



8th December 2023

Kia ora Ashgrove Whānau,

It is hard to believe that this is the last school newsletter for 2023.

I have spent the afternoon with our winning principal for a day students and here is their thinking about highlights of the year that has been: It really makes interesting reading...

Onyx - Being at school!

Felix - My highlight of the year was going to Ferrymead. It was fun seeing old fashioned things and playing with old toys!

a whole heap of fun!

Matilda - I liked the choir, school council, Māhuri Wero & principal for a day. It was great to do lots of different school activities.

Hannah - I liked doing all of the different activities.

Riley - Going on school camp and doing tough kids! At camp I faced my fear of heights. Lots of fun!

Caitlyn - I have enjoyed technology at Te Matauru because it was really fun to create and learn new skills. I also enjoyed Tough Kids challenge because it wasn't too competitive and it was great to hang out with my friends.

Oscar - I really like the library because of the good books.



2023 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11th December
Children visit new classes

Tuesday 12th December
Junior Prizegiving 11.00am
Senior Prizegiving 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th December
Year 8 Formal (RSA)

Thursday 14th December
Tūrepo Adrenaline Forrest
and Spencer Park

Friday 15th December
Last day of Term
School closes at 12.05pm



Now, some more from me -

Wow, what a year it's been here at Ashgrove School! As we gear up for the festive season and bid farewell to 2023, I can't help but feel a sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared together.

Our Pihinga, Tipu, Māhuri, and Tūrepo students have truly made this year something special. From tackling new challenges to celebrating unique talents, every one of our tamariki has left their mark on our school community.

Our Pihinga team, the little champions in the making, have brought an infectious energy to the classrooms. It's been a blast watching them explore, question, and grow into the fantastic learners we know they are becoming.

Tipu students, you've amazed us with your creativity and passion. Whether it's been in the classroom, on the sports field, or in the arts, your talents have made Ashgrove a brighter and more vibrant place.

Māhuri students, your kindness, leadership, and inclusivity have shaped the positive culture we hold dear at Ashgrove. Thank you for being shining examples to your peers.

And to our Tūrepo seniors, the leaders of the pack, your achievements have set the bar high. Your hard work and dedication have not only made us proud but have inspired the entire school community.

As we head into the holiday season, let's take a moment to appreciate the collective awesomeness that is Ashgrove School. A huge shoutout to our fantastic kaimahi for their dedication and passion. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and we are lucky to have such an amazing team.

To our parents and caregivers, your support and involvement make our school community truly special. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and growth of your children.

Wishing each and every one of you a fantastic Christmas filled with laughter, love, and the joy of being surrounded by friends and whānau. May the holiday season recharge your spirits for the adventures that await in the new year.

We hope to see you at our end of year events next week including Prize Giving on Tuesday at 11am for Pihinga and Tipu, and at 6pm for Māhuri & Tūrepo, and our Y8 Leavers Formal at the RSA on Wednesday evening.

Happy Holidays!

Stay Safe and see you soon.

Mā te wā
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2024 TERM DATES:

Term 1:

Tuesday 30th January –
Friday 12th April

Term 2:

Monday 29th April –
Friday 5th July

Term 3:

Monday 22nd July –
Friday 27th September

Term 4:

Monday 14th October –
Wednesday 18th December

Ashgrove School Website
www.ashgrove.school.nz

School Office:
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SCHOOL HOURS:

All students to be at school by 8.50am each day to prepare for their school day. Students who arrive late need to sign in at the office.

9.00am

Learning starts

10.30am – 10.50am

Morning interval

12.20pm – 1.00pm

Lunch break

2.00pm – 2.15pm

Afternoon interval

3.00pm

School finishes

ABSENCES:

If your child is away absent, please text 027 817 3303 or use the school app leaving a brief message to let the office know the reason for absence before 9.00am. Any absences not received, will be followed up with a call from the office.

BOT MEETING:

The next Board meeting TBC

PTA MEETING:

The next PTA meeting TBC



The holidays are just around the corner and as 2023 comes to a close we reflect on highlights and achievements throughout the year to celebrate! Join us for our “12 Days of Ashgrove” as we share some of the things that make our kura so special to us.

So sing along! “The 12 Days of Ashgrove, my kura gave to meeee....” Check out the Ashgrove School Facebook page to find out what these might mean.



STAR AWARDS

Pihinga Team
Mia, Bellamy, Willder,
Adam, Hollie, Lara



Tipu Team
Toby, Alexis, Felix, Laura



Māhuri Team
Tiffany, Bentley, Kingston,
Lachlan, Eli
Grace, Ethan, Emma



Tūrepo Team
Xavier, Tahlia, Oliver,
Olivia, Ryley



Allenvale Team
Kieran, Oscar, Kereama



COMMUNITY dental service



Tips for Healthy Teeth

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks,
- Choose water or milk first,
- Have regular dental check-ups

Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Waitaha Canterbury

Community Dental Service will be closed for the holiday period:

Closed from: Monday 25 December 2023

Reopen: Monday 08 January 2024

Four of our community dental clinics will be open during January 2024 (from Monday 8 January 2024 – Friday 26 January 2024):

Northcote (24 Tuckers Road)
Aranui (240 Breezes Road)
Hillmorton (80-82 Sylvan Street)
Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street)

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz and one of our clinicians will contact you back

POLICY REVIEW

SchoolDocs host Ashgrove School's set of school policies. We invite you to visit the site at <http://ashgrove.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: ashgrove
Password: ashgrove

Parents are invited to read the following policies, and provide feedback

Curriculum & Student Achievement Policy
Student Achievement/Assessment
Home Learning
Distance Learning
Health Education
Religious Instruction/Religious Education

Instructions on how to provide feedback:

- Enter the username (ashgrove) and password (ashgrove).
- See the reviews tab on your dashboard for instructions for reviewers
- Read the policy.
- Click the "Start your review" button to access the review submission form.
- Select the reviewer type "Parent".
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.



Kia kaha tātou ki te ako, kia tau te rangimārie i roto i tēnei kura o tātou i tēnei wā
Let us gain strength in our learning and let peace settle in our school at this time



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