



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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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome everyone. This week my comment is about what our school focus is over the next few months.

This week we have held our three way conferences with almost all our parents and caregivers attending. The purpose of these meetings was to set goals and plan for learning for your child over the next three terms. With the exception of the senior students, because of the senior school camps, all students through the school will now be familiar with the learning expectations for the year. I trust you found these meetings informative and helpful to you as you assist your child to progress and be successful.

Just as the teachers, children and parents plan for the year, the Board of Trustees together with the school management, plan and set goals for our learners and our a school. Each year the Board and Management look at the school Charter and the school Strategic plan. This is normally reviewed and developed late January early February.

I know that parents are busy people if you can make time we invite you to have a look at the Ashgrove Charter to gain more of an understanding of what our school goals are and our aims to achieve good outcomes for children’s learning. This can be found on the school website <http://www.ashgrove.school.nz/board-of-trustees>. We have developed a set of Action plans for these goals that we resource through experts within Ashgrove and from elsewhere, plans for professional development and funds from the Ministry of Education help us meet our goals. All staff including the support staff in the hubs receive professional development throughout the year.



The Charter is a document that we all refer to guide us and remind us of our purpose. The Ashgrove Learning Model explained in the previous newsletter is part of the Ashgrove School Charter.

Watch for the next newsletter edition where the topic will be on Modern Learning Environments and Collaborative Practices.



Pihinga Team
---, Bailey, ---, Izzy



Tipu Team
Catherine, Tessa, ---, Natalie,
Kiara, Briana



Rata Team
Logan, William, Jacob, Ariel



Kowhai Team
Quita, Larissa, Ashton, Zoe



Turepo Team
Abigail, Tyler, Oliver



Allenvale Team
Kieran, Jessica

NZEI Paid Union meetings

2018 is the year when teachers who belong to the Teachers Collective Agreement will be involved in meetings to discuss their conditions of work and remuneration under their Collective Agreement. We wish to inform our parent community that on Thursday 22nd March our teachers will be attending an NZEI (New Zealand Educational Institute) meeting during school hours. Hub programmes will not be operating as the normal routine on that day.

Two meetings are being held one at Ashgrove (morning) and the other at Rangiora Borough in the afternoon. Teachers who are union members across North Canterbury are required to attend one of these meetings. This means at Ashgrove some teachers and learning assistants will be running an alternative programme with students who are at school on the day. We will have limited staff to supervise children with the alternative programme in the morning and the afternoon. We thank you for your patience and understanding in advance as teachers are not in the habit to disrupt learning. Equally important are the conditions that teachers experience in their work life and so they have this opportunity to give their views in a collective forum.



Have a good week everyone
Ngā mihi nui
Christine Chadwick
Principal

He aroha whakatō, he aroha ka puta mai
If kindness is sown, then kindness is what you shall receive.

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, as this helps us to decide our classes.



RAKAHURI RAGE HELPERS NEEDED

Helpers needed for the Rakahuri Rage this Sunday 18th March 2018. You will be out on the course as a track marshal, encouraging the riders and communicating any problems, via walkie talkie, to the main organisers.

There are three times available:

10.00am – 12.00noon (coffee or cold drink provided)	12.00noon – 2.00pm (lunch and a drink provided)	2.00pm – 4.00pm (coffee or drink provided)
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This event is the major fundraiser for the MainPower Primary Schools Swimming Programme, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Nigel Seaton nigelseaton@ashgrove.school.nz if you can help.

NORTH CANTERBURY ADHD PARENT AND CARER SUPPORT GROUP**School Based Mental Health Team**

This group started in 2017, it is for parents, carers and family of children with ADHD, but no diagnosis is required. Many of their children have multiple diagnosis and most parents share a common experience of dealing with challenging behaviours.

The group's activities are directed by the parents themselves and lightly facilitated by Michelle Cole Registered Nurse and her colleague Suzy Ruddenklau, typically they meet and discuss matters related to parenting, education, health and relationships. This has been a very inclusive casual group who warmly welcome other parents, grandparents and carers.

Where parents can't come without children the group understands but most find they appreciate being able to have a short moment of time just for themselves. The School Based Mental Health Team supports this group to coordinate their meetings and organise any speakers or resources the group wants. We normally don't end up finishing till 8.00pm as parents like to catch up.

