

ASHGROVE NEWS (PANUI)

Term 1 2024

Growing Together for Success



9th February 2024



From Leon

Kia ora whānau,

I trust this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the start of another exciting year here at Ashgrove School. As we dive into 2024, I am thrilled to share with you some highlights from Monday's snapshot of learning, providing a glimpse into the vibrant and dynamic educational environment our tamariki are fortunate to experience.

On Monday this week I had the pleasure of visiting various classrooms across our kura, witnessing firsthand the diverse and engaging learning experiences taking place:

- In a Pihinga class, students delved into the world of mathematics, exploring graphing techniques while discussing the most popular pets — a fascinating intersection of numeracy and real-world application.
- Meanwhile, a Tipu class embarked on a journey of self-discovery through their "All About Me" bags, expressing what matters most to them — a beautiful testament to individuality and self-expression.
- Over in Māhuri, technology took center stage as students honed their skills in using devices, preparing them for the digital landscape of the future.
- Lastly, a Tūrepo class showcased their collaborative prowess, mastering Google Slides and engaging in self-assessment — a crucial skill set for both academic and personal growth.

2024 IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 13th February
Whānau meetings 2.00pm

Wednesday 14th February
Swimming Practice Māhuri/Tūrepo

Friday 16th February
Tūrepo Rangatira Hui

Tuesday 20th February
Swimming Sports Māhuri/Tūrepo

Monday 4th March
Tūrepo Camp 1 leave for Hanmer
Māhuri First Aid

Wednesday 6th March
Tūrepo Hanmer Camp 1 return
Tūrepo Camp 2 leave for Hanmer

Thursday 7th March
Rakahuri Swimming Champs

Friday 8th March
Tūrepo Hanmer Camp 2 return

Monday 11th March
Māhuri Camp 1 (M2 & M4) leave
Board of Trustees Meeting 4pm

Wednesday 13th March
Māhuri Camp 1 return
Māhuri Camp 2 (M1 & M3) leave

Friday 15th March
Māhuri Camp 2 return

Monday 18th March
Pihinga Swimming

Tuesday 19th March
Pihinga Swimming

Wednesday 20th March
Pihinga Swimming

Thursday 21st March
Nth Canty Swimming Champs

Friday 22nd March
Pihinga Swimming
Y8 Self Defence T1 & 2

Monday 25th March
Pihinga Swimming

Tuesday 26th March
Pihinga Swimming

Wednesday 27th March
Pihinga Swimming
Rakahuri Sport Spectacular Day 1
Y8 Self Defence T3 & 4

Beyond these classroom snapshots, our kura buzzed with activity, including:

- Kapahaka practice in preparation for the Mihi Whakatau.
- Discovery time in Pihinga, fostering curiosity and creativity.
- Leadership presentations for Tūrepo students, empowering them to take on roles of responsibility within our school community.
- Outdoor games and playtime, fostering physical activity and social interaction.
- Engaging in the joy of reading.
- Laughter and camaraderie among peers.
- Students taking on the role of road patrol leaders for the first time, demonstrating leadership and responsibility.
- Above all, a sense of connection and belonging that defines our Ashgrove whānau.

Reflecting on these moments, I am continually reminded of the incredible potential within each and every one of our tamariki. Learning manifests in a myriad of forms, and it is a privilege to witness the enthusiasm, respect, and energy they bring to their educational journey.

As parents and caregivers, I encourage you to engage with your children about their day at school. Here are some conversation starters to spark meaningful discussions:

1. What fascinated you the most in your learning today?
2. Share a funny or memorable moment from your day with me.
3. Did you work on any special projects or activities in class? Tell me about them.
4. Who did you enjoy spending time with during break time or lunch?
5. Was there anything that caught you by surprise today?
6. What was the highlight of your day?
7. Did you encounter any challenges? How did you overcome them?
8. Can you share something new you learned about a friend or classmate?
9. Did you experience a moment of pride today?
10. What are you looking forward to exploring tomorrow?
11. Is there a subject or activity you wish to delve deeper into at school?
12. Was there anything that confused you or you'd like more assistance with?
13. Did you offer help to someone or receive support from a friend today?
14. If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?

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 –
Tuesday 17th 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 is
Monday 11th March

PTA MEETING:

The next PTA meeting is
to be confirmed

Let us continue to nurture a culture of curiosity, resilience, and growth here at Ashgrove School, where every child is valued, supported, and celebrated for their unique gifts and talents.

Tomorrow, I am looking forward to meeting with our Board of Trustees to workshop and fine tune our 2024 Strategic Plan and Direction. We have designed this mahi using feedback from whānau we gathered at the end of 2023. Once this meeting has taken place, staff will spend some time unpacking and recrafting our plan. We will then be ready to share this with our school community. Watch this space!

Have a safe and relaxing weekend, and see you all soon.

Noho ora mai,

Leon
Tumuaki (Principal)
Ashgrove School



HIGHLIGHTS

On Tuesday morning we held our Mihi Whakatau to warmly welcome new whānau to our kura. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect. Thank you to staff for supporting and organising and for our Board members who attended. A special thank you to our tamariki who performed our haka with passion and mana.



SIGNING IN AND OUT OF STUDENTS & VISITORS / PARENTS / CAREGIVERS TO THE SCHOOL

1. When a student arrives late to school for any reason, they must go to the office and sign-in on the tablet.
2. When an adult visits the school for any reason, they must also sign in using the tablet to record their time in and record the time out when they leave.
3. If you are collecting your student due to illness, an appointment, or need to take them home early, the student must be signed out in the tablet by their caregiver/parent and ensure that the teacher knows you have picked them up.

Whenever possible, please advise your child's teacher and the school office in advance of pick up.

This system is for your child's safety and ensures we know where all students are at all times. It is also part of the safety procedures required for fire drills or lockdowns.

If you are picking your children up from school or have given permission for someone else to collect them, you / they will need to come into the school to collect them.

If you have any questions, please speak to the office staff.



Back to School picnic

What an amazing evening we had at our Back to School Picnic!

Music, kai, laughter and connection.

Thanks for coming.

Thanks to the PTA for the sausage sizzle!

Thanks staff for your assistance.

Thanks to our students who worked on the stalls.

What an amazing kura we are a part of!



STAR AWARDS



Pihinga Team

Theo, Quinn, Xander,
Noah, Bowie



Tipu Team

Alex, Ivey, Neo, Taze



Mahuri Team

Zara, Marcus, Keriana,
Alexis



Tūrepo Team

Grace, Natalie, Sophie,
Sophie

Save the Date!

ASHGROVE SCHOOL PTA

DISCO

5th April 2024



More details to come...

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

[Te Tiriti o Waitangi](#)
[Board Responsibility](#)
[Parent Involvement](#)
[Communicating with Parents](#)
[Community Conduct](#)
[Expectations](#)
[Documentation and Self-Review Policy](#)
[School Planning & Reporting](#)
[Reporting to Parents on Student Progress & Achievement](#)

Instructions on how to provide feedback:

- Enter the username (ashgrove) and password (ashgrove).
- Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed (Reporting to Parents on Students Progress and Achievement)
- Read the policy
- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- 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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