

ASHGROVE NEWS (PANUI)

Term 1 2024

Growing Together for Success



5th April 2024

Greetings Ashgrove whānau and welcome to the last newsletter for Term 1, here at our slice of paradise. We trust you all had brilliant Easter breaks, and were able to have some time with friends and whānau.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1, I would like to thank all of our school community for their support of our kura, and their commitment to nothing but the best for our kids.

Highlights of the term have included -

Back to school picnic, mihi whakatau, swimming, camps, assemblies, Easter egg hunt, competitions, Jump Jam trials, Māhuri Wero Challenge, WPCA planning (William Pike), PCT challenge (winners!), Technology classes, kapahaka, and some awesome teaching and learning in classrooms. We love our school!

Strategic Plan on a page -

We are pleased to be able to share our strategic direction 'plan on a page' with you. This has been put together using community and student feedback, staff feedback and support from the Board of Trustees. The full plan will be available on the school website, in the BoT section.

I will be running whānau sessions to unpack and share the plan early next term.

2024 IMPORTANT DATE

Monday 8th April
William Pike Maukatere/Mt
Grey Hike
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday 10th April
Hoods Up, Volume Down day
Tūrepo Sausage Sizzle &
American Hotdog Fundraiser

Friday 12th April
Last day of Term 1

Monday 29th April
First day of Term 2
Māhuri Swimming

Tuesday 30th April
Māhuri Swimming

Wednesday 1st May
Māhuri Swimming

Thursday 2nd May
Technology
Māhuri Swimming

Friday 3rd May
Māhuri Swimming
William Pike Bear Grylls Day

Monday 6th May
Māhuri Swimming
Tipu Swimming

Tuesday 7th May
Māhuri Swimming
Tipu Swimming

Wednesday 8th May
Māhuri Swimming
Tipu Swimming

Thursday 9th May
Technology
Māhuri Swimming
Tipu Swimming

Our 'plan on a page'

This outlines the key foci for our kura over the next two years.
This will also be found on our school website in more detail, in the BoT section.



ASHGROVE SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2025

Each of our ākonga in our kura will thrive and achieve at their highest level
(NELP 2, 4, 5, 6)

Our kura is safe and inclusive and the diversities of our ākonga, kaiako and whānau are valued
(NELP 1, 2, 3, 7)

We are committed to developing fantastic literacy and maths programmes so all our students can thrive and achieve.



Continue to deliver high quality evidence based literacy programmes	Continue to investigate current pedagogy and teacher capability in the teaching of mathematics
Develop a shared understanding of what teaching The Writing Revolution looks like across the school	Develop and implement mathematic programmes that build student knowledge and capability as they move through the kura
Continue to refine assessment practices	Investigate and develop effective assessment practice in mathematics
Teaching of literacy is in line with the timeline of the implementation of the refreshed English curriculum	Teaching of maths is in line with the timeline of the implementation of the refreshed Mathematics curriculum

Continue to honour Te Tiriti in all that we do
Continue to build a shared understanding of our Kura's unique identity in our community
Continue to create a localised curriculum
Continue mahi in He Tipu in the Kahui Ako
Continue to celebrate all cultures through culturally connected initiatives within our community

We are committed to connecting deeply with our community, honouring Te Tiriti in all that we do, celebrating all cultures, and ensuring our kura is safe and inclusive.

Disco -

We are looking forward to our school disco tonight, and are very appreciative of the PTA for their organisation, and Bridget du Plessis our staff rep on the PTA for all of her hard mahi in linking the PTA and the staff together, we appreciate you!



Marley

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mā te wā
Leon Van't Veen
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poipoia te kākano kia puāwai
nurture the seed and it will blossom

Sue Monson has been the positive smiling face that has enthusiastically welcomed our children and whānau into our Ashgrove Kura - from guidance through the start of their learning journey as new entrants to the start of their day, with a daily "Good Morning" while on crosswalk duty. We are both sad but excited to be wishing Sue "Haere Rā" as she moves into well deserved retirement and heads onto her next exciting adventure.

We deeply value the kindness and care that Sue has nurtured at Ashgrove and will miss her greatly. Thank you, Sue - for your service to our kura, for your passion for our learning and for your kind heart. We wish you nothing but the best in this next chapter!

