

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

A very warm welcome to Ashgrove School 2012. To our families who are returning, we hope your holidays were filled with fun and laughter and spent together with loved ones. For the new families who have joined our community welcome to our school we look forward to a long association with you in the future.

We welcome back also all the staff who work at Ashgrove. Teachers and support staff took part in a the Red Cross First Aid training day last Thursday so all are now fully registered first aiders. All staff are now well rested and ready for 2012. Our Ashgrove community welcomes the following teachers, Mrs Jo Keane in Room 19, Mrs Lara Henwood in Room 3 and Mrs Fiona Bester in Room 22. All three are experienced teachers. We are excited to have on board new staff with additional skills that will enhance our children’s learning.

It was with great sadness that we accepted the resignation of Mrs Nola Jones. Nola has been the Office Assistant for the past 12 years but has decided to take time to spend with her family. She wishes the children, parents and staff all the very best.

During the holidays we had property work that was completed as well as work now started; that is the removal of the swimming pool and boiler room. The senior students have a new cloak bay and new refurbished classrooms. The children are able to enjoy their learning environment which is now lighter with improved sound acoustics. The break out spaces will provide teachers with alternative areas for group activities that can be managed more easily near the main classrooms.

The newly gravelled area where the pool and boiler house used to be is going to be set up as a bus pick up and drop off space. It will provide a safer alternative to the current situation where the buses collecting children have to park over driveways and around cars. The weekly swimming and gymnastics programme, along with Friday sport during the winter, are the regular events when buses are required. Clear guidelines will be provided for parents wishing to take advantage of the drop off. This space will not be a parking area. At some point this space may be developed to meet the changing needs of the school with so much residential planning taking place the Board of Trustees may need to review the vacant space on the school site.

During February remedial earthquake repairs and painting will take place throughout the school. This work is being commissioned to Corbel Construction through the Ministry of Education. There will be some



Mrs Jo Keane (Room 19)



Mrs Lara Henwood (Room 3)



Mrs Fiona Bester (Room 22)

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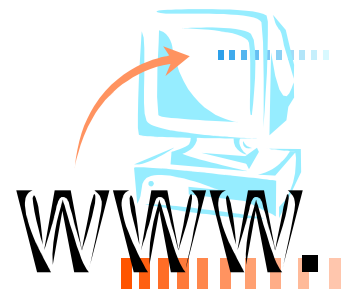
disruptions to normal classes but we will try to minimize this as much as possible.

Communication - Parents need to make sure you get the latest newsletter which is available fortnightly, on the back of which is an up dated calendar of events. Twitter is another form of communication which we now use for quick messages. It is easy to sign up for this service which will provide reminders from time to time. Our website has been revamped. Our grateful thanks to Nigel Wilson (a parent of the school) for his work on developing this. The website also has the latest newsletters which include the whole school, classrooms and learning team leaders letters to the community. Our school radio also announces the school notices and information school wide on a daily basis on FM 87.9. The frequency can be heard from up to 3 kilometres away.

Finally, I look forward to a positive year with many opportunities for Ashgrove children to progress their learning. Whatever challenges that lay ahead of us I am confident we will be able to work together to overcome for the sake our children and their education.

Have a good week everyone.
Christine Chadwick
Principal

Maori whakatauki me te wiki
Maori quote for the week
Waiho I te toipoto, kaua I te toiroa
Let us keep close together, not wide apart



VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES

Some reminders to assist in ensuring our students are safe.

1. The yellow lines are no stopping signs and it is an offence to stop on these lines to let students out of cars.
2. Please use the Kea Crossing with your children. Show them that the crossing is the safe place to cross. (Also the extra few metres walked is a healthy choice).
3. McKenzie Place is a road. Please do not walk on the road, but use the footpath.
4. We encourage motor vehicles not to use McKenzie Place as this is an exit point for cyclists, is very narrow, not easy to turn around in, and there is a request sign from the council stating "Residents cars only".
5. Entry to school can be from across the park in Kingsbury Avenue, Kinley Street through the lane, McKenzie Place or Seddon Street. There is no need for traffic congestion on Seddon Street. Please use the new path through the park where possible.

Please assist us in keeping all our students safe as they come to school.

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS - Children are not allowed in the school grounds before 8:30am (except to put bikes in the bike stands) and are discouraged from arriving before 8:25am, particularly on wet mornings. This includes parents bringing their children to school in the morning. Children may assemble outside the Administration Block or over by the bike stands while they wait for the 8.30am bell.

Bell times:

8:30am	Children may enter grounds
8:47am	First bell – children line up outside classroom
8:50am	Classes commence
10:10am	Morning interval
10:35am	Classes resume
11:35am	10 minute break
11:45am	Classes resume
12:45pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Afternoon school starts
3:00pm	School finishes and pupils should leave the grounds
3:10pm	Clearing bell – <u>all children</u> , except those under the direct supervision of a teacher or sports coach, should leave the grounds. Teacher's responsibility to pupils ends. Parents must be aware that their responsibility for a child begins at 3.00pm.



