



# 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 to our newsletter for Week 8 of Term 2. I trust you all had a lovely long weekend with family. If you took advantage by taking a break in our local holiday resorts I know the locals would have really appreciated it.



A warm welcome to our new families that have just started at Ashgrove. I understand that the children are settling in well in their new school and beginning to make new friends.

Times have been tough for everyone especially if you have been unfortunate to have been made redundant or job scaled down in hours etcetera. We are also aware that within our school community we have those with health conditions that could be compromised by the Coronavirus which can also be very stressful.

I have been reflecting on what has been some positive aspects as we navigate through this pandemic. I think we have a lot of things to be grateful for that is positive. When we returned to the school site it was a little stressful, the children would say “weird” because returning to school has been different.

But a positive aspect is the children over time have become more independent and confident to come to school. Greeting everyone at the gate each day is a highlight of my day. The children are bubbly, happy and confident to go into class. The same can be said about the end of the day. Our children appear generally very happy in class during the day.



Another positive has been observing the older siblings showing care towards their younger siblings collecting them before leaving school at the end of the day.

For the staff we have tried very hard to change the pace of workload, as you know this is a very long term twelve weeks. By adjusting the timetable and school programme we have been able to slow down the pace of workload. I am also seeing children fully engaged with their learning when I visit the classrooms. I see all these adjusted ways of doing things as a positive outcome for us at Ashgrove. Thank you one and all for your support during these uncertain times.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Ashgrove Student Council for their care and service towards all the staff. This week they expressed their gratitude to staff by baking cookies and muffins. They organised orders so that all the staff received a special morning tea yesterday. I enjoyed my chocolate muffin and wanted the recipe. Thank you to the student council for the special treat, the staff are very grateful.



Have a good week everyone  
Ngā mihi nui  
Christine Chadwick  
Principal

**"Kua tawhiti kē to haerenga mai, kia kore e haere tonu.  
He nui rawa o mahi, kia kore e mahi tonu."**  
We have come too far not to go further,  
we have done too much not to do more.  
(Sir James Henare)

## 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

8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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 BOT Meeting	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
6 <sup>th</sup> July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	7 <sup>th</sup> July PTA Lego Day	8 <sup>th</sup> July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	9 <sup>th</sup> July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	10 <sup>th</sup> July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
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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>. The username is **ashgrove** and password is **ashgrove**.

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