

PIHINGA TEAM NEWS

TERM 1 2024



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 are especially excited about the new playground and additions to the Pihinga space. We begin the year with five Year 1 and 2 classes.

Pihinga Tahi with Mrs Kaye Roberts.

- ★ Kaye has been teaching for 20 years. She enjoys spending time with her family, pets, biking and cooking.

Pihinga Rua with Mrs Yvette Dowdall.

- ★ Yvette has been teaching for 25 years. She enjoys spending time with her family on the farm and going caravanning at Tekapo.

Pihinga Rima with Mrs Bridget du Plessis.

- ★ Bridget has 1 child at Ashgrove School. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, travelling/camping and gardening.

Pihinga Ono with Mrs Emily Henry.

- ★ This is Emily's 19th year of teaching. She loves spending time with her family, dogs, baking, and being outdoors.

Pihinga Whētu with Miss Ashlea Bennett

- ★ This is Ashlea's 2nd year of teaching. She enjoys spending time with her family and walking her dog Daisy.

Learning Assistants

We are lucky to have Mrs Boddy, Mrs Regos and Mrs Leonard all supporting our tamariki this year.

Back to School Picnic

We warmly welcome whānau to our Back to School Picnic on Wednesday 7 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!

Swimming - We will be swimming this term beginning in week 8. We are swimming over 3 weeks. More information will come soon.

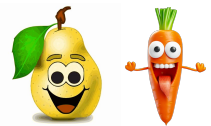


Stationery - Please send **all** stationery items to school. They do not need to be named as teachers collect in and then share when needed throughout the year.

Library Days - Pihinga 1, 5 and 7 will visit the library on a Monday every second week and Pihinga 2 and 6 will visit on every second Tuesday. Please have books in reading folders each Monday and Tuesday for your class. We will be encouraging children to also visit the library during lunch times.

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

Healthy Snack - The healthy 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 **vegetable** 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.

Toys - We do not want toys from home being brought to school and don't encourage key chains on bags. We will let you know special times toys may be brought in throughout the year for news or special days.

Pihinga Space and Playground - It is super exciting to have this amazing space and new playground to play in. Before and after school please use the main junior playground and not the Pihinga area. For safety reasons.

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. Please make sure all hats and clothing are named so can be easily returned if lost.

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 8.30am. 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 9 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.

Ngā manaakitanga

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 6 February - Waitangi Day

Wednesday 7 February - Mihi Whakatau (11am)

Wednesday 7 February - Back to School Picnic

Friday 9 February - First whole school assembly (9:15am)

Tuesday 13 February - Whānau meetings (school closes at 2pm)

Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April - Easter break

Friday 12 April - last day of term 1

REMINDER

We are a



A blue school sunhat is compulsory outdoors

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