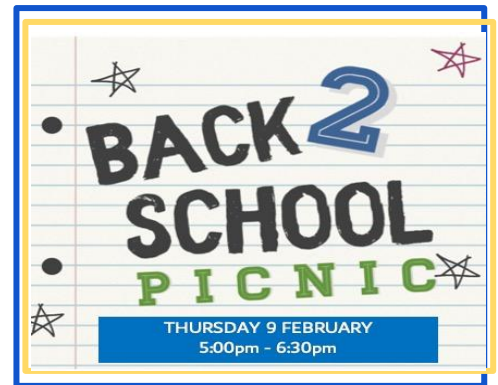


# TIPU TEAM NEWS

## TERM 1 2023



### Welcome to the Tipu Team!

Welcome back!

We are excited to be back, reconnecting with our Year 4 students and making new connections with our Year 3 students. A big welcome to our new families who have joined us this year.

This year in Tipu we have 5 teachers. In Tipu 1 is Mrs Green, Tipu 2 is Mr Aldous, Tipu 3 is Miss Tongue and in Tipu 4 is Mrs Stearn and Miss Washington. Miss Washington will be working on Monday and Tuesdays in Tipu 4 for Term 1. Mrs Stearn will work Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Here is a little bit about our wonderful kaiako:

**Miss Tongue:** Kia Koutou, I'm Ellie Tongue and I'm thrilled to be working in Tipu for my fourth year. I have recently returned from Australia on holiday, where I watched the Australian open and enjoyed a relaxing few days in Byron Bay. My interests are sport watching or playing and spending quality time with family and friends.

**Mr A:** Kia ora, I'm Graham Aldous and I am looking forward to seeing everyone after the holiday break. My interests are technology, gaming, tennis (which I played at a high competitive level), horses, martial arts and my two dogs. I live with my partner on a lifestyle block where we are busy caring for chickens, horses, and sheep. I have been teaching for over 10 years, including a teaching stint at Ohoka School.

**Miss Washington:** Kia ora, I am Abby Washington and I am excited to be working back in the junior area for term 1. I have just returned from Australia and Bali and love all things sport related. I have been playing netball in Christchurch for the last 6 years. I am originally from sunny, but also freezing, Alexandra. I'm looking forward to meeting all of the Tipu students.

**Mrs Stearn:** Kia ora, I am Angelina Stearn. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and excited to be teaching in the Tipu team again. I am originally from Gore, home of the Gold Guitars and trout fishing. I moved to Canterbury 8 years ago and now live in Woodend with my husband. I have a busy and full house with my 1 year old daughter Rosa, 2 cats and a naughty energetic labradoodle dog. I love reading, baking and hiking.

**Mrs Green:** Kia Koutou, I'm Nic Green, Team leader for the amazing Tipu team. I'm looking forward to all the exciting adventures we have planned this year in Tipu. I have been a teacher at Ashgrove for the past 15 years and have seen many changes over the years. My interests include reading, travelling and walking my beautiful labrador dogs.

### 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.

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### 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.

### A few reminders:

- If your child arrives at school before the 8:30 bell, they are to sit outside their classroom and wait quietly until the bell rings. Then they can enter their classroom, do their morning jobs and play.
- If your child arrives to school after the 9am bell, they must enter through the office and sign in on the lpad. This will give them a sticker to show their teacher when they arrive in class.
- Children scootering or biking to school must get off their scooter or bike at the entrance to school. This is the gate on the field or at the front gate. They need to push their bike or scooter to the stands. All bikes go behind the hall and Junior scooters go to the area at the end of the Tipu block.
- Each day we have a healthy food break at around 9:30. Each child needs a piece/small container of fruit, vegetable or cheese that can be eaten in 10 minutes. No yoghurt or fruit jelly at this time please.

Ngā manaakitanga

Graham Aldous, Ellie Tongue, Angelina Stearn, Abby Washington and Nic Green

## 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)

**Wednesday 29 March** - Tipu Trip (More information to follow soon)

**Thursday 6 April** - last day of term 1

## REMINDER

We are a



A blue school sunhat is compulsory outdoors

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