



# 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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Tēna koutou katoa  
Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to our Week 1 newsletter for Term 3.



We welcome back our students and trust they have had a restful term break. Parents will be pleased to see children back to school, fit and ready for Term 3. Teachers have been busy in their non-contact time preparing stimulating programmes and activities for the weeks ahead. Teachers also attended relevant professional development courses during non-contact time.

School routines are important and add structure to our days when life can be very hectic. Staff are working together to ensure that the routines remain stable and every child is prepared for the busy days ahead. Term 3 is the winter term when poor health can get in the way of good learning performance and it can be a challenge for parents. Particularly as many parents now enter the workforce early everyone needs to be at their optimum good health to manage through.

I ask that parents have a backup plan when your children are not well, that there are arrangements for unwell children to be given the care they need at home or where they can recover in a warm familiar place. Children sometimes return to school not fully recovered and this can create stress and further well-being concerns. Sending a child back to school when they are unwell or feel they are going to be ill only increases the potential for further illness.



We know that learning spaces can become unhealthy when several students and staff are harbouring illness. The best place for recovery is at home with the doctor’s advice to improved good health again. Parents and caregivers please consider the long term well-being and health of your child to ensure best progress with their learning.

Have a good week everyone  
Ngā mihi nui  
Christine Chadwick  
Principal

**Ashgrove Whakatauki -**

"Kia kaha tātou ki te ako, me Kia tau te rangimārie I roto I tēnei kura o tātou I tēnei wā".

"Let us gain strength in our learning and let peace settle in our class/school at this time".

**NEW STAFF TERM 3**

Welcome to our staff for the term Mrs Muirson and Mrs Hayman both teachers are working in Tūrepo Rima Hub. Welcome to Mrs Haverkort who is teaching in Kowhai Tahī Hub for the term.

We welcome back two teachers from the previous year Miss Forrest and Miss Eastwick. By now if your child is with those teachers you will be familiar with them. We are pleased to be fully staffed for the remainder of the year.

**HOME AND SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

There are a number of communication methods that Ashgrove School offers so that parents and caregivers receive information on events, activities and any requirements necessary for the school day. We have the school newsletter, the school App, parent email, notices posted on the school website and teachers school email address. There is also a parent facebook page that is not part of the school but is managed by parents of Ashgrove.



Teaching staff encourage parents and caregivers to keep staff informed when changes happen that may impact on your child's school routines and learning. This helps to minimise any anxiety or stress if changes are communicated. The example I can give is if living arrangements have changed, before and after school care has changed, and/or health situations are different. These are just a few examples that crop up from time to time. Teachers are doing their best to keep in contact with parents as often as necessary with information on children's learning progress, social development and achievements. Parents who have concerns regarding their child at school are encouraged to make a suitable time to meet with the home room teacher. It is helpful if you let the teacher know what is the issue to be discussed so the teacher can prepare any information that may be relevant for the meeting.



We all want what is best for children that will see them achieve success. Please do not hesitate to contact the teacher early so that concerns can be followed up and resolved.

**ASHGROVE LIBRARY FOR TERM 3**

We will not be advertising for a Librarian until Tūrepo Rima has moved to their classroom space. We have an opportunity to look at some changes to the way the Ashgrove Library can best serve the students and teachers.

In the meantime the classes will still have the use of the library to exchange library books at their library time. A small group of Librarians will still volunteer their time to return books to the shelves and keep the library space tidy.

## OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

The board has determined that nineteen places are available for out of zone students for Term 4 2018 and for 2019. For families seeking enrolment, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Friday 17th August 2018. Parents of students who live within the home zone and intend enrolling their child at any time during Term 4 2018 and for 2019 should notify the school by the end of Term 3 (28th September 2018) to assist the school to plan appropriately.

Applications can be made by filling in an Application for Enrolment form available at the school office.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on Monday 20th August 2018. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days if a ballot is held.

Board of Trustees  
Ashgrove School

## NZEI MEMBERS STRIKE ACTION DAY 15TH AUGUST

At Ashgrove we want all children to be successful with their learning. Our school is inclusive and collaborative with teachers and families / whanau working together. We all want children to thrive and learn to be successful with their achievements.

