

15<sup>th</sup> October 2020



Dear Parents / Caregivers

We hope you had a lovely holiday with your family and are ready for the last term of the year. Welcome to several new families this term.

This term our STAR focus is Service / Ratonga. We are excited and looking forward to working with our children and building up their knowledge on how this looks and feels at Ashgrove School.

Our learning focus this term is Literacy and Numeracy.

As we are coming into warmer weather all children must have a named sunhat at school.



### **Upcoming Events this Term:**

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Puketeraki Community of Learning Teacher Only Day
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Canterbury Show Day
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Teacher Only Day
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Pihinga Celebration Assembly at 2.15pm
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December - Tipu/Pihinga Fun Activities afternoon. More information to come.

As it is Term 4 we are continually encouraging the children to become more independent. Carrying their own bag to school, unpacking and packing their own belongings before and after school, are ways we can encourage this independence together. Thank you to those parents who already fully support this. Dropping your child off at the steps or the willow tree once or twice a week is a great start if you are not comfortable leaving them to walk in from the gate. Then gradually build this up over time.

Oral language focus this term (Wednesdays): This term we would like each child to bring an item to school that their grandparent or caregiver may have used or played with when they were little. We will send home a note with your child when it is their turn along with more information.

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