



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



Congratulations parents and caregivers you deserve an Ashgrove Star maintaining the schools protocols around COVID-19 Level 2 over this last week. The situation we find ourselves in is unprecedented and we all understand how important it is to maintain safe hygiene practices. The students and

staff are doing everything we can to ensure school continues as normal as possible.

When the announcement was made last week that we would be returning to Level 2 we understood why parents might feel anxious and want to keep their children at home. However while there is a little uncertainty since that time, we have seen a return of many families. Staff and I are confident we can continue to provide quality education. Any family not returned as yet can be assured school is safe to continue in COVID-19 Alert level 2. We would like to see all our students returning to school as soon as possible.



The staggered intervals and break times are working well with not as many children out playing at any one time. It also is making a difference in the sick bay that children are not involved in too many crashes into each other or tripping over others while out playing.



Presently while we are at Alert level 2 the cleaners are cleaning the bathrooms twice daily. Mr Hoskins our amazing caretaker has reported that the school is well prepared with sanitising and cleaning products to last a long time. We are prepared for any event when the Prime Minister makes her next announcement. In preparation senior leaders are working with their hub staff preparing home learning if required.

If you live near the school and have experienced the Ashgrove School alarms sounding off at awkward hours we sincerely apologise for this. We have a new fire security alarm system that is currently being monitored by Wormald to carefully sort out these unaccounted alarm bells. We suspect our school cat might have something to do with it as he tends to creep into the classrooms undetected and later moves when no one is around. We hope to have this problem resolved as soon as possible.

Though a number of events have been cancelled for next week we hope the ski trip for the Year 7 and 8 students will still proceed and please remember the fundraiser next Tuesday.

Have a good week everyone
Christine Chadwick
Principal

Māori Whakatauki (proverb / saying)

E kore te tōtara e tū noa, ki e pārae engari metū ki roto i te wao

The tōtara is not found growing in open country, but only in the heart of the forest. Living things need support from those around them – leaders should be among their people, supported by them.

NEW PRINCIPAL

It is with much pleasure and congratulations that I introduce Leon Van't Veen-Gibbon who will take up his position as Principal of Ashgrove School at the start of Term 4, 12th October. Leon is currently the Principal of Waiau Pa School in Pukekohe in Auckland. Leon is a Cantabrian who moved to Auckland 10 years ago and is returning to be near family. He has a strong background in education, and will make a great contribution to Ashgrove School. I am sure you will all help him to feel welcome.

I thank the Board of Trustees on behalf of the staff and the community for their professional expertise and due diligence in making their successful appointment.

In the meantime I will continue my role until the end of this term and will look forward to a well-earned break. My retirement is not leaving education all together and no I doubt I will be involved in opportunities that may present itself in good time.



An announcement was sent out by the Board of Trustees on Friday 14th August. This is available on the school website <http://www.ashgrove.school.nz/newsletters/whole-school/>

Please join me at the community function to be held on the 18th September, more information to come.

Ngā mihi nui
Christine Chadwick
Principal

STRENGTHS

Earlier this term we held our strengths based Learning Conferences. Students enjoyed sharing their character strengths and examples of these with their whānau. Thank you all for taking the time to come along to these.

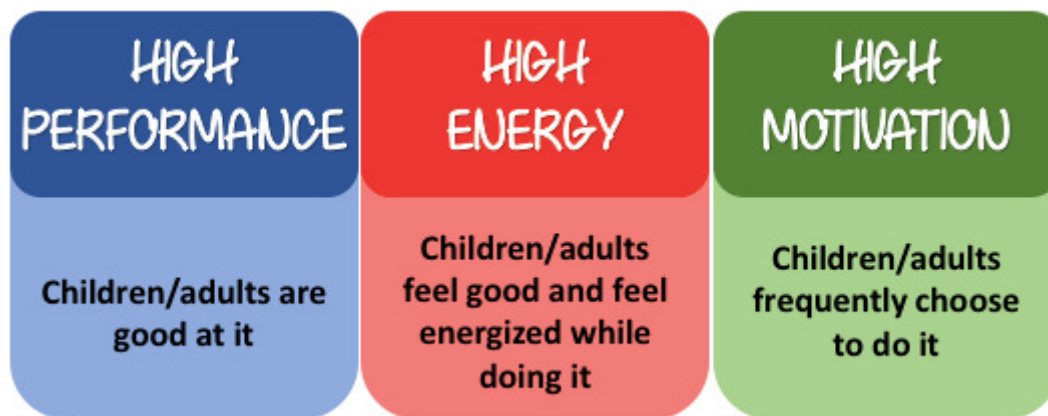
Character strengths are qualities that come naturally to us. Knowing, identifying and cultivating a child's strengths has a positive effect on mental and emotional wellbeing and it reduces the risk of anxiety and depression in later years. It is beneficial for the following reasons:

