

# 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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Tēnā koutou katoa  
Greetings parents and caregivers

The last two weeks have flown by with parent meet the teachers meetings. Tūrepo camp meetings and property maintenance contractors completing some work around the Mahuri building. Unfortunately there will be some remedial work to be done by the new playground in the next few weeks. A soak pit will be installed that will accommodate for over flow of rain water from the new netball court and the Mahuri building. It has been identified the existing soak pits are not positioned correctly and not working adequately for a heavy rain event. The project manager for this work has apologised for inconvenience and will work to complete this work while the weather is good.



On Tuesday the long awaited Year 8 students verse the teachers’ netball game was held under the direct supervision of Mrs Bailey the PTA Deputy Chairperson. The students showed talent and skill in their efforts to outwit the teachers in a friendly game. However the teachers won by a record that surpassed the last friendly game held in 2017. The teachers looked exhausted, tired and all congratulations to the remarkable goal shooting efforts of the talented junior school teachers. Thank you Mrs Bailey for your organisation and management of the game. The school netball court has officially now held the first netball game of the season.

We hope parents and caregivers found the parent information meetings useful. Ashgrove teachers are very dedicated to teaching children to achieve success with their learning. They work very hard to ensure that the best opportunities for learning are available to help your children at the level they are at and beyond. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to continue to participate in dialogue with our teachers. Be as involved as possible with your child’s learning. These primary years are important in setting the foundations for life- long learning and at Ashgrove we believe strongly in working collaboratively with parents, students and each other professionally to provide an education that will give your child confidence and independence to do well.

Have a good weekend everyone  
Christine Chadwick  
Principal

**Whakatauki – Māori Proverb**  
**Kia tau te rangimārie ki runga i a koutou**  
Let the peace settle upon you all



## ASHGROVE STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP DAY

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February the student council along with parent helpers and Mrs Chadwick spent the day at The Groynes with instructors from Horizons Limited. The programme included developing and strengthening leadership, collaborating, problem solving as a group and team building skills.

Christchurch Ropes has an amazing set up for students and adults. The students were challenged and had to work as a team encouraging one another to collaborate and problem solve to activities that would get the best results. The photos in this newsletter show the group working together to find solutions and facing challenges that push them outside their comfort zone. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day and thanks to the instructors who were very professional, encouraging the council leaders all the way.

## REMINDERS

**Children away from school** - Parents please remember that if your child will be away for a holiday / trip for more than a single day, a letter / email must be sent to the Principal to request leave from school.

## OFFICE STAFF MEMBERS

Our office ladies are committed, collaborative members who work extremely hard for the students, the teachers and parents of our school.

They do their very best to help in whatever way they can even going beyond the job they are currently employed for. Most parents are very grateful and show appreciation by way of a respectful thank you and acknowledgement of their efforts.

However this is not always the case. A little bit of respect will go a long way, after all this is what we expect from our Ashgrove students.

## STUDENT VERSUS STAFF NETBALL

The Student versus Staff netball game on Tuesday afternoon was very competitive and action packed. Thanks to Belinda Bailey (Ashgrove School PTA) for organising this fun event on our new court ... and being the referee.



## Do you have a pre-schooler who will be attending Ashgrove School in 2018?

If you would like your child to attend Ashgrove School this year please complete a Pre-enrolment form, available from the school office.



# Big Brothers Big Sisters Mufti Day

## Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Week 4

**Gold Coin** donation  
Mufti day  
No theme  
All donations go to big  
brothers big sisters

**Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is:**  
To make a positive difference in the lives  
of children through strong and enduring,  
professionally supported, mentoring  
relationships.

Run by school council and Mrs Chadwick

# ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 5<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 <sup>th</sup> February	6 <sup>th</sup> February Waitangi Day	7 <sup>th</sup> February	8 <sup>th</sup> February	9 <sup>th</sup> February
12 <sup>th</sup> February Parent information Evening for Pihinga, Tipu & Mahuri Teams 5.30pm	13 <sup>th</sup> February Yr4-8 Swimming Practice Dudley 1-3pm	14 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> February	16 <sup>th</sup> February
19 <sup>th</sup> February	20 <sup>th</sup> February	21 <sup>st</sup> February Yr4-8 Swimming Practice Dudley 1-3pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	23 <sup>rd</sup> February
26 <sup>th</sup> February	27 <sup>th</sup> February Turepo 1 Camp	28 <sup>th</sup> February Turepo 1 Camp Ashgrove Swimming Sports 10am	1 <sup>st</sup> March Turepo 1 Camp	2 <sup>nd</sup> March Turepo 1 Camp
5 <sup>th</sup> March	6 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 5 Camp	7 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 5 Camp	8 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 5 Camp	9 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 5 Camp
12 <sup>th</sup> March	13 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 2 Camp	14 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 2 Camp	15 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 2 Camp	16 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 2 Camp
19 <sup>th</sup> March	20 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 3 Camp	21 <sup>st</sup> March Turepo 3 Camp	22 <sup>nd</sup> March Turepo 3 Camp	23 <sup>rd</sup> March Turepo 3 Camp
26 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 4 Camp	27 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 4 Camp	28 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 4 Camp	29 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo 4 Camp	30 <sup>th</sup> March Good Friday
2 <sup>nd</sup> April Easter Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April Easter Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	5 <sup>th</sup> April Canty Swimming Champs	6 <sup>th</sup> April
9 <sup>th</sup> April	10 <sup>th</sup> April	11 <sup>th</sup> April	12 <sup>th</sup> April HPV Vaccination Yr8	13 <sup>th</sup> April Last day of Term 1

### 2018 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1	29 <sup>th</sup> January	–	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Term 2	30 <sup>th</sup> April	–	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
Term 3	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	–	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2018
Term 4	15 <sup>th</sup> October	–	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### ASHGROVE SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Ashgrove School Policies and Procedures are available to all Ashgrove

Parents/Caregivers to view on the school website. Please go to <http://ashgrove.schooldocs.co.nz> The username is **ashgrove** and password is **ashgrove**.

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