Teachers work really hard and put in so many hours in order to provide the best opportunities for children to learn. Many staff are working late into their non-contact time often imposing into their own family time. At Ashgrove School it can never be said that teachers do not care and do not put in the effort to help children to progress with their learning. The teachers are concerned that the government investment in education does not sufficiently recognise the need to provide more time for teachers to prepare for their work and provide better pay so they will remain in the profession. As a profession remuneration should be fair and acknowledge time and skills. It is important now more than ever that teaching is promoted as an attractive profession that has equitable remuneration that values teachers and retains them in teaching.



Parents need to be aware that almost all our teachers are NZEI members and are going to strike on the 15th August. The teachers of Ashgrove are reluctant to take this Strike Action and acknowledge this will be an inconvenience on some families. However they know that teachers need to be better appreciated for their time and be valued for their skills. Primary teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and there are grave concerns for the future of the quality of public education. Next Friday 3rd August teachers will be handing out flyers to parents and answer any questions you may have. The teachers and principals throughout New Zealand would like to see the government act now.

In week 3 students will be involved in Life Education lessons (<http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/who-we-are>)



As this is part of our school's Health Curriculum we expect that all children take part in the Life Education lessons. We have arranged lessons for their classes in the Life Education Mobile Classroom from

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

Life Education charges the school for this programme run by their health educator in the Life Education bus. Please pay \$ 5.00 per child on Kindo or at the office by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August to ensure your child(ren) attend the 2 sessions.

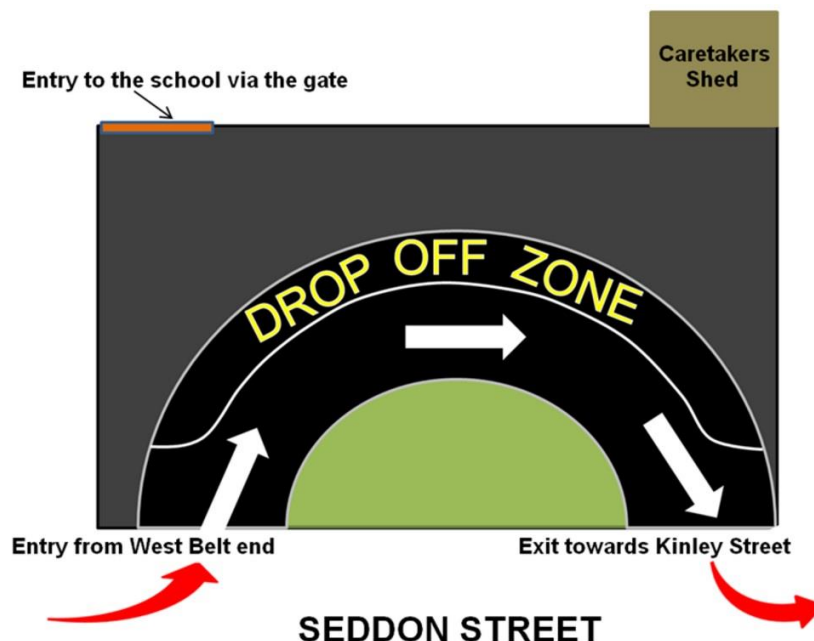
### DROP OFF ZONE REMINDER

The main purpose is for buses transporting children. The drop off can be used by parents to drop off those students who can **independently** get out of the car and off to school. If your child needs assistance; i.e. needs door opened and back-pack put on, your child is not ready for this drop off zone.

- This is **not** a parking area
- Entry to the drop off area will be from West Belt end and exited from the Kinley Street end. Arrows indicate the direction of traffic
- Drivers **must not** leave their vehicles
- Please move as far forward as you can to allow other vehicles to have access
- Children must leave the vehicle from the passenger side of the car onto the walk way not onto the road

Drivers will need to be courteous when entering and leaving the area taking extreme care watching for foot traffic.

**PLEASE NOTE: The drop off zone is not a thoroughfare into the school for pedestrians. The Drop off closes at 8.50am in time for learning.**



# Cyber Safety

## Parent Information Evening



We warmly invite you to an evening with Constable Ken Terry who will provide advice and direction on the safe use of Digital Technology. We value your presence and strongly recommend that parents with tamariki from Year 0-8 attend this informative evening. It is essential that school and families are working together navigating the rapidly changing digital environment our tamariki are experiencing.

Constable Ken will identify the global digital landscape and the challenges our tamariki face when using digital technology. He will offer advice and guidance around managing these situations, and give parents skills and ideas to empower them to take responsibility for safeguarding our tamariki.

