



Growing Together For Success

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back. We hope that you have all had a wonderful break. A special welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year. We also warmly welcome Miss Kristyn Ferry and Mrs Emily Henry who have moved from teaching in Mahuri to join us in the Tipu team.

Once again our team comprises of six home rooms of Year 2 / 3 children. The Tipu teachers are:

Tipu 1 - Abby Washington	Tipu 2 - Leona Starkey	Tipu 3 - Emily Henry
Tipu 4 - Kylie Forrest	Tipu 5 - Fiona St John	Tipu 6 - Kristyn Ferry

We look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher Parent Information evening on **Tuesday 12th February from 5.00pm until 6.30pm.** This will be a whole school event, starting with a whole school information session in the hall at 5.00pm. Each team will run sessions at 5.30pm and 6.00pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet all of the team, be informed about our teaching practice, expectations and how you can assist your children with their learning at home.

He mihi - Your child / children will be bring home a copy of our He mihi template and we request you help them complete the information required and return to school during week one. Usually we list the areas important to our family history or where we were born. Learning our He mihi will be our Oral Language focus for Term 1 and will link with our Inquiry learning about New Zealand culture and our diverse multicultural society.

School Timetable

9.00am	School starts
10.30am - 10.50am	Interval
11.50am - 12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm - 1.50pm	Energizer Break
3.00pm	School finishes

Communication

At the beginning of each term we will send out a newsletter outlining the term's events that are especially pertinent to our team. We will also send out notices as required to keep you up to date with future events. These notices will be emailed so please ensure that the email

address that the school has on record is your preferred contact. A copy of these notices and those that affect the whole school as well as a calendar of events may be found on the school website www.ashgrove.school.nz It is a good idea to keep checking the website so that you are aware of all the events that are happening within your school. A notification will be sent directly to your phone when notices are uploaded. You can also use this service for notifying the school of absences, checking the school calendar and contacting teachers.

Fruit Snack

Please make sure your child has a healthy fruit or vegetable snack at school each day. It needs to be small and preferably in a named container.

Stationery

We request that your child's stationery be brought to school as soon as possible during week one with all of the exercise books named. There is no need to name any of the other stationery items.

Seesaw

All Tipu children will be issued a Seesaw account. This is a wonderful way for your child to share their learning with you. We hope that it opens up learning conversations at home and provides another view into your child's school life. You are welcome to make comments and give feedback to your child. Please be assured that your child's learning is only shared with you. A copy of the information and sign up for Seesaw will be sent home during week two.

Studyladder

All Tipu children will also be issued with a free Studyladder account. Studyladder is a web based educational program designed by teachers. The program is curriculum based and while it covers Mathematics, Literacy as well as other subjects the children will primarily use this to supplement their mathematical learning in class. Your child will be given a username and password which can be used to access Studyladder. We will glue this into the front cover of their reading notebook for access at home. It is not compulsory for your child to use Studyladder at home, however regular access will help them reinforce what they have been taught in school. It will also help to build their confidence through practice.

We are looking forward to getting to know the Tipu children and their whānau, and to an exciting term of learning.

Kind regards

Tipu Teachers

Abby Washington, Leona Starkey, Emily Henry, Fiona St John, Kylie Forrest and Kristyn Ferry