



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
Greetings Parents and Caregivers

I had a lovely experience this week at the invitation of one of our students who wanted to have lunch with me. With a friend who joined her we sat and enjoyed each other's company talking about all kinds of interesting things. From allergies and hygiene to favourite food and things we do on weekends with our families. Our students are very articulate and love sharing their ideas. Today from another part of the school I was privileged enough to spend time with a student who wanted to share their amazing project work that they had been doing in class. This student was able to tell all the facts they had researched and continued to explain the ways they found information for the topic they chose.

Whenever I visit the classrooms I am grateful for the teachers who inspire children with ideas and create interest for learning. Teachers have the ability to encourage children to inquire and extend their thinking beyond the classroom. Ashgrove Teachers are hardworking, going far and beyond the job to make learning fun and enjoyable.

Gratitude is one of our Ashgrove STAR value strengths. As a school we are focusing on being thankful and looking for the good in every day. Research shows that actively practising gratitude invites more joy into our lives and is strongly related to resilience and wellbeing. We find that asking our students what is good or brings joy in a day can offer a window into their lives that we wouldn't have known before. It builds relationships, makes us more aware of what we have and also prompts us to slow down and be thankful for the joyful moments.

Every day I see teachers making a huge effort to focus on the good and see the ripple effects of this in our student's wellbeing. Rather than asking your child how their day was next time you pick them up, ask them what brought them joy today or what went well. Hunt for the good - you might gain a new insight into their school day.

“Some people are born grateful, the rest of us have to practise”
Dr Denise Quinlan (NZIWR Director).



NEW!!!

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE FOR ASHGROVE SCHOOL

7:30AM – 8:30AM

Based at Kidsbase Southbrook School.

FREE Healthy Breakfast included, prepared on-site daily.

FREE Transportation from Southbrook School back to Ashgrove School
arriving by 8:45 am each day.

A Great Fun Way for kids to start the day.

WINZ Subsidies available

STARTING MONDAY 27TH APRIL (TERM 2, 2020)

Book now: [Kidsbase.aimyplus.com](https://kidsbase.aimyplus.com)

The Kids Base logo features a smiling face above the words "Kids Base" in a colorful, playful font. Below the logo is the website address "kidsbase.co.nz". To the right of the logo are four circular icons: a blue circle for "Before School", a pink circle for "After School", an orange circle for "Holidays", and a yellow circle for "Enrol".

Tēnā koutou katoa

Attention Parents / Caregivers

You may have seen that the World Health Organisation has now declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. As noted by the Minister of Health, this doesn't change what New Zealand is doing to respond to coronavirus.

The Ministry of Health has been working through its pandemic plan since January. You will also know the Government has already implemented a range of measures to minimise the impacts to New Zealand. This includes border restrictions, a requirement to self-isolate on arrival in New Zealand from China, Iran, Italy and the Republic of Korea and immediate and detailed contact tracing of any confirmed cases. It is important to note those four countries account for more than 90% of cases globally and China and the Republic of Korea have significantly declining numbers of new cases.

We have 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand and it is pleasing to know they are all doing well and are at home. Their children, four students at Auckland schools, continue to be well and show no symptoms. While we expect that more cases will arise, the Ministry of Health says that with continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low in New Zealand. We all have a role to play in this.

For our school, our pandemic plan is also ready to be implemented if needed. In the meantime we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness including colds, flu and COVID-19.

With that, there is a good video clip from Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus – YouTube clip – [Nanogirl](#)

You may have also seen the Prime Minister with Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl) and the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, Juliet Gerrard, to talk about coronavirus:

Watch on the [PM's Facebook page](#)

Read and watch on the [Newshub website](#)

One other action we can all take is to be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. I will be encouraging my staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. I ask that you please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and practicing good hygiene; we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.

Ngā mihi nui
Christine Chadwick
Principal



Hello Ashgrove families

The PTA AGM is coming up on Thursday 19th of March at 7.00pm in the school staffroom.

If you have ever wondered what the PTA does, how the school works or if you are thinking of joining the PTA then please do come along.

At the AGM all roles will be vacated by our current PTA and will need to be re-appointed. If you are interested in any of these roles you can put your hand up on the night.

These roles include:

- Chairperson
- Deputy Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Deputy Treasurer
- Secretary
- Communications Officer
- Sub Committee Liaison

This year we have people standing down as their children move on and we would like to thank them for their time and effort that they have given over the last year or more.

Ashgrove School is only as good as the people involved and as parents we play a major part in supporting the school and our children. Please come along to show your support in helping our children grow.

Should you have any queries please do to contact ashgroveschoolpta@gmail.com

STUDENT ABSENCES

It is imperative that parents advise the school office of your child's absence **before 9.00am**. Please use one of the following methods leaving a short message e.g. John Smith, Tipu 2, and the reason e.g. dental appt / vomiting etc.

- School App, text 027 817 3303 or phone 03 313 8552 ext 2

If families are travelling overseas we would appreciate prior notification and please check the Ministry of Health websites listed on the previous page.



ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

16th March – 8th May 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 th March BOT Meeting 7pm	17 th March	18 th March	19 th March Nth Cnty Swimming Sports	20 th March Girls Rugby Festival Day
23 rd March	24 th March	25 th March	26 th March	27 th March
30 th March	31 st March Rakahuri Have-a-go day (Group 1)	1 st April Rakahuri Have-a-go day (Group 2)	2 nd April Canty Swimming Champs HPV Vaccinations	3 rd April St Johns Mufti Day
6 th April	7 th April	8 th April	9 th April Last Day of Term 1	10 th April GOOD FRIDAY
13 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	14 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	15 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	16 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	17 th April SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
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27 th April ANZAC DAY OBSERVED	28 th April First day Term 2	29 th April	30 th April	1 st May
4 th May	5 th May	6 th May	7 th May	8 th May

2020 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1	29 th January	–	9 th April 2020
Term 2	28 th April	–	3 rd July 2020
Term 3	20 th July	–	25 th September 2020
Term 4	12 th October	–	15 th December 2020



Ashgrove Whakataukī

Kia Kaha tātou ki te ako

Kia tau te rangimarie

I roto I tēnei kura

O tātou I tēnei wa

Let us gain strength in our learning
and let peace settle in our school
at this time

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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