



ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

We hope you had a lovely holiday with your family and are ready for the last term of the year.

This term our STAR focus is Service / Ratonga. We are excited and looking forward to working with our children and building up their knowledge on how this looks and feels at Ashgrove School.

As we are coming into warmer weather all children must have a named sunhat at school. It is a good idea to leave it at school throughout the week.

Upcoming Events this Term:

Monday 5th November - Puketeraki CoL Teacher Only Day

Thursday 15th November - Ashgrove School Teacher Only Day

Friday 16th November - Canterbury Show Day

Friday 23rd November - Pihinga Sports Afternoon. Further information will come closer to the date

Friday 30th November - PTA Gala Night

Friday 7th December - Reports come home.

Friday 7th December - Christmas singing at Ballarat Rest Home

Monday 10th December - Pihinga Celebration Assembly at 2.15pm

As it is Term 4, we are continually encouraging the children to become more independent. Coming to and from their learning spaces quickly and sensibly and unpacking or packing their own belongings before and after school, are ways we can encourage this independence together. Thank you to those parents who already fully support this. Dropping your child off at the steps or the willow tree once or twice a week is a great start if you are not comfortable leaving them to walk in from the gate. Then gradually build this up over time.

Oral Language Focus this term (Wednesdays): This term we would like each child to bring a photo or picture of a pet they have at home. They need to talk about how they care for their pet and some interesting information about the kind of animal it is. If you don't have a pet you can choose a pet you would like to have and share the information with us. We will send home a note with your child when it is their turn.

Ngā mihi

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