



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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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

I hope you had an enjoyable time with your children during the school holidays. It was certainly excellent weather.

Recently we appointed two new staff members. Mrs Bridget du Plessis has been appointed to a long term relieving position in Tipu 3. Bridget is an experienced teacher who has recently returned from the Chatham Islands and prior to that she was teaching at Marshlands School.

Mrs Emily Henry has been appointed to a long term relieving position in Rata 2. Emily is an experienced teacher who was recently teaching at Fernside School. We welcome you both to the Ashgrove community.

Mrs Fiona Bester has been appointed the Acting Team Leader for Mahuri Rata.

Almost every school in Canterbury is part of a Community of Learning. There are four Community of Learning (CoLs) in North Canterbury; Puketeraki, Katote, Tipu Maia and Christchurch Catholic Community of Learning. Ashgrove School is part of the Puketeraki Group. There are 17 schools in this CoL which also includes Rangiora High School.



The Puketeraki Community of Learning’s main goals are:

- To raise achievement levels for all learners in the community
- Improve outcomes for at-risk and priority learners
- Develop teacher capacity across the learning community

Each school has Within School CoL teachers who attend meetings and share information. Also as part of their CoL leadership these teachers focus on a certain area within their own school, along with the Deputy Principals. The current work is reviewing the way we assess and report. They are in the process of gathering information from a range of sources to assist with the review and to identify our next steps.

In week 9 this term all parents and caregivers have the opportunity to participate in 3 way learning conferences. As part of the conference, goals will be reviewed and new goals set. Students will share and talk about their learning, which also links to the work we are doing in student agency.

Ngā mihi
Sue Monson
Acting Principal



SPEAK UP
Stand together
STOP
BULLYING
MUFTI DAY
Friday, 18 May 2018
www.pinkshirtday.org.nz
Gold Coin Donation

PINK SHIRT DAY 2018

Mental Health Foundation
www.mhffoundation.org.nz

ENVIRO TEAM UPDATE

The Enviro Team had several new members join us in Term One and we are now a team of 25. During the term we focussed on the school's recycling, gardens and removing litter from the playground.

We had a visit from Toni Watts, who is the facilitator for Enviro schools in Canterbury and Lesley Ottey, who supports local schools in different environment actions within the school and community. With Toni the team talked about the Guiding Principles of being an Enviro school and made a plan with what to do next within the school. With Lesley the team saw some confronting pictures of animals having been harmed by rubbish and talked about how we can impact the world around us. Lesley also shared how she is working with a group of local people in making Boomerang Bags. Boomerang Bags will be used in some of our local shops soon. These are made out of old T-shirts which are turned into shopping bags. The bag can be used for carrying items purchased and then returned next time you visit the shop. Saves on buying or using a plastic bag!

This term we will have a big focus on rubbish. This continues to be a major issue around the school. Your child will be encouraged to bring a rubbish free lunchbox to school everyday.

Here are some ways to have a rubbish free lunchbox -

- Take bars or snacks out of wrappers and recycle the wrappers in the soft plastics bins in local supermarkets and shops.
- Use a lunchbox with several little compartments making sure any rubbish is left at home.
- Divide a lunchbox up by cutting up an old ice-cream container to keep foods separate.
- Use named snap lock bags to recycle and refill each day.
- Keep yoghurt at home for an after school snack (and a clean lunchbox!)
- Think - does it really need plastic wrap around it?



You will hear names of children who are continuously helping to achieve a **rubbish free lunch** in assemblies and in the fortnightly newsletter. If we all try to reduce, reuse or recycle then we will minimise the amount of rubbish going to landfill.

Finally, on the 17th of May the Enviro Team will be conducting the annual waste audit. This is where we collect the rubbish produced in the school from one whole day and weigh it then sort it into different categories such as recyclable, food scraps, soft plastic and actual waste. Last year we produced about 15kg of rubbish on the day of our waste audit with 10kg of that being food scraps. (Wow 75kgs of rubbish in a week!) This year we are aiming to improve by getting less than that. We will keep you posted on how we go.

From the Ashgrove Enviro Team



Rangiora High School

QUALITY EDUCATION SINCE 1884

We extend a warm welcome to prospective Year 9 students and parents to attend one of our

OPEN DAYS

Thursday 24 May 2018

Tour One: 9.15am-10.45am

Tour Two: 11.30am-1.00pm

Tour Three: 2.00pm-3.15pm

Tuesday 29 May 2018

Tour One: 10.45am-12.15pm

Tour Two: 1.30pm-3.00pm

Come and experience the latest in Educational Innovation. There will be guided tours of our facilities with classes in action, displays of students' work and the opportunity to ask questions.

Book your tour online: www.rangiorahigh.school.nz

Or phone the school on 03 3118888

ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

7th May – 15th June 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 House games 12.30pm
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 Enviro Team waste audit	18 th May Pink Shirt Mufti Day Strike Percussion performance Pihinga 1 Ballarat Resthome visit 10.30am
21 st May	22 nd May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming 12.30pm	23 rd May Ashgrove Cross Country 12.30pm	24 th May Mahuri Rata Swimming 12.30pm Open Day at Rangiora High School	25 th May PTA Disco Winter Sports starts today
28 th May	29 th May Mahuri Kowhai Swimming 12.30pm ICAS Science Competition Open Day at Rangiora High School Yr7/8 Canterbury Indoor Tournament	30 th May P/P day Ashgrove Cross Country 12.30pm	31 st May Mahuri Rata Swimming 12.30pm Rakahuri Cross Country	1 st June Pihinga 2 Ballarat Resthome visit 10.30am
4 th June QUEENS BIRTHDAY	5 th June Mahuri Kowhai Swimming 12.30pm	6 th June Rakahuri Cross Country	7 th June Mahuri Rata Swimming 12.30pm Spelling Quiz Chisnallwood Intermediate p/p Rakahuri Cross Country	8 th June
11 th June Mahuri & Turepo Talent Quest Auditions this week	12 th June Mahuri Kowhai Swimming 12.30pm NZ Playhouse performance	13 th June ICAS Spelling Competition	14 th June ICAS Writing Competition Mahuri Rata Swimming 12.30pm	15 th June Pihinga 4 Ballarat Resthome visit 10.30am Year 6 cycling 9.00am

2018 SCHOOL TERMS

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