



ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Whānau

Pihinga

We hope you all had a lovely break with your family and kept warm. The teachers are all ready for another busy term with your tamariki and are excited about our upcoming events.

Values

This term our STAR focus is Trust / Whakapono. We are excited and looking forward to working with our tamariki and building up their knowledge on how this looks and feels at Ashgrove School and in the Pihinga Team.

Learning Focus

This term we are teaching KOS, Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. This will be taught by the teachers along with the support of Constable Ken who will teach two of the lessons. Please come along to the parent information session if you would like to know more about the content of the program.

Oral Language/News (Wednesday) - This term we would like the children to bring a photo of their family. It would be nice for your child to share with us the names of who is in their family and maybe some occupations or interests. We will give your child a note when it is their turn to bring this to school.

Dates for Term 3

Learning Conferences - Monday 29th July and Wednesday 31st July.
KOS Parent meeting - Monday 5th August 2.30pm in the staffroom
Swimming - Every Thursday afternoon for students in Pihinga 3, 4 and 5
Pihinga Assembly - Monday 23rd September 2.15pm

Reminders

Play / Eat / Learn - Please continue to send a healthy snack to school in a separate container for snack time at 9.30am. Children are also asked to sit at the beginning of afternoon break for a snack to ensure they are getting enough to eat throughout the day. Please remember to send a named drink bottle every day with water only.

Pihinga is a Food Allergy Aware Learning Area - We have students with us in Pihinga who have severe food allergies to nuts (especially peanuts), dairy and eggs. Due to the severity of these allergies we are asking that you are mindful of this when sending food to school. If your child does bring in eggs or food containing egg for example bacon and egg pie please encourage them to wash or sanitise their hands after they have eaten. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to keep our students safe.

Home Learning - Please continue to read every night. Have fun learning letters, sounds and words. Play games with these and make it an enjoyable time. If you need any ideas please ask.

School starting time - Please remember the school day does not start until 8.30am as teachers use this time to prepare and have meetings. Children need to wait by the gate on the field or near the main gate off Seddon Street until the bell rings. Please ensure your child is at school by 8.50am to enable them to be ready for the school day.

Building Independence - Now Term 3 is beginning, we would like to encourage some of our older children to become a little more independent when coming to school. If they are comfortable they could come into the class themselves or even in the school gate. We still encourage parents to come in and touch base and see children's work.

Clothing - As we are coming into cooler weather all children must have a named jersey or polar fleece at school every day. It is also a good idea to have a jacket and hat so we can get some fresh air on cooler days. Sunhats are optional this term.

Soccer - Many children like to play soccer at playtime. Due to the mud we ask that if your child wants to play soccer on the grass they need to bring a pair of gumboots and a change of clothes. We need to reduce the amount of mud coming back into the classes.

If you have anything you would like to discuss throughout the term please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

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