ASHGROVE SCHOOL FAMILY COMMUNICATION



Ashgrove School have a communication link through Twitter for all our families of Ashgrove School. If you have a cell phone you **need** to register. **This is a free service.** You will only receive these messages if you text the words “follow ashrga” to 8987. Then add a contact on your phone called “Ashgrove Alerts” with the phone 8987. You are now set to receive messages from school. You will initially receive two twitter texts which you do not reply to.

This is a one way communication and will be used to inform families of major events, changes in activities and reminders that would affect the whole school. Some messages will pertain to specific parts of the school. Should you receive one of these please just ignore them e.g. an announcement may be made “junior athletics sports now postponed until Thursday”, or a reminder to senior classes that camp money is due tomorrow etc. Any problems with setting up see the school office.

When your child leaves the school you can stop these messages by texting “stop ashrga” to 8987.

PTA

Secondhand Uniform - We have got a lot of stock now available. We will have a sale of these at school from 2.45pm on Wednesday 8th February. We will be up on the deck under the willow tree, or if wet in the hall. All tops, shorts and track pants \$2.00, Culottes \$4.00 and Pinafores \$5.00, hats for free! If you are unable to come to the sale please feel free to phone me - Julie Planner 313 0506.

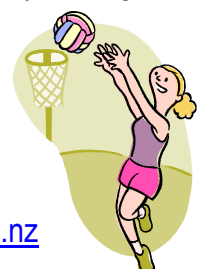
Naming of Uniform - It was with great sadness that I was unable to return over 25 tops from the lost property at the end of 2011 to their rightful owners. All named items are always returned to the people they belong to, so please spend a couple of minutes naming your child's uniform.

ASHGROVE NETBALL CLUB INC

Registration day for students in Year 4 to 8.

Wednesday 8th February 2012, 3.15pm to 4.00pm in the Ashgrove School Hall

For registration forms and any queries contact Mel Calvert on 313 2090 or melc@hortonsigns.co.nz



ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

6th February – 20th April 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 th February WAITANGI DAY	7 th February Meet the Teacher Early Juniors 3.15-3.45 Juniors 3.45-4.15pm Upper Junior 4.15-4.45pm Middle Camp Meeting 6.30pm Hall	8 th February Senior Camp Meeting 6.00pm Room 17 PTA second hand clothing sale 2.45pm	9 th February	10 th February
13 th February	14 th February	15 th February	16 th February	17 th February
20 th February BOT Meeting	21 st February Middle Camp Parent Helper Meeting 6.30pm Rm21	22 nd February	23 rd February	24 th February
27 th February Parent Interviews Goal Setting	28 th February	29 th February Parent Interviews Goal Setting	1 st March Ashgrove Swimming Sports 10-3pm Dudley Pool	2 nd March
5 th March Rakahuri Zone Swimming Sports	6 th March Room 16 Camp to Hanmer Early Juniors trip to Museum Upper Juniors Swim Gym 12.45pm	7 th March Room 16 Camp to Hanmer Middle Camp to Living Springs	8 th March Room 16 Camp to Hanmer Middle Camp to Living Springs	9 th March Room 16 Camp to Hanmer Middle Camp to Living Springs
12 th March North Canterbury Swimming Champs 12.30 – 3pm Dudley Pool	13 th March Room 15 Camp to Hanmer Upper Juniors Swim Gym 12.45pm	14 th March Room 15 Camp to Hanmer	15 th March Room 15 Camp to Hanmer	16 th March Room 15 Camp to Hanmer
19 th March	20 th March Room 17 Camp to Hanmer Upper Juniors Swim Gym 12.45pm	21 st March Room 17 Camp to Hanmer	22 nd March Room 17 Camp to Hanmer	23 rd March Room 17 Camp to Hanmer
26 th March	27 th March Room 14 Camp to Hanmer Upper Juniors Swim Gym 12.45pm	28 th March Room 14 Camp to Hanmer	29 th March Room 14 Camp to Hanmer	30 th March Room 14 Camp to Hanmer
2 nd April	3 rd April Upper Juniors Swim Gym 12.45pm	4 th April	5 th April Last day of term	6 th April GOOD FRIDAY
9 th April EASTER MONDAY Holidays	10 th April Holidays	11 th April Holidays	12 th April Holidays	13 th April Holidays
16 th April Holidays	17 th April Holidays	18 th April Holidays	19 th April Holidays	20 th April Holidays

2012 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1	30 th January	–	5 th April 2012
Term 2	23 rd April	–	29 th June 2012
Term 3	16 th July	–	28 th September 2012
Term 4	15 th October	–	14 th December 2012