



Growing Together For Success

# ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

We hope that all children and families have enjoyed their spring holiday and are ready for another term of fun and learning in Tipu. We would like to welcome new students and whānau to our team, as well as our new Learning Assistant Mrs Margarita D'Almeida.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who assisted with swimming in Term 3. Your help in ensuring the children were changed and ready for swimming on time, and the return bus trip to school, was greatly appreciated.

During Term 3, Tipu children enjoyed the visit from the Life Education Trust, investigating what makes our bodies healthy and strong, and finding out about their skeletal and digestive systems, and their hearts and lungs. We will continue with this theme as we have signed up for the Healthy School's Challenge (<https://healthiestschools.co.nz/>). The free programme is sponsored by AIA and Sovereign. Participating classes will receive free pedometers. The children will have a login and create themselves an avatar. They use their free pedometers to record their daily step totals to move their avatars from place to place around the Challenge's virtual world. At each global destination, they see their avatars exploring alongside our animated sporting stars Gemma McCaw and Cory Jane.

Year 3 children will be participating in the senior athletics that is timetabled for Wednesday in week 2. The Year 2 children will remain in the learning hub with an altered learning programme for the day. We anticipate that a junior adapted athletics day will be held later in the term.

During Week 8 we will have a visit from St John. The purpose of this visit is to teach young children how to respond in an emergency.

Our STAR focus this term is Service / Ratonga. In Tipu we will be talking about how we can support others in the classroom, keep our learning spaces and playground tidy, make visitors to the school feel welcome and to consider others.

Children will not be required to bring items for news this term, as we will be learning our He Mihi for Oral language.

An end of year learning celebration will be held in the school hall on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm.

**Spelling and Reading homework** continues this term. The spelling homework is discussed and given out on a Monday which gives all children plenty of time to complete the task and practise writing their spelling words ready for Friday's test. Please encourage your child to complete the weekly spelling activity and to hand their notebook in for marking to their home room teacher each Friday.

Remember that sun hats are compulsory for the children during Term 4.

We are looking forward to another wonderfully busy and exciting term. If you have any matters you wish to discuss about your child/ren then please feel free to make an appointment to see your child/ren's home room or group teacher.

Ngā mihi nui

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