



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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Tēnā koutou katoa
Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4. The term break was a good opportunity for children and staff to take a rest, rejuvenate their energy, refresh and be ready for the last term for 2018. This will be a really busy term. It will be important to check the newsletters, school app and your email for events and activities.

There are a number of days that the school will be closed for instruction. The **5th November** school will be closed to the students as Ashgrove teachers will be participating in professional development arranged for 16 schools across North Canterbury. Puketeraki Kāhui Ako is the name of our Community of Learning and all the teachers will be off site working together with other schools.

The **15th November** is Ashgrove Teacher Only Day when the school will be closed for instruction. This day is set aside annually for professional development and planning for the following year. We have guest speakers coming to present on a range of topics from a health perspective and curriculum. These two dates have been advertised in the newsletter during last term.

Strike Action - As yet we have not heard officially but if the Strike Action does go ahead it will take place on the **14th November**. This is the day before Ashgrove Teacher Only day. This advance notice hopefully prepares you to make other arrangements for your child / children. I will send a letter once we have received further information.

Sun Smart School - Ashgrove is an approved Sun Smart school. This means we take every precaution available to us to ensure our children and staff are not over exposed to the sun's rays. To be acknowledged as a Sun Smart school we have to provide adequate



shade for children to be able to play on bright sunny days. We have sails in place where children can play. The canopies provide filter light. We have trees on the school ground that also provide shade.



It is important that children wear the approved school uniform hat at school when they are outdoors. This part of the uniform is compulsory for Terms 1 and 4. Regardless of cloudy days children can still get sunburn. The school does have a small supply of sun block however it is handy if children bring along their own sunblock particularly if they have sensitive skin.




Next week we have athletics for the Year 3 to 8 students. It will be even more important that children wear their sunhat and put on sunblock before leaving home. We wish all those participating a really successful day. Many classes have been taking advantage of the fine weather to practice.

Have a good week everyone
Christine Chadwick
Principal

Māori Whakatauki (proverb)

Tē tōia, tē haumatia

Nothing can be achieved without a plan, workforce and way of doing things.

Don't forget...

**TEACHER ONLY DAYS
IN TERM 4**

5th November & 15th November
Term 4 are Teacher Only Days
when the school will be closed
Please mark these on your
calendar NOW.

**MAHURI AND ALLENVALE STAR AWARD
RECIPIENTS FROM THE LAST TERM 3
ASSEMBLY:**

Front (L to R): Nicole, Brooke, Kieran,
Makye
Back (L to R): Aidan, Tierra, Leira, Lukas,
Austin



A PIECE FROM ZOE's (Turepo 4) NARRATIVE WRITING



I glanced down at my watch. If I didn't find Cannon Road soon, I was going to be late - again. "Grace", I thought to myself. "If you were ever entered for a punctuality award, you probably wouldn't arrive in time!" Five minutes later, I was no closer to my goal. In fact, I was probably even further away. A flash of bright green caught my eye as I analysed the beaten-up shop logos hanging above my head. This one was beautiful, with worn floral designs snaking around the edges, and a logo in faint, spidery writing hand-painted in the middle. I squinted to make out the text - "Mr Linden's Library".

Pushing open the heavy wooden door, I coughed as a thick layer of dust wrapped around my tired body. I blinked as my eyes adjusted to the dim lamplight, gaping in wonder. This was a library, that was for sure, but it was no ordinary musty old building. The first thing I noticed were the walls. A magical forest grew all around me, sprouted from the creaky foundations deep under the ground. Trees towered over me, and rays of milky sunlight peeked shyly through strong, leafy boughs stretching across the ceiling. Elusive birds in every colour of the rainbow darted behind bookshelves and into bushes, frozen in action like a perfect photograph. Deer stood poised, peering out from behind long, dark eyelashes, and foxes glowed red against the dark foliage. I finally tore my gaze away, and found myself staring into the shadowy aisles between the solid bookshelves reaching far above my head. I then did a double take, scarcely able to believe what was in front of me. The passages went on for as far as I could see.

HOW NOT TO CLIMB A TREE

Scramble
up the trunk
Yell
"I'll beat you"
Slip
on a bird's nest
Tumble
through branches
Plummet
to the hard ground
Snap
your radius



This poem was created by first building a list of seven ways to climb a tree and picking one to develop into a poem. We used lively verbs and then searched for words that sounded really good. We decided to set our poem out in a column to emphasise the falling and also to look like a tree trunk. 😊

Ashgrove School Writing Workshops:

Stella, Pearce, Jodee, Mackenzie, Aston, Millie, Tanith, Hannah, Rebecca, Philippa

ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

22nd October – 14th December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 nd October LABOUR DAY	23 rd October Turepo Swimming 12.00pm	24 th October Ashgrove Athletics Day	25 th October Turepo Swimming 12.00pm	26 th October Turepo Cantamaths Pihinga 2 Visiting Ballarat Resthome
29 th October Rangiora High School Orientation Day	30 th October Turepo Swimming 12.00pm Student Council Leadership Day	31 st October Ashgrove Athletics Postponement Day	1 st November Turepo Swimming 12.00pm	2 nd November Turepo Cantamaths Pihinga 4 Visiting Ballarat Resthome
5 th November TEACHER ONLY DAY School Closed	6 th November Rakahuri Athletics Day	7 th November	8 th November Kahui Mahuri at Ballarat Resthome Turepo Swimming 12.00pm	9 th November Rakahuri Athletics Postponement Day Pihinga 5 Visiting Ballarat Resthome Talent Quest Finals
12 th November	13 th November Turepo Swimming 12.00pm	14 th November Turepo Swimming 12.00pm	15 th November TEACHER ONLY DAY School Closed	16 th November SHOW DAY
19 th November	20 th November Turepo Swimming 12.00pm	21 st November Turepo Touch Kids 11am	22 nd November	23 rd November
26 th November	27 th November Turepo Production	28 th November	29 th November	30 th November Potato Competition Weigh In Grotto Opening
3 rd December	4 th December	5 th December Canty Primary Athletics Sports 9.00am	6 th December	7 th December Science Roadshow Pihinga Visiting Ballarat Rest Home
10 th December Pihinga Celebration Assembly 2.15pm	11 th December End of Year Prizegiving	12 th December Mahuri End of Year Celebration 2pm	13 th December Tipu End of Year Celebration 2pm	14 th December Final School Assembly 9am Yr8 Leavers Social

2018 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 4 15th October – 17th December 2018

2019 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1 28th January – 12th April 2019

Term 2 29th April – 5th July 2019

Term 3 22nd July – 27th September 2019

Term 4 14th October – 16th December 2019

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>.

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