



Growing Together For Success

# ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back. We hope that everyone has enjoyed the break and are looking forward to another wonderful term of learning.

Our **STAR** focus this term is **Trust/Whakapono** - *We can be relied on to make good choices*. In Tipu we will be talking about developing a positive attitude toward our learning, making sure we remain focussed on our learning tasks so they are completed to the best of our ability.

**Swimming** starts on Friday this week. Thank you to those parents who have already let us know they can help. We really appreciate the assistance to help children change clothes before and after their swimming lessons. It is not too late to volunteer, just let your child's homeroom teacher know that you are available please.

## Swimming and Bus Schedule

10.50	Tipu 4 leaves on bus for lesson at Dudley Pool (11.15-11.40)
11.20	Tipu 6 leaves on bus for lesson at Dudley Pool (11.45-12.10)
11:50	Tipu 5 leaves on bus for lesson at Dudley Pool (12.15-12.40)
12.00	Tipu 4 returns to school on bus
12.30	Tipu 6 returns to school on bus
12:40	Tipu 2 leaves on bus for lesson at Dudley Pool (1.00-1.25)
1.00	Tipu 5 returns to school on bus
1.10	Tipu 3 leave on bus for lesson at Dudley Pool (1.30-1.55)
1.35	Tipu 1 leaves on bus for lesson at Dudley Pool (2.00-2.25)
1.45	Tipu 2 returns to school on bus
2.10	Tipu 3 returns to school on bus
2.40	Tipu 1 returns to school on bus

Our PE sessions with **North Canterbury Sport** will have a focus on developing large and small ball skills.

**Oral Language** - Children will not be required to bring items in for news this term as we will be focussing on practicing our Te Reo Māori and NZ sign language, both official languages of New Zealand. Our learning goal is for all children to learn new words and build confidence to use them in everyday communication with others.

**Marae visit** - We will be visiting the Tuahiwi Marae near the end of the term. This visit will coincide with New Zealand's Maori Language Week in September. The team will visit the Marae over a two day period, with a group of three classes going on each day. A separate notice about this trip will be sent out closer to the time.

**Inquiry** learning this term will be focussed on building positive relationships through play.

**Relationships with other people** is a strand of the New Zealand Health Curriculum. The achievement objective for this strand is for students to develop understandings, skills, and attitudes that enhance their interactions and relationships with others. **Relating to others** is also identified as one of the Key Competencies in the New Zealand curriculum.

The curriculum states that *“Relating to others is about interacting effectively with a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts. This competency includes the ability to listen actively, recognise different points of view, negotiate, and share ideas.”*

*Students who relate well to others are open to new learning and able to take different roles in different situations. They are aware of how their words and actions affect others. They know when it is appropriate to compete and when it is appropriate to co-operate. By working effectively together, they can come up with new approaches, ideas, and ways of thinking.”*

**Stationery** - Unfortunately the team is running low on whiteboard pens. These are an important tool for teaching and learning in Tipu. We would appreciate the contribution of another two whiteboard pens from each child please in order to help us continue with our learning programmes.

**3.10pm Bell** - It is important to ensure you have made appropriate arrangements to have your child/children collected from school before the 3.10pm bell. Please remember that teachers often have meetings and other commitments at the end of the day and non-teaching staff also have a range of duties to fulfill. While we have procedures in place to care for children if parents or caregivers have been unavoidably delayed, this should only be due to a one-off special circumstance and not be a regular occurrence.

We are looking forward to meeting with you all next week at the 3 way learning conferences. Further details about this will be emailed to you soon.

Ngā mihi nui

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