This group runs on the opposite month to the Christchurch City ADHD parent and carer support group, run by Kaye Wolland from the school based mental health team, some parents come to both groups.

**Meeting dates for 2018**

Wednesday	14 th March	Amberley School Staffroom	6.30 – 7.30pm
Wednesday	30 th May	Amberley School Staffroom	6.30 – 7.30pm
Wednesday	19 th September	Amberley School School Hall	6.30 – 7.30pm
Wednesday	21 st November	Amberley School School Hall	6.30 – 7.30pm

REMINDER

Please ensure your child has all their requirements for eating lunch e.g. their own cutlery and crockery supplied and please provide a lunch that does not require heating. It is also advised that your lunch box and lunch equipment is named.

PTA COMMUNITY NEWSBOARD

Hello Ashgrove families

The PTA AGM is coming up on Tuesday 20th March at 7.00pm in the school staffroom.

If you have ever wondered what the PTA does, how the school works or would like to be involved in making your school a better place or if you are thinking of joining the PTA please come along. Just because you are there does not mean you will be made to join.

At the AGM all roles will be vacated by our current PTA and will need to be re-appointed. If you are interested in any of these roles you need to put your hand up on the night.

These roles include:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications Officer
- Sub Committee Liaison



This year we have a couple of people standing down. We would like to thank them for all their time and efforts they have given to the PTA and to Ashgrove School.

Ashgrove School is only as good as the people involved and the PTA play a major part in supporting the school, activities and with funding. The PTA needs your help whether being a part of the PTA or making yourself known and able to help out from time to time.

Please come along to show your support in helping our children grow.

Thank you
PTA



Ashgrove School PTA is excited to announce that the Santa's Grotto will be back for 2018!

The Grotto is the school's largest fundraising event and a wonderful opportunity for families to get involved in creating a magical event for the children and community. This year we'll be seeking fresh and fun ideas, and just like Santa, we'll need the help of many elves.

More information to come in the next Newsletter about how you can help bring this event to life.

Alice! An Adventure in Wonderland - Mahuri Production

Mahuri in collaboration with Dale Hartley-Brown are presenting Alice! An Adventure in Wonderland. We warmly invite all whanau of Ashgrove School to come along on Wednesday 11th April and Thursday 12th April at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased via Kindo from Monday 19th March. Limited seats, so get in quick! We look forward to seeing you there.

Mahuri along with Dale Hartley-Brown proudly present

ALICE! An Adventure in Wonderland



Wednesday
11 April
6:30pm

Thursday
12 April
6:30pm

Ashgrove School
Hall

Tickets \$10
Available from
Kindo

Limited tickets
available

Be in quick!

ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

19th March – 18th May 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 th March	20 th March Turepo 3 Camp Young Writers Masterclass	21 st March Turepo 3 Camp	22 nd March Turepo 3 Camp Teachers Paid Union Meeting Nth Canty Swimming Champs	23 rd March Turepo 3 Camp
26 th March Turepo 4 Camp Canty Primary School Duathlon	27 th March Turepo 4 Camp	28 th March Turepo 4 Camp	29 th March Turepo 4 Camp	30 th March Good Friday
2 nd April Easter Monday	3 rd April Easter Tuesday	4 th April	5 th April Canty Swimming Champs	6 th April Whole School Assembly
9 th April	10 th April	11 th April Mahuri Production 6pm	12 th April HPV Vaccination Yr8 Mahuri Production 6pm	13 th April Last day of Term 1
16 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	17 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	18 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	19 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	20 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
23 rd April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	24 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	25 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	26 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	27 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
30 th April	1 st May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming 12.30pm	2 nd May	3 rd May Mahuri Rata Swimming 12.30pm	4 th May
7 th May	8 th May ICAS Digital Technology Competition Mahuri Kowhai Swimming 12.30pm	9 th May	10 th May Mahuri Rata Swimming 12.30pm	11 th May
14 th May National Science Week	15 th May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming 12.30pm	16 th May	17 th May Mahuri Rata Swimming 12.30pm	18 th May

2018 SCHOOL TERMS

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