and support, the PTA's commitment to our school's success is truly commendable.

Thanks to their ongoing efforts, we have been able to create enriching opportunities for our students, foster stronger connections between home and school, and build a vibrant and inclusive community where every member feels valued and supported.

To the members of our PTA, please accept my sincerest thanks for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to the success of our school. Your contributions truly make a difference, and we are immensely grateful for everything you do.

Together, let us continue to work hand in hand to create a nurturing and empowering learning environment where every student can thrive and succeed.

All whānau members are welcome to attend the PTA AGM - see details later in the newsletter.



### 2024 IMPORTANT DATE

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Pihinga Swimming  
Y8 Self Defence T1 & 2

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Pihinga Swimming  
PTA AGM in Staffroom  
7.00pm

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Pihinga Swimming  
Rakahuri Sport Spectacular  
Day 1  
Tipu Sports Spectacular  
Y8 Self Defence T3 & 4  
Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Pihinga Swimming

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR**  
**INSTRUCTION**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
**EASTER MONDAY**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR**  
**INSTRUCTION**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
**EASTER TUESDAY**  
**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR**  
**INSTRUCTION**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Pihinga Swimming  
Y8 Self Defence T3 & 4

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Rakahuri Sport Spectacular  
Day 2

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Assembly  
Pihinga Swimming  
Y8 Self Defence  
School Disco

## Staff farewell

I am including in this newsletter the notification to our school community that Sue Monson, Deputy Principal, has resigned from her position and will be leaving Ashgrove at the end of this term. Sue has been Deputy Principal here for 9 years, and has seen many changes in her time at Ashgrove.

I would like to acknowledge the way in which Sue has welcomed and transitioned new families and new entrant students to our school with warmth and a feeling of manaakitanga.

We are grateful for her years of service and the lasting impact she has made on our school community.

Please join me in extending our heartfelt thanks to Sue for her dedication and contributions to our amazing kura. Sue will be missed, and the entire Ashgrove whānau wish her all the best for the future.

There will be a presentation for Sue at our final assembly of the term on Friday 5th April at 9.15am. Whānau are welcome to attend this.

## How was your day?

Rather than asking your child how school was today, asking more specific or creative questions can often lead to more engaging conversations. Here are some alternatives to "How was school today?" that might spark interesting discussions:

- "What was the coolest thing you learned today?"
- "Did anything funny or unexpected happen at school?"
- "Who did you sit with during lunch today?"
- "What was the most challenging part of your day?"
- "Did you help anyone at school today? How?"
- "What was your favourite part of recess or break time?"
- "Did you read or hear any interesting stories or news in class?"
- "What's something new you discovered about one of your classmates?"
- "What are you looking forward to at school tomorrow?"
- "Did you play any new games during P.E. or at break times?"
- "What subject did you enjoy the most today? Why?"
- "What was the best question your teacher asked today?"
- "Did you get to use any new materials or tools in class?"
- "What made you smile today at school?"
- "Did you have any moments when you felt proud of yourself?"
- "What was the most surprising thing that happened today?"
- "Did you help your teacher with anything today?"
- "Was there a topic that you found particularly interesting?"
- "If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?"

These questions aim to dig deeper into your child's day at school and encourage them to share specific experiences or thoughts they might not have considered otherwise.

## STAR AWARDS



**Pihinga Team**  
Marley, Heidi, Lily



**Tipu Team**  
Merin, Cole, Lucy, Ella



**Māhuri/Allenvale Team**  
Kobi, Hunter, Avery, Liam, Amelia



**Tūrepo Team**  
Kingston, Mackenzie, Hannah, Bella, Alex

## Literacy Group

Earlier this week I started working with a group of Tūrepo students on aspects of literacy. They are an excellent group who are all really capable, and I am loving supporting them on their journey. Here are some sentences they have crafted to showcase our wonderful kura to you all, and things they value and respect about our place.

# LITERACY GROUP

Ezra - Ashgrove staff excellently run the school in a way that all students can enjoy the wonderfully educational and entertaining environment.

Jack - Ashgrove is unique because of the way we push each other and grow as one big family.

Max - Ashgrove School is an excellent school with lots of amazing events, great ways to teach us maths and literacy, and STAR values that teach us manners like respect and attitude.

Cooper - At the fantastic school of Ashgrove, your child can get a great education with amazing teachers and staff. There are many wonderful activities on offer at Ashgrove School as well. It's a perfect school for me.

Zarah - Ashgrove is truly an amazing school to be at and I am so grateful to be here. Every day I look forward to learning and I absolutely love being a leader.

Caitlyn - Ashgrove is a fantastic school where anyone and everyone is welcome. The staff are really supportive and encourage all students to thrive, excel and grow.

