



24th January 2024

Kia Ora Whānau and a very warm welcome to the 2024 school year here at Ashgrove. We are beyond excited to be welcoming you all back to our wonderful kura for what will most certainly be a brilliant year. Teachers have been preparing their learning spaces, organising resources and planning exciting learning experiences for our students. 2024 - let's do this!

The school office will be open, and Jos & Angi will be available on Thursday 25 January between 10-2pm and on Friday 26 January between 9am-3pm for enquiries.

The school office will be CLOSED on Monday the 29th as staff will be doing First Aid Training.

School Starts for students on Tuesday the 30th January - students to be at school by 8.50am please. Please ensure your child is wearing the full and correct uniform and has a school regulation sun hat.

Welcome to Ashgrove

A warm welcome to Dave Hickin who will be teaching in Māhuri this year.

As shared with you all at the end of last year, please see our dream team for 2024:

Leon Van't Veen - Principal
Jo Keane - Deputy Principal
Sue Monson - Deputy Principal

Kylie Forrest - Acting Learning Support Coordinator
(Andrea Woolford - our Learning Support Coordinator will be on study leave in 2024, returning to her role in 2025)

Pihinga

Kaye Roberts - Team Leader
Emily Henry
Yvette Dowdall
Bridget du Plessis
Ashlea Bennett

Māhuri

Shallie Doney - Team Leader
Anya Galbraith
Dave Hickin
Nicky Kelso

Part time teachers

Angelina Stearn
Fiona St John
Judith Hayman
Leanne Minton

Tipu

Nic Green - Team Leader
Graham Aldous
Ellie Tongue
Lainie Roddis

Tūrepo

Fiona Bester - Team Leader
Nigel Seaton
Megan Cherry
Kirsty Anderson

Administration Staff

Joycelyn Eason - Principal's PA/Office Manager
Angi Pook - Office Administrator
Sarah Jones - Office Assistant
Peter Stokes - Caretaker

Learning Assistants

Lisa Brown
Kirsty Leonard
Sally Boddy
Mel Wade

Sarah Jones
Louise Patrick
Lucy Kennett
Kirsten Regos

For your diaries:

Back to School Picnic:

Wednesday 7th Feb 5pm - 6:30pm

Parents / whānau meeting in 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 free sausages too. (Thank you so much to our PTA for organising this!)

More information to come.

Getting to know your child survey / Whānau Meeting:

We ask that you complete the 'Getting to know your child' survey (*these will be sent out to families in the next few days*) so that teachers can learn as much as possible about your child; what their strengths, passions and interests are, and any extra support they may need. If you wish, you can book a 10 minute meeting time with your child and their teacher to have a conversation around this. The whānau meetings will take place on **Tuesday 13th February** between 2.10pm - 6.20pm.

School will be finishing at 2pm on this day. Supervision of students will be available from 2pm - 3pm for those families that require it.

We are looking forward to seeing our students again, reconnecting with familiar faces, and getting to know new whānau and students.

Have a safe and happy rest of the holidays everyone!



Ngā mihi

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