Join us in Mahuri Rata on  
Tuesday 28 August  
7-8pm



## WEARING THE UNIFORM

Ashgrove School has a uniform that is specific to our school. If parents are not clear on what is the uniform please check the school website which has an up to date list of clothing. Every term we find a lot of clothing like polar fleece tops that are unnamed and left lying around the school or piled high in the Lost Property box (found by Tipu 6). Your child is responsible to look after their named uniform and be responsible to put removed polar fleece tops in their bag when it is not needed. It is acceptable during winter when the days are cold children wear a non-uniform jacket to play outside during intervals. This does not include hoodies.



At Ashgrove we encourage respect having a good attitude and the wearing of the school uniform with pride. We want students to wear the uniform and be proud to be an Ashgrove Star.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### SIR PETER BLAKE YOUNG LEADERS AWARD

Sir Peter Blake believed in the incredible potential of young kiwis to achieve great things. He knew that inspiring leaders of any age could be found in every corner of New Zealand.

We are proud to announce that our Head Girl Maddie Bird was nominated and received the prestigious Sir Peter Blake Young leaders Award for Ashgrove School. This award through Westpac can be applied for if a student shows qualities in leadership in a variety of ways

- Working well with peers
- Communicates well and relates to both students and teachers
- Does good things for their school, home and community
- Has a great attitude, thoughtful and kind and knows how to have fun

Maddie is all of these things and more and is a wonderful role model for all our students. Congratulations Maddie a most deserving student.



## NCEA: Have your say

**Māu hei korero 2 August 2018; 7pm to 8pm Rangiora High School Hall**

The National Certificates of Educational Achievement were introduced into secondary schools over 15 years ago.

The Ministry of Education is reviewing NCEA to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and continues to support young people to succeed on a diverse range of pathways.

Please join the conversation – we are holding an open forum here at Rangiora High School at 7pm on Thursday, 2 August. Your feedback, ideas and suggestions will be included in a group submission to the Ministry.

For more information on the review please see:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/ncea-have-your-say/>

**Karen Stewart Principal / Tumuaki**

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The student council have organised a biscuit sale to support SPCA New Zealand. Ashgrove School are taking part in the SPCA national appeal on Monday 6 August to help raise funds for animals in need in NZ.


Help us help the animals in need in NZ!

Thank you for your support.

The Student Council



# Animal Biscuits




Take part in the SPCA national appeal on Monday 6 August to raise funds to rescue kittens crying out for help, teach dogs how to love, and fix rabbits' wounds. But the SPCA can't achieve that without us!

Preorder an Artisan iced animal biscuit for \$2.10 on Kindo by Thursday 2 August 3pm and 75c from each biscuit sold will go directly to the SPCA.

A selection of a cat, rabbit or a dog. GF option available.

Join NZ and change lives on Monday 6 August



# PTA COMMUNITY NEWSBOARD

PTA 2nd hand uniform items, please contact Ren Wildman 0275-675-222

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# ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 2<sup>nd</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 <sup>th</sup> July	31 <sup>st</sup> July ICAS English	1 August NC Cantamaths Yr 6/7/8 9am-12noon	2 <sup>nd</sup> August Pihinga Swimming 12.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> August Tipu Swimming 11.30am Winter Sports
6 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education	7 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education	8 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education	9 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education Pihinga Swimming 12.00pm	10 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education Pihinga 1 Ballarat Rest home visit 10.30am Tipu Swimming 11.30am Winter Sports
13 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education	14 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education ICAS Maths	15 <sup>th</sup> August Strike Action Day	16 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education Pihinga Swimming 12.00pm	17 <sup>th</sup> August Life Education Tipu Swimming 11.30am
20 <sup>th</sup> August Milo & Baking Day Pihinga	21 <sup>st</sup> August Milo & Baking Day Tipu	22 <sup>nd</sup> August Milo & Baking Day Rata Chch Cantamaths Yr 7/8	23 <sup>rd</sup> August Milo & Baking Day Kowhai Pihinga Swimming 12.00pm	24 <sup>th</sup> August Mufti Day Pihinga 2 Ballarat Rest home visit 10.30am Tipu Swimming 11.30am
27 <sup>th</sup> August Mahuri Visual Arts Celebration	28 <sup>th</sup> August Digital Technology Parent Info Evening	29 <sup>th</sup> August	30 <sup>th</sup> August Pihinga Swimming 12.00pm	31 <sup>st</sup> August Tipu Swimming 11.30am

### 2018 SCHOOL TERMS

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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