



# 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  
Warm greetings Parents and Caregivers

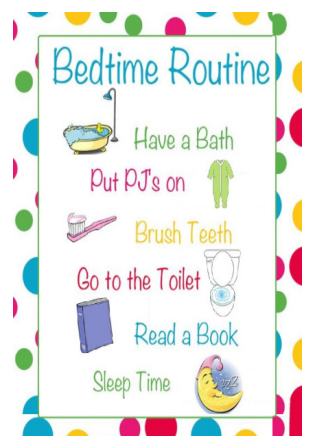
Welcome back to 

A very warm welcome back to school for all the students and parents. I would like to thank you for your patience this week as we follow the Health and Safety guidelines in place for Alert Level 2. Everyone is being so kind at the pickup and drop off at the gate. Staff have found it very successful. We are all finding leaving the school grounds is working well with the two entry and exit gates.

The children have been so happy to be back with their teachers and their friends. The environment has a happy feel to it. Children playing, trying very hard to social distance and remembering to move away if too close. We understand how hard that is for them so we are paying extra attention to sanitizing and washing hands often. There were some nerves on the first day but as the week has continued we are seeing less and less of that.

These first two weeks we are working on helping the children to get into the habit of good hygiene practices. It is also important to us that we make time for our students to reconnect with their teachers and their school. It is a little different right now. Students are being asked to remain with their home room teacher and sit in the same place using their own equipment each day. The staff are also wiping down all the surfaces throughout the day and ensuring the children go to the bathroom in a managed way so that there is no congestion of students in those smaller spaces. We will continue with this organisation for a little while longer.

The wellbeing of our children and our staff is at the forefront of all these decisions. You will hear from your children that in class they are participating in fun activities with their teacher and friends. The teams have planned games and activities around the curriculum so that they can adjust to a timetable different from when they were at home. We have noticed a few students are getting tired, which is to be expected as they now need to adjust to a school and home routine. Parents can help with reinforcing the bedtime routine to be a quiet and resting time before sleep. As I wander around the classes children are happy and the teachers are happy engaging in conversation.



Our teachers are amazing and many of our parents have shared that comment with me over and over since returning back on site. Teachers and indeed all staff wellbeing is also important. To be sure, we are keeping a close eye on each other so that we take a rest and slow down the pace of workload as best we can. We are fortunate that our staff are supportive and caring of each other and willing to help. Parents can support us with this by continuing to be kind and remember that teachers and staff have a family life too. That they do a lot for the school children in school and out of school hours and manage their own family lives. When you need to contact the teacher I encourage you to do this via the school office or an email and they will get back to you as soon as it is practical to do so.

Thank you one and all for your support during these uncertain times.

Ngā mihi nui  
Christine Chadwick  
Principal



WE LEARN, WE LOVE, WE LAUGH...  
**Thank You Teachers & Staff!**

#### **A REMINDER OF OUR HEALTH & SAFETY ON OUR SCHOOL SITE AT ALERT LEVEL 2**

Week 2 back on the site the following still applies:

- We still have two entries / exits onto the school site. Seddon Street and Ashgrove Park
- We encourage parents not to enter onto the school site unless absolutely necessary
- Children are to enter into the classrooms directly when they arrive at school and at 3.00pm the children are leave directly off the school site
- Should an adult need to enter the site please sanitise and enter your details into the contract tracing register at these entry points
- Students bringing a bike or scooter - senior students will need to enter McKenzie Place then walk around to the school through either of the above entries. Students in Tipu and Pihinga enter from the park where their scooters can be put into the shed on Ashgrove Park

#### **ONLINE LEARNING, DEVICE AND INTERNET ACCESS SURVEY**

The Greater Christchurch Schools' Network (GCSN) is currently conducting research into device and Internet access in homes across Canterbury, with a particular focus on the context of the Covid-19 lockdown. You can access the survey by following the link below. The survey is open until 8<sup>th</sup> June. There is a monetary prize offered for participation and we appreciate any feedback you can provide. It is hoped that this work will inform future online learning access.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gcsnsurvey>

**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



# ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

## 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
25 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> May	27 <sup>th</sup> May	28 <sup>th</sup> May HPV Vaccinations Yr8	29 <sup>th</sup> May
1 <sup>st</sup> June QUEENS BIRTHDAY	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	4 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> June
8 <sup>th</sup> June	9 <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> June	12 <sup>th</sup> June Mufti Day
15 <sup>th</sup> June	16 <sup>th</sup> June	17 <sup>th</sup> June	18 <sup>th</sup> June	19 <sup>th</sup> June
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	24 <sup>th</sup> June	25 <sup>th</sup> June	26 <sup>th</sup> June
29 <sup>th</sup> June	30 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	3 <sup>rd</sup> July
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## 2020 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 2 15<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020  
 Term 3 20<sup>th</sup> July – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
 Term 4 12<sup>th</sup> October – 15<sup>th</sup> 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>

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