



Growing Together For Success

ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back. We hope that you all had a wonderful break over the Christmas period and managed to get some time to spend with your family and friends. A special welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year.



At the beginning of each term we will send out a newsletter outlining the term's events that are especially pertinent to our team. A copy of these letters may be found on the school website www.ashgrove.school.nz and also on the school app. Here you will also find a copy of the school newsletters and a calendar of events. It is a good idea to keep checking back so you are aware of all the events that are happening within your school. We will also send out a weekly email to keep you up to date with what we are learning and any upcoming events.

This year our team comprises of four classrooms of Year 0/1 children – Miss Stevenson in Room 1, Mrs Kelso in Room 4, Mrs Green in Room 5 and Mrs Roberts in Room 2. We will be planning on a team basis to help provide consistency across our team.

Stationery

Thank you to everyone who has paid through 'Kindo' for their stationery. We will give all children their stationery when it is paid for or brought to school. If you would like to cover your child's books you are welcome to take them home on Friday 2nd February and return to class on Monday 5th February. Please collect your child's books from the class if you wish to cover them.

Uniform

Please check that all school uniform items are clearly named and that your child has a named sunhat. If your child may require a change of clothes due to toilet training please provide these in your child's bag.

Urgent Messages

Please leave telephone messages with the office staff who will then pass these on to class teachers at the next break. This will help to eliminate disruptions to the learning programmes.



We appreciate your support with these matters.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 1

Meet the Teacher Evening - Monday 12th February 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Further information will be sent to you soon.

Pihinga Celebration Assembly - Thursday 5th April at 2.15pm.

Swimming – Swimming is in Term 3.

PMP - Perceptual Motor Programme. Term 1 Week 3 to Week 9. We will need parent help to assist with running this programme. Please indicate below if you can help.



ROUTINES AND REMINDERS

Library Day - Monday and Tuesday. This will begin when the library is re-opened early March.

Oral Language - Children may bring a toy or small item from home to share with their homeroom on a Wednesday. Please place the toy in the class news box upon arrival to school.

Fruit Snack – Please make sure your child has a healthy fruit or vegetable snack at school each day. It needs to be small and preferably in a named container. If it is an apple please cut into smaller pieces for your child. If their snack is not finished at snack time they can finish it at morning tea.

Morning Tea and Lunch - All children need to take their rubbish back home in their lunch boxes. We strongly encourage litter free lunches as we do not have rubbish bins outside which is part of the Enviro Schools Programme. Children need to be able to open items in their lunch independently.

Shoes - Please make sure your child only wears shoes with laces if they can independently tie them.

We encourage your child to be responsible for their own belongings by unpacking each day when they arrive at school. It is great for the children to carry their own bag and take responsibility for looking after themselves now they are at school.

We are looking forward to a wonderfully busy and exciting term. If you have any matters you wish to discuss then please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

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Kaye Roberts, Ashleigh Stevenson, Nicky Kelso and Nic Green

Pihinga Team



PMP will begin Monday 12th February and run until Tuesday 27th March

I can assist with PMP on a **Monday** or **Tuesday** from 1.30pm - 3.00pm. Please circle one or both.

Name _____

Cellphone / Best contact _____