

Monday 20 July

Dear Whānau

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.

We would like to welcome our fourth class to Pihinga this term. Welcome to Miss Erin Whitla who is working with us and our new learners.



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

Habitats

We are going to look at different continents learning about who and what may live there. This will be taught through topic, literacy and art.

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 - Information for the following events will be sent to you prior

Book Week - Dress Up Day - Wednesday 29 July

Swimming - Every Thursday afternoon for students in Pihinga 1, 2 and 3

Learning Conferences - Monday 3 August beginning at 1.45pm and Tuesday 4 August beginning at 3.15pm.

School Photos - Tuesday 15 September

Pihinga Assembly - Thursday 17 September at 2.15pm in the hall

Reminders

Play/Eat/Learn - Please continue to send a healthy snack to school in a separate container for snack time at 9.30. Break times are changing slightly this term. Children will still play first then sit down to eat morning tea and lunch before returning to the classroom. Thank you to those families who are supporting our litter free school by keeping rubbish at home and using reusable containers.

Home Learning - Please continue to read together every night. Please use the letters in your child's book to practice correct formations and making words. If you need support or ideas we are happy to help.

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 - We would like to encourage our older children to continue the amazing independence they developed and showed during term 2 when coming to school. At the end of the day we are returning to children being collected from outside our learning spaces.

Clothing - As we are into cooler weather now 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.

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

Ngā mihi,

Nic Green, Emily Henry, Erin Whitla and Kaye Roberts

Pihinga Team