



# ASHGROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## “GROWING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESS”

*Mission Statement: “To provide a quality education in a positive environment which encourages learning for life”*



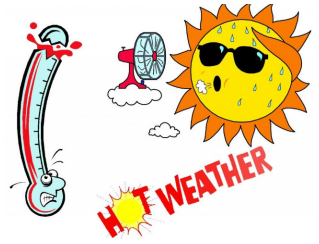
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Tēnā koutou katoa  
Parents and Caregivers

A warm welcome back to school, we trust you had an enjoyable time over the holidays with your families and friends. For most of January the weather was fabulous with high temperatures, so everyone could enjoy more of the outdoors. The staff are well rested and ready for the term. We have only one new staff member join us. We welcome Ms Fleur West who is teaching in Tūrepo Hub this term. Many of our staff are parents of young children also and were able to have some much needed special family time.



By now you will be pleased to have your children back at school ready to reset those routines in place. The students were very happy and excited to be back. There was a lot of catching up with their friends. We welcomed new students who have joined our Ashgrove School community. For those students it can be a nervous time especially if you are new to Rangiora and this is your first school in New Zealand. I have visited all the classrooms and reminded those familiar with Ashgrove and teachers that we take care of our new Ashgrove students just as we would a new friend coming to our home for the first time. We do our best to make everyone welcome and make sure they have a buddy friend.

You will receive a Team newsletter in the next few days which has a lot of information that might require parents to mark dates on the calendar for upcoming events. An important date to note is the **Parent Information - Meet the Teacher - 12<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm**. We invite all our parent community to join the staff and myself in the hall for an introduction which will be about thirty minutes. Following on there are two available times where parents can choose to meet with the Team leader and teachers who will explain the learning and teaching programme and expectations for that level of the school. The second session is a repeat so parents have a choice to attend a meeting at another level where their child is this year. If you miss the introduction in the hall the information will be posted on the school website and school newsletter.



The beginning of the school year is a good time to remind our children about our school vision Growing together for Success. We will revisit our School Values, what our school wide expectations are and what school profile of our graduate students will look like when they leave Ashgrove. When our children transition to their next level of learning our aim is to ensure they are well equipped with the skills and learning tools to help them feel confident to take on new learning challenges.

At home parents might like to quiz their children and ask them about the school values what they mean and how it would look at home. For example; **Respect** at home could look like a child using good manners and being nice to their brother or sister. At school **Respect** could look like using good manners and being nice to their class friends and teachers.

I hope you all have a good term everyone, as a reminder the whole school newsletter is sent out to the community every two weeks on a Friday. Always on the first week back after a term break and every odd week after that.

Ngā mihi nui  
Christine Chadwick  
Principal

Whakatauki – Māori Proverb  
**Ko te pae tahiti whāia kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamaua kia tina**  
Set high goals and celebrate your successes.



**Remember:**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February and celebrate Waitangi Day. We remember our forebears and the Treaty of Waitangi that defines our Nation Aotearoa New Zealand.

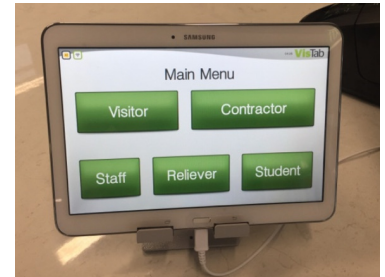


Kevin Hoskins, our caretaker, is currently on sick leave after breaking his arm during the holidays. We thank Brodie McDonald, our Board of Trustees Treasurer, for stepping up and helping us around the school. He is doing a great job and we were amused by the way he marked out the cricket oval with a tape measure and the lawnmower yesterday. Very good at multi-tasking.



## A FEW TIMELY REMINDERS FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

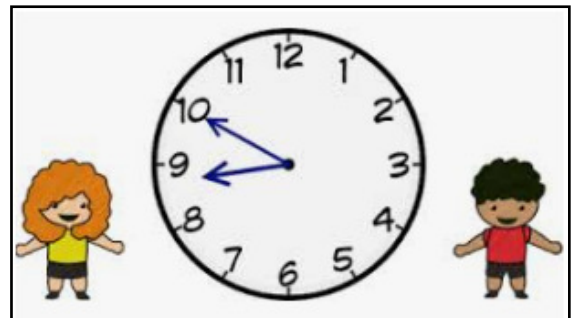
**LATENESS / LEAVING EARLY FROM SCHOOL:** All children **must** sign in on the tablet (Vistab) in the school office if they arrive late to school before going to class. If they are required to leave early e.g. dentist, doctors appointment, they must sign out on the tablet and when they return sign back in.



**HATS / SUNBLOCK:** School policy states that children must wear hats in Terms 1 and 4. No hat no play. Also if parents could apply sunscreen before the children come to school that would be helpful and provide their child with sunscreen to reapply as required.

