

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 back to Term 3 2010 everyone. I trust all had a good break with lots of rest. We look forward to what is going to be a very exciting term full of fun activities and interesting learning opportunities.

As we are now half way through the year with learning and teaching programmes it is always a good practice to reflect on what achievements we have made. How successful they have been and what we can do further to assist our students to achieve success.

Towards the end of last term the teachers were busy gathering data on students' progress in Literacy and Numeracy through a series of standardised testing. This information is not only gathered for the teachers benefit to guide their practice on how to support your child but is also gathered to share with parents information on how well your child is doing.

Parent interviews or three way conferencing, as we like to call it, are happening on the 4th and 5th of August. A notice has gone home this week and for Years 3 to 8 there will be a summary report of assessment going home next week prior to the interviews. The conference provides an opportunity for your child to explain how they are progressing on their goals with teacher contribution on what will be the next steps to further progress over the remainder of the year. The assessment information gathered will also be shared so parents will know where their child lies in relation to the National Standard for their year level.

Reporting to parents about your child's learning and progress is an important part of our job. We strive to inform you in as many different ways as we can. Conversations held before and after school, telephone contact, email and written reports.

Discussion at these parent interviews will focus on the progress and next steps for learning for your child.

At the conference some good questions for parents to ask:

- How well is my child progressing?
- Are there ways I can help at home?
- Does my child need special help?
- How does my child get on with other members of the class?
- How well is my child doing in tests and other assessments?
- Does my child participate in class activities?

Have a good week everyone
Christine Houia
Principal

Maori Quote for the week

Maori whakatauki me te wiki
 Me takahi whakamua
 Put your best foot forward

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Andy Veale (Rm12) for being awarded the Sportsmanship Award for the Saracens Rugby Team.

Hunter Lilley (Rm12) was named Player of the Day for the Saracens Rugby Team.

Brodyn Smyth (Rm3) was also named Player of the Day for the AC Milan Soccer team.

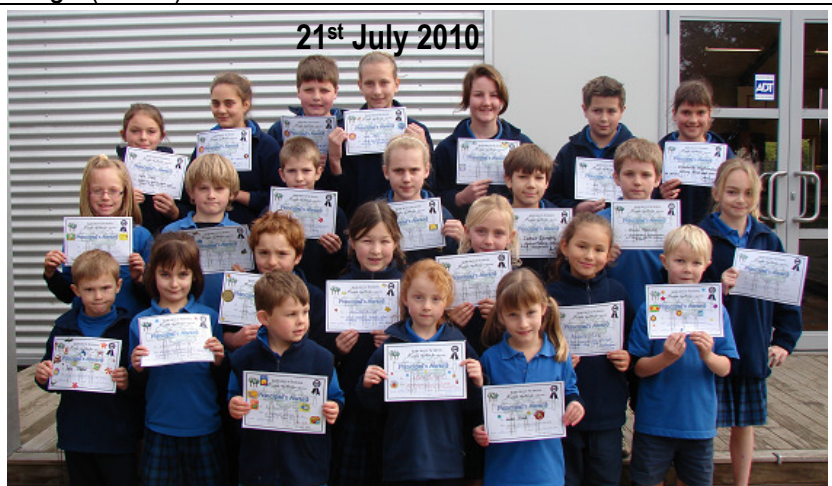
Samantha Williams (Rm11) placed 2nd overall in the Christchurch School of Gymnastics Classic competition. She was 1st on the bars and vault, 2nd on floor and was also a member of the 1st team.

Paige Gerrard (Rm11) passed her Beginners Jazz exam.

James Bolton (Rm18) came 3rd overall at the Marlborough Gymnastics Champs with two 1^{sts}, a 2nd and two 3^{rds}. At the Christchurch School of Gymnastics Champs he was 2nd overall with a 1st and a 2nd.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Early Junior Learning Team	Middle Learning Team
Felix Obele (Rm1)	Nikita Bucknall (Rm19)
Lily Grace Cowan (Rm2)	Holly Cumming (Rm20)
Ky Howell (Rm3)	Katie Lewis (Rm21)
Maia Ophoog (Rm4)	Brandon Alexander (Rm21)
Junior Learning Team	Joshua Speechly (Rm22)
Oliver Graham (Rm5)	Elizabeth Wagtendonk (Rm22)
Thomas Sexton (Rm6)	Senior Learning Team
Jordan Silcock (Rm7)	Tahlia Hansen (Rm14)
Upper Junior Learning Team	Luke Cooper (Rm15)
Natasha Metcalf (Rm9)	Adam Cox (Rm17)
Chloe Inkson (Rm10)	Kodie Bos (Rm18)
Anabela Cox (Rm10)	Shanae Crawford (Rm18)
Jennifer Lewis (Rm11)	Theo Russell (Rm18)
Ben Rough (Rm12)	



PARENT INTERVIEWS

In preparation for the three way conference before the end of next week parents with children in Years 3 to 8 will receive an envelope containing an interim report of your child's progress with reference to the National Standards. Please bring this report along to your meeting with your child's teacher. This will form the discussion around how your child is progressing with their learning. Reminder to book your interview times on line. If you are having any difficulty do not hesitate to contact Mrs Earnshaw, the Office Manager, who will be able to help.

