

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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Tena Koutou katoa
Greetings parents and caregivers

This will be the last newsletter for 2011. What a year it has been. Under extraordinary circumstances our children have continued to focus and achieve success. Our students have shown many qualities through the year. Two that springs to mind are resilience and trust. Though the year has been plagued with natural disasters beyond our control our students have continued to learn in and outside the classroom. They have worked hard and shown that they could bounce back even stronger knowing they are safe and well supported at our school. They have shown us how talented they are in visual art, music, drama, sport and academic learning. Teachers have commented on how many of their class have excelled in particular in literacy and numeracy. Congratulations to you all.



Thanks must go to the staff for the passion they put into their work. For them this has been a particularly hard year coping with natural disasters and having their own personal hurdles to deal with and overcome. They have been truly resilient and caring. Our dedicated Ashgrove teachers provide a stimulating programme for your child to learn, our skilful teacher aides patiently assist children to remain focused. Our administration staff and librarian who work at times under very pressured extremes dealing with issues. The caretaker and cleaners who know that no two days are the same with their routine cleaning and caring for the school property. Thank you one and all.

It all somehow seems to work when everyone pulls together to get through the good and bad times. This year has been exceptional in the way our school community has come together.

Our grateful thanks to the PTA this year who have worked tirelessly for the school. We thank you for your generosity and time given to our students and staff.



To the Board of Trustees who have supported us and governed the school with a vision and commitment for all who attend Ashgrove to be successful, thank you.

We hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer holiday and for those who celebrate Christmas have a Happy Kiwi Christmas. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all at Ashgrove School.

Best wishes
Christine Houia
Principal



Maori whakatauki

Maori Quote

He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world?

It is people! It is people! It is people!

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Senior Prizegiving Year 7/8 - Tuesday 13th December 6.00pm

Mufti Day last day – no charge

Reports go home Tuesday 13th December. Stationery lists and classes will be in with the report

New Enrolments 2012 from Tuesday 24th January 2012

2012 Start date – Monday 30th January 8.47am

PTA REQUEST

For next year's Santa Grotto, any donations of Xmas decorations at the beginning of 2012 would be appreciated.

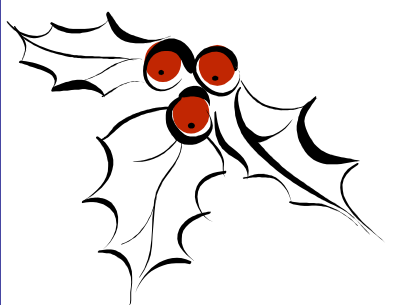
SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to wish Mrs Houia all the best for her wedding in early January. From 2012 she will be known as Mrs Chadwick.



TERM DATES 2012

- Term 1 Monday 30th January to Thursday 5th April
- Term 2 Monday 23rd April – Friday 29th June
- Term 3 Monday 16th July to Friday 28th September
- Term 4 Monday 15th October – Friday 14th December



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2012 STAFF LIST

Principal:	Mrs Christine Chadwick	Teacher Aides:	Mrs Heather Sibley
Deputy Principal:	Mr Alan Malpass		Mrs Melanie Masters
Deputy Principal:	Mrs Joanne Davidson		Mrs Lea Ettema
SENCO:	Mrs Sandra Mosley		Mrs Sandi Eastmond
Administration Staff:	Mrs Joycelyn Earnshaw	Caretaker:	Mr Lindsay Eason
	Mrs Chris White		
	Mrs Nola Jones	Cleaners:	Mrs Sandra Welch
			Mrs Henie Gargett
Librarian:	Mrs Linda Vaughan		

TEACHING STAFF

Senior Learning Team

Year 7/8

Mrs Batchelor (Leader)
Mrs Cherry
Mrs Hann/Mrs Muirson
Mrs Sheppard

Middle Learning Team

Year 5/6

Mrs Galbraith (Leader)
Mrs Keane (New Teacher)
Miss Willis / Mrs Baker
Mr Seaton
Mrs Bester (New Teacher)

Upper Junior Learning Team

Year 3/4

Mrs Forde (Leader)
Ms Green
Mrs Doney
Mr Jenkins

Junior Learning Team

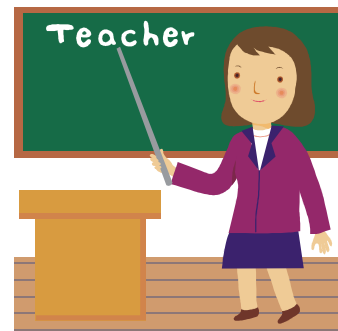
Year 2 & Year 2/3

Mrs Feary (Leader)
Mrs Green
Miss Atkins

Early Junior Learning Team

New Entrant / Year 1

Mrs Lill (Leader)
Mrs Faith
Mrs Roberts
Mrs Henwood (New Teacher)



ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

12th December – 16th December 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 th December Senior LT Adrenalin Forest/Mountain Biking	13 th December Gym Rms 1,2,3,8, Star Rm Reports go home End of Year Prizegiving	14 th December Last Day of Term 4 Close 12.05pm	15 th December Holidays	16 th December Holidays

A FINAL NOTE FROM THE 2011 ASHGROVE STUDENT COUNCIL

As another year comes to an end it is time to reflect on the work and achievements of the 2011 school council.

The school council had 3 main goals this year;

1. to get a pathway through Ashgrove Park
2. to investigate and install a fitness circuit
3. to have fun.

As you all know 2011 has been an unusual and challenging year for us all. The school council was successful in getting the Waimakariri Council to install a pathway through the park allowing access to the school via the park all year round. The pathway has proved popular and is well used by Ashgrove families and the community.

As a council team we have researched and written a proposal for the fitness circuit, but have run out of time to see this completed. It is a work in progress and hopefully the 2012 council will follow this through.

Having fun was the easy bit. Even with a year so full of complications and unexpected events we have managed to keep smiling and provide school wide events to add a little extra fun and laughter. 2011 has been a successful and fulfilling year for the council and I thank them for their commitment, reliability and thoughtfulness towards others.

The Student Council wish all families
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mufti day Thank you - A big “Thank you” to all the Ashgrove families for their generous donations of grocery items for the mufti day on Friday 25th November.

The Christchurch City Mission was amazed at the amount of food and grocery items that were donated and very appreciative of the support from the Ashgrove community. It is uplifting to be able to offer some assistance to those in need and we know the food parcels and other items will help to make Christmas a little less stressful for all those families who need a helping hand at his time of year.

***“What you leave behind is not what is
engraved in stone monuments but what is
woven into the lives of others”***



Kia kaha
Jo Davidson