- Strength spotting encourages a appreciation for the child and their unique gifts of character
- It enables us to 'hunt for the good stuff' and keeps us optimistic
- Children will begin to develop a positive identity of themselves
- Emphasises that we all have potential and possess some goodness
- Self-efficacy will increase when we instill the belief in them that they are competent, confident, and capable of accomplishing goals
- Using strengths creates positive emotions, building up a kete of resources for challenging situations

Research reveals individuals who know and use their character strengths as much as they can everyday in work, love and play, build greater resilience, it boosts their engagement in life, psychological well-being, self-belief; nurtures relationships and enables goal success.

How to spot a strength

There are 3 ways to recognise a strength - if we do it well, enjoy doing it and choose to frequently do it.



Alex Linley, Average to A+ (2008)

Ways to spot these strengths in our children can be through observing them play, reflecting on past experiences (when do they shine?), talking with your child's teacher/coach, exposing your child to a wide range of activities (what lights a spark?) and listening to their stories to hear strengths in action.

Identifying and cultivating strengths in children inspires appreciation for who they are and ignites their senses of possibility. Imagine a world where every child was recognised for their unique strengths. That would surely be beautiful.

COMMUNITY FUNCTION TO FAREWELL CHRISTINE CHADWICK

A community function is being planned for the 18th September for parents / caregivers to farewell Christine Chadwick who is leaving Ashgrove School after 14 years as Principal. We invite you all to come along. Please keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OUT OF ZONE ENROLMENTS

The board has determined that twenty places are available for out of zone students for 2021. For families seeking enrolment, the deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Wednesday 23rd September 2020.

Parents of students who live within the home zone and intend enrolling their child for 2021 should notify the school by the 23rd September 2020 to assist the school to plan appropriately.

Applications can be made by filling in an Application for Enrolment form available at the school office.

If the number of out of zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on Friday 25th September 2020. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three school days if a ballot is held.

Board of Trustees
Ashgrove School

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Please mark in your calendar that school will be **CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION** on **Monday 31st August** for Teacher Only Day. Please ensure you have arranged adequate supervision for your child/ren for this day.



NORTH CANTERBURY

We need your help.

Real families. Real people. Real need.

Bayleys North Canterbury have partnered with Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust for Bayleys' 'Cans for a Cause' food drive this August to help local families put food on their table.

Right now, many North Canterbury families are struggling with the impact of COVID-19. They need our support now more than ever. Please drop in any cans and non-perishable food items to our office.

Together we can truly make a difference.

**Bring a can and
exchange for a free
sausage sizzle**



Please note, this is **not** a mufti day

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha



The dental van has left Ashgrove School but if your child has not been seen yet, please don't be concerned. They will be returning in week 7 of term 3 to see the rest of the children.

If your child has already been seen and has brought a care plan home please remember to contact the call centre to make an appointment 0800 846 983 or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

ASHGROVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

24th August – 23rd October 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 th August ICAS English Kahikatea & Kauri Ski Day	25 th August ICAS Digital Technologies Cans for a Cause Fundraiser	26 th August	27 th August ICAS English Competition	28 th August
31 st August TEACHER ONLY DAY	1 st September ICAS Maths	2 nd September	3 rd September Māori Whānau Consultation Hui 5.30pm Pihinga Swimming ICAS Spelling Competition	4 th September
7 th September	8 th September Child Cancer Crazy Hair Mufti day	9 th September	10 th September Tipu Cricket Coaching	11 th September Rugby Fun Day
14 th September	15 th September School Photos	16 th September	17 th September Senior Kapahaka at Rangiora Library Pihinga Celebration Assembly	18 th September Community Function to Farewell Christine Chadwick Tipu Swimming Primary Sport Canterbury Winter Tournament
21 st September BOT Meeting	22 nd September	23 rd September	24 th September Tipu Celebration Assembly 2pm	25 th September Tipu Swimming Last day of Term 3
28 th September SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	29 th September SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	30 th September SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	1 st October SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	2 nd October SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
5 th October SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	6 th October SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	7 th October SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	8 th October SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	9 th October SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
12 th October Year 4-8 Activity Week Canterbury AIMS	13 th October	14 th October	15 th October Canty Primary School Swimming Champs	16 th October
19 th October Primary School Duathlon BOT Meeting	20 th October	21 st October	22 nd October	23 rd October

2020 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 3 20th July – 25th September 2020
Term 4 12th October – 15th 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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