Nga mihi nui *From the Ashgrove Board*

STAR AWARDS



Pihinga Team
Harry, Sasha, Koby, Gabe



Tipu Team
Archie, Cruz, Archer,
Cody



Māhuri/Allenvale Team
Brodie, Sam, Cayden

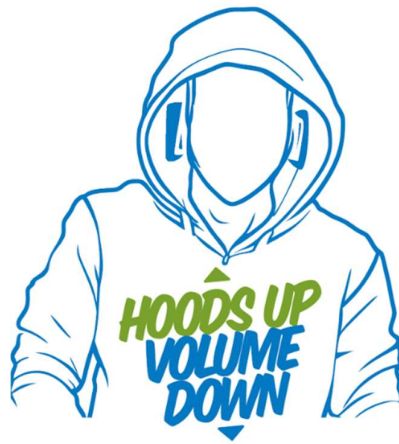


Tūrepo Team
Asha, Ruby

April is Autism Awareness Month. On Wednesday the 10th of April Ashgrove School will be supporting Autism awareness month by having a special 'Hoods Up, Volume Down' day...

The world can be overwhelming when it wasn't designed for you.

For someone with sensory processing differences, the world can be:



TURN DOWN THE LIGHTS, TURN DOWN THE NOISE,
AND TURN UP FOR THE AUTISTIC COMMUNITY.

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On Wednesday the 10th of April - this coming Wednesday - to stand together with our Autistic community, Ashgrove students can wear a HOODIE of their choice (over the top of their uniform). **THIS IS NOT A MUFTI DAY** - uniform is to be worn with the hoodie.

We will also be taking part in a nationwide 'quiet hour' on this day.

2024 TERM DATES:

Term 1:

Tuesday 30th January -
Friday 12th April

Term 2:

Monday 29th April -
Friday 5th July

Term 3:

Monday 22nd July -
Friday 27th September

Term 4:

Monday 14th October -
Tuesday 17th December

Ashgrove School Website
www.ashgrove.school.nz

School Office:
Ph: 03 313 8552
admin@ashgrove.school.nz

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 8th April

PTA MEETING:

The next PTA AGM meeting is
Tuesday 26th March 7pm in the
staffroom

We will turn down the lights, turn down the noise and turn up for the autistic community of Aotearoa.

This is an opportunity to make our environment more accessible to autistic people, and while it might seem like only a moment, it's the start of a movement.

During this hour, we will show the autistic community that as a kura we are ready to truly accept autism and embrace the accommodations needed to create an accessible society.

If you would like to make a donation - please do so directly through the Autism NZ page - <https://autismnz.org.nz/>

Thanks, Leon & the team



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.

NORTH CANTERBURY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

ART WORKSHOP

By Amelia Green YEAR 5-8

A three day art workshop learning a variety of art techniques and crafts! Come and hang!

**WE RUN ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (15-17TH OF APRIL)
FIRST WEEK OF THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
10AM-2PM,**

(LESSONS ARE HELD AT, BUT NOT RUN BY RANGIORA HIGH)

COST IS \$50 PER DAY (\$150 TOTAL)

**SAVE YOUR SPOT!
(LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE)**

Email amelia.eve.g@gmail.com "I'm interested!"
or flick a message to 027 587 5183

for a short google form regarding the details, or feel free to ask any questions.

I look forward to hearing from you!



Dungeons and Dragons (DnD) Rangiora

Did you know we are operating at Ashgrove School?

DnD Rangiora is an after-school club based on an in-person tabletop fantasy game (not online) where children create their own character and embark on adventures within a fantasy setting. The players work together to solve problems, explore, gather treasure and knowledge. The game teaches numeracy skills, fosters creativity, develops confidence, and builds social skills in a group setting.

We have the following coming up (open to all, no experience needed):
April School Holidays - HAVE A GO sessions in week 1 + One Off games in week 2
Term 2: Various after school options

If your child is interested give Debbie a call (021 163 1582) for more information or head over to our Facebook page [Dungeons and Dragons Rangiora](#), where you'll find a registration form and all the information you need.

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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