Makanaka - I love that Ashgrove pushes me out of my comfort zone and challenges me to try new things. I feel a sense of support at Ashgrove, especially when I struggle because people help me grasp hard concepts. I love it here.

Candice - Ashgrove School is a wonderful place. Every day I feel like I come home with more knowledge than when I arrived at school in the morning.

Bogi - All of the teachers are kind and welcoming and provide an amazing way of teaching.

Have a wonderful weekend, and see you next week - for a short week, and the week after for an even shorter one! ***Next week Good Friday off school, and the week after Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday off school also.***

Leon Van't Veen  
PRINCIPAL

## 2024 TERM DATES:

### Term 1:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January -  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 2:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April -  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

### Term 3:

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July -  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4:

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October -  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

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## SCHOOL HOURS:

All students to be at school by 8.50am each day to prepare for their school day. Students who arrive late need to sign in at the office.

### 9.00am

Learning starts

### 10.30am – 10.50am

Morning interval

### 12.20pm – 1.00pm

Lunch break

### 2.00pm – 2.15pm

Afternoon interval

### 3.00pm

School finishes

## ABSENCES:

If your child is away absent, please text 027 817 3303 or use the school app leaving a brief message to let the office know the reason for absence before 9.00am. Any absences not received, will be followed up with a call from the office.

## BOT MEETING:

The next Board meeting is  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April

## PTA MEETING:

The next PTA AGM meeting is  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 7pm in the  
staffroom

## PCT Challenge

On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March nine students from Ashgrove were lucky enough to take part in the Police Bluelight PCT challenge.

We got to try Police and Ambulance uniforms on and have a look in the police car and ambulance which was fun. Other things we got to do were CPR, team building games and the laser speed check. They even had a barbeque with free sausages for us.

When it came to the PCT (Police Competency Test) Ashgrove had two teams competing. Team one was Emma, Katie, Caspian and Dallas, Team two was Logan, Finn, Sophia, Emma S and Hannah. Both teams gave their all and tried hard.

Team one managed to win the afternoon session which was cool as Ashgrove has never won before.

It means Show Weekend, Team One gets to go to Papakura, Auckland to compete against North Island schools.

We want to say a huge thanks to Mr Seaton for taking us and being our best supporter.

It was a really fun day doing activities and mixing with other school.

Emma and Katie McKellow



## SIGNING IN AND OUT OF STUDENTS & VISITORS / PARENTS / CAREGIVERS TO THE SCHOOL

1. When a student arrives late to school for any reason, they must go to the office and sign-in on the tablet.
2. When an adult visits the school for any reason, they must also sign in using the tablet to record their time in and record the time out when they leave.
3. If you are collecting your student due to illness, an appointment, or need to take them home early, the student must be signed out in the tablet by their caregiver/ parent and ensure that the teacher knows you have picked them up.

Whenever possible, please advise your child's teacher and the school office in advance of pick up.

This system is for your child's safety and ensures we know where all students are at all times. It is also part of the safety procedures required for fire drills or lockdowns.

If you are picking your children up from school or have given permission for someone else to collect them, you / they will need to come into the school to collect them.

If you have any questions, please speak to the office staff.

**ASHGROVE SCHOOL PTA**

**DISCO**

**FRIDAY 5th APRIL**  
**ASHGROVE SCHOOL HALL**

**\$3**  
per child

**Pihinga & Tipu**  
**5.30-6.30pm**  
(Doors open at 5.15pm)

**Māhuri & Tūrepo**  
**7.00-8.00pm**  
(Doors open at 6.45pm)

**PAYMENT VIA KINDO**  
Cash entry available but this may delay getting in  
-Kindo is preferred

**AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT**

**Chips .50c**  
**Drinks \$1.50**  
**Lollies \$2.00**  
**Glow-toys \$2.00-\$3.00**

**POLICY REVIEW**

SchoolDocs host Ashgrove School's set of school policies. We invite you to visit the site at <http://ashgrove.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: ashgrove

Password: ashgrove

Parents are invited to read the following policies, and provide feedback

- [Te Tiriti o Waitangi](#)
- [Board Responsibility](#)
- [Parent Involvement](#)
- [Communicating with Parents](#)
- [Community Conduct](#)
- [Expectations](#)
- [School Charter/Special Charter](#)
- [Documentation and Self-Review Policy](#)
- [School Planning & Reporting](#)
- [Reporting to Parents on Student Progress & Achievement](#)

Instructions on how to provide feedback:

- Enter the username (ashgrove) and password (ashgrove).
- Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed (Reporting to Parents on Students Progress and Achievement)
- Read the policy
- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- Select the reviewer type "Parent".
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

Kia kaha tātou ki te ako, kia tau te rangimārie i roto i tēnei kura o tātou i tēnei wā  
*Let us gain strength in our learning and let peace settle in our school at this time*



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