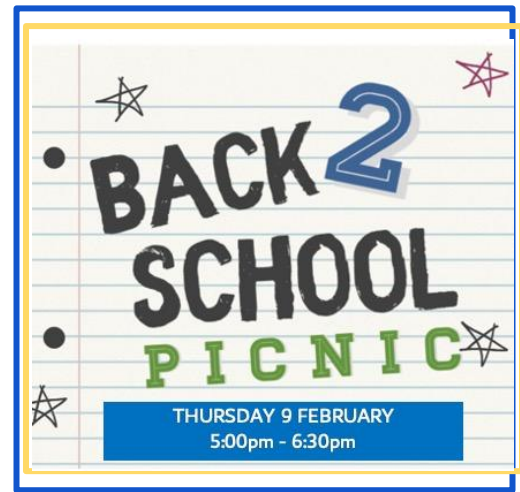


PIHINGA TEAM NEWS

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Kia ora Pihinga Tamariki, Parents and Caregivers,

TEAM NEWS

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a great break with your whānau. We are excited to be back at school and looking forward to a fun filled term of learning. We welcome Miss Ashlea Bennett to our team. We begin the year with five Year 1 and 2 classes.

Pihinga Tahī with Mrs Kaye Roberts.

- ★ Kaye has been teaching for 19 years. She enjoys spending time with her family, pets, biking and cooking.

Pihinga Rua with Mrs Yvette Dowdall.

- ★ Yvette has been teaching for 24 years. She enjoys spending time with her family on the farm and going caravanning at Tekapo.

Pihinga Rima with Mrs Emily Henry.

- ★ This is Emily's 18th year of teaching. She loves spending time with her family, dogs, baking, and being outdoors.

Pihinga Ono with Mrs Bridget du Plessis.

- ★ Bridget has 2 children at Ashgrove School. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, travelling/camping and gardening.

Pihinga Whētū with Miss Ashlea Bennett

- ★ This is Ashlea's 1st year of teaching. She enjoys spending time with her family and walking her dog Daisy.

Learning Assistant

- ★ Mrs Sally Boddy lives in Rangiora with her husband and two tamariki. She enjoys biking, swimming, gardening and spending time with family.

Back to School Picnic

We warmly welcome parents / whānau to our Back to School Picnic on Thursday 9 February. Come along to the hall at 5pm for introductions and a brief welcome / welcome back to Ashgrove then out to organised games, music and fun activities for all the family. Bring a picnic dinner. We will have the BBQ going with some sausages too! More information to come.

Swimming - We will be swimming this term beginning in week 6. We are going on Monday's and Friday's. More information to come soon.

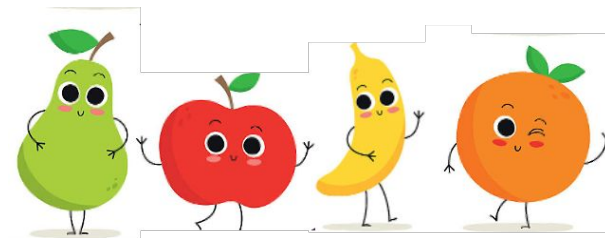


Stationery - Please send **all** stationery items to school. They do not need to be named as teachers collect in and then share when needed throughout the year.

Library Days - Pihinga will visit the library weekly each Monday. Please ensure books are in reading folders to change.

Poetry Books - Please ensure your child brings these to school every Friday. It is nice to read and share the poetry over the weekend.

Fruit Snack - The fruit snack is an extra snack we have in the mornings. Please put this snack into a small named container. A whole apple is a lot to eat at this time so cutting up fruit or vegetables is more manageable for your tamaiti. **Please send a named water bottle (no juice).**



Morning Tea and Lunches - Please ensure your child is able to open their own packages. It is a good idea to transfer food to easy containers and snip the top of wrappers. As we are an enviro friendly school we encourage a litter free lunch.

A change of clothes - Please ensure your tamaiti has a change of clothes in their bag. This is useful in case of an accident or going down a wet slide.

Reading folders - Please ensure your child brings these to school every day. There will be a reading book to share each night together with your child. Your child is not expected to read this book independently. Share and find words they know, ask questions and have fun.

Seesaw - This is an informal way to share with you experiences and learning that happen throughout the day. Each child will be given their access code to bring home. Please let your tamariki teacher know if you need any support with this.

Contacting Teachers - Please email if there is anything important your child's teacher should know for the day or if you need to arrange a time to see the teacher.

Collecting a child during the day - Please come to the school office to collect your child and staff will phone the class for your child to be sent over. You need to sign your child out on the vistab.

School hours - Your child may be at school from 8.30. Please wait outside classes until then. School finishes at 3pm. We appreciate you waiting near the class for your child and collecting them from the teacher.

Assemblies

We will be hosting our full school assemblies every fortnight on a Friday at 9:15am in the hall. We warmly invite parents to join us at these. We will present our STAR certificates, teams may share some of their learning, will sing songs and have our popular STAR Drop. You will receive an email if your child is receiving an award. Our first assembly will be in week 2 on Friday 10 February.



Positive Behaviour for Learning

For students and staff at Ashgrove School this is usually talked about as PB4L. We have been on our PB4L journey for many years. Last year our positive behaviour matrix, linked with our STAR values, showing our expectations for behaviour was updated. These expectations are taught, role modelled and referred to on a regular basis throughout our school.

We use restorative practice to address behavioural issues at Ashgrove School and build and sustain relationships.

We have numerous incentives to promote excellent student behaviour such as Star certificates, Star awards, Star drop and Star shop.

We are excited to be continuing on our Tier 2 journey this year. This work focuses on the implementation of additional behavioural support and intervention when required.

Ngā manaakitanga

Ashlea Bennett, Yvette Dowdall, Emily Henry, Bridget du Plessis and Kaye Roberts

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6 February - Waitangi Day

Thursday 9 February - Back to school picnic

Friday 10 February - Whole school assembly (9:15am)

Wednesday 22 February - Mihi Whakatau (10am)

Wednesday 22 February - Whānau meetings (school closes at 2pm)

Friday 24 February - Whole school assembly (9:15am)

Tuesday 7 March - John Parsons Digital Technology information evening

Wednesday 15 March - Māori and Pacifica Whānau Hui (5:30pm)

Friday 24 March - Whole school assembly (9:15am)

Thursday 6 April - last day of term 1

REMINDER

We are a



A blue school sunhat is compulsory outdoors

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