SCHOOL PHOTOS THURSDAY 29TH JULY

On Thursday 29th July starting at 9.00am each class will have their photos taken by PhotoLife Studios Ltd. Please take extra care to ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform for this, as it looks great to have everybody in uniform.

The photographer will be taking individual portraits as well. The order form for these with a passport sized sample portrait will be sent home for viewing and payment when available. These orders are barcoded with your child's details **please ensure you use these when ordering**. It makes everything accurate and fast. Photo packs range in price from \$30 to \$40 including a class photo and the laminated class photo alone will be \$12.

Please note – sibling photos can be arranged but must be ordered and paid for before Thursday 29th July. An envelope can be obtained from the office for this purpose. Sorry, preschoolers are not able to be included.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Orders from 'Issue 5' need to be in by 5th August. Place completed orders and payment in the office drop box. Indicate on order if you wish to be phoned to collect order (it may be a birthday present for your child). Cheque or credit card payments - if ordering from more than one brochure please combine totals. Make cheques payable to '**Scholastic NZ**'. Thank you for supporting the library in earning 'points' to purchase books for the library.

Linda Vaughan (Librarian)

JUNIOR SCHOOL PIRATE DAY

The children in Rooms 5, 6 and 7 celebrated the end of Term 2 with a Pirate Day where they sang piratical songs and poems to their parents and grandparents. It was a fun day to dress up, teachers included, and be someone different for the day.

SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

We have had parents securing the school gates back after 8.50am after the staff have come off duty and yesterday they were left open for some time. We need to ensure these gates are closed for our student's safety during school hours i.e. 8.50am – 3.00pm.



ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

26th July – 5th November 2010

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26th July BOT Meeting 7.15pm	27th July Rm 19,20,21,22 Swim/Gym	28th July Rms 1,2,3 & 4 trip to Holmwood 1045 – 12pm	29th July School Photos	30th July Senior Sport to Christchurch
2nd August	3rd August Rm 19,20,21,22 Swim/Gym Life Education ICAS English Test	4th August Life Education Parent Interviews 2.00-7.30pm	5th August Life Education Parent Interviews 2.00-7.30pm	6th August Life Education Senior Sport to Christchurch
9th August Life Education	10th August Rm 19,20,21,22 Swim/Gym Life Education	11th August Life Education	12th August Life Education Rm 9, 10, 11, 12 Swim/Gym	13th August Life Education Senior Sport to Christchurch
16th August Life Education BOT Meeting 7.15pm	17th August Rm 19,20,21,22 Swim/Gym Life Education ICAS Maths Test	18th August Life Education	19th August Life Education Rm 9, 10, 11, 12 Swim/Gym	20th August Life Education
23rd August Life Education	24th August Rm 19,20,21,22 Swim/Gym Life Education	25th August Rm 5 Science Alive Trip	26th August Rm 9, 10, 11, 12 Swim/Gym Rms 6 & 7 Science Alive trip	27th August
30th August	31st August Rm 14,16,17,18 Swim/Gym	1st September	2nd September Rm 9, 10, 11, 12 Swim/Gym Early Jnr/Jnr/Up Jnr Cross Country	3rd September
6th September	7th September Rm 14,16,17,18 Swim/Gym	8th September	9th September	10th September
13th September	14th September Rm 14,16,17,18 Swim/Gym Ashley Music Festival	15th September Senior Ski Trip to Mt Hutt	16th September Ashley Music Festival Early Jnr/Jnr/Up Jnr Cross Country (postponement date)	17th September
20th September BOT Meeting 7.15pm	21st September Rm 14,16,17,18 Swim/Gym	22nd September	23rd September	24th September
27th September HOLIDAYS	28th September HOLIDAYS	29th September HOLIDAYS	30th September HOLIDAYS	1st October HOLIDAYS
4th October HOLIDAYS	5th October HOLIDAYS	6th October HOLIDAYS	7th October HOLIDAYS	8th October HOLIDAYS
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