### SCHOOL HOURS:

8.30am	Students may enter the school grounds
8.50am	All students should be at school
9.00am	Classes commence
10.30am	Morning interval
10.50am	Classes resume
11.50am	Lunch
12.30pm	Afternoon school starts
1.30pm	Afternoon interval
1.50pm	Classes resume
3.00pm	School finishes and students should leave the school grounds
3.10pm	Clearing bell – all students, except those under the direct supervision of a teacher or sports coach, should leave the grounds. Teacher's responsibility to students ends.

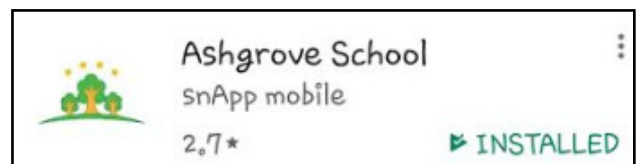


### COMMUNICATION:

There are several ways your child's teacher and the school will communicate with you.

**School website** – This is updated regularly with valuable information. Notices and newsletters are also accessible.

**School App** – Provides relevant information and alerts. It also gives you the ability to report your child as absent. Please download this from the app store on your phone. Search for "Ashgrove School."



**Email** – This is used for school and team notices.

**Fortnightly Newsletter** – A newsletter is produced fortnightly on Friday. It is emailed to all families and sent out via the Ashgrove School app. It is also accessible through the school website. This newsletter informs parents of school activities, meetings and other functions.



# ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 4<sup>th</sup> February – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 <sup>th</sup> February	5 <sup>th</sup> February	6 <sup>th</sup> February WAITANGI DAY	7 <sup>th</sup> February Pihinga Team Picnic 5-6pm	8 <sup>th</sup> February
11 <sup>th</sup> February Turepo Bowls	12 <sup>th</sup> February Yr5-8 Miniball / Summer Hockey starts	13 <sup>th</sup> February Mahuri & Turepo Swimming Practice 1-3pm	14 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> February Yr 3/4 Summer Hockey starts
18 <sup>th</sup> February Rakahuri Pals Turepo Bowls	19 <sup>th</sup> February	20 <sup>th</sup> February Mahuri & Turepo Swimming Practice 1-3pm	21 <sup>st</sup> February	22 <sup>nd</sup> February
25 <sup>th</sup> February	26 <sup>th</sup> February	27 <sup>th</sup> February Swimming Sports	28 <sup>th</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> March
4 <sup>th</sup> March Senior Kapahaka 2pm	5 <sup>th</sup> March	6 <sup>th</sup> March	7 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> March
11 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo Activity Week Turepo Bowls	12 <sup>th</sup> March Rakahuri Swimming Champs Turepo Indoor Bowls Tournament Goal Setting Meetings 3.15pm	13 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo Blue Skies Goal Setting Meetings 3.15pm	14 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo Rakahuri Bike Tracks & Top Teams	15 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo Mt Grey Hike
18 <sup>th</sup> March Turepo Bowls	19 <sup>th</sup> March Yr5-8 Miniball / Summer Hockey ends	20 <sup>th</sup> March	21 <sup>st</sup> March Nth Canty Swimming Champs	22 <sup>nd</sup> March Yr3/4 Summer Hockey ends
25 <sup>th</sup> March	26 <sup>th</sup> March	27 <sup>th</sup> March	28 <sup>th</sup> March	29 <sup>th</sup> March
1 <sup>st</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> April Rakahuri Have-a-go (Gp1) Yr3/4	3 <sup>rd</sup> April Rakahuri Have-a-go (Gp2) Yr3/4	4 <sup>th</sup> April Canty Primary School Swimming Champs	5 <sup>th</sup> April
8 <sup>th</sup> April Pihinga Celebration Assembly 2.15pm	9 <sup>th</sup> April	10 <sup>th</sup> April	11 <sup>th</sup> April	12 <sup>th</sup> April Mahuri Celebration Assembly 9.00am
15 <sup>th</sup> April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	16 <sup>th</sup> April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	17 <sup>th</sup> April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	18 <sup>th</sup> April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	19 <sup>th</sup> April GOOD FRIDAY
22 <sup>nd</sup> April EASTER MONDAY	23 <sup>rd</sup> April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	24 <sup>th</sup> April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	25 <sup>th</sup> April ANZAC DAY	26 <sup>th</sup> April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## 2019 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1	28 <sup>th</sup> January	–	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Term 2	29 <sup>th</sup> April	–	5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
Term 3	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	–	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Term 4	14 <sup>th</sup> October	–	16 <sup>th</sup> 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>. The username is **ashgrove** and password is **ashgrove**.



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