

# TIPU TEAM NEWS

## TERM 1 2024



### Welcome to the Tipu Team!

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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 4 teachers. In Tipu 1 is Mrs Green, Tipu 2 is Mr Aldous, Tipu 3 is Miss Tongue and in Tipu 4 is Mrs Roddis.

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 fifth year. I have recently returned from South Africa on holiday, where I went on safari and saw some incredible animals up close. 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 11 years, including a teaching stint at Ohoka School.

**Mrs Roddis:** Kia ora, I am Lainie Roddis and I am very excited to be teaching in Tipu this year. I had a lovely holiday in Central Otago, where we went swimming, hiking and enjoyed the hot weather. My interests are gardening, reading, and spending time with my family. My husband and I have two children. Noah who is 15 and Daisy who is 13. My family enjoy hanging out at the beach and watching football.

**Mrs Green:** Kia Koutou, I'm Nic Green, Team leader for the Tipu team. I have been a teacher at Ashgrove for a while now and have seen many changes over my time here! I'm looking forward to working with all the tamariki this year and learning about them and their families. My interests include reading, gardening, travelling and playing with my two yellow labrador dogs Poppie and Skye.

### Learning Assistants

This year we have three valuable learning assistants supporting us in Tipu. Mrs Brown, Mrs Leonard and Mrs Regos. Our learning assistants will be helping in many ways throughout the term. They do amazing work such as supporting the tamariki with learning or skills either in small groups or working one to one, small social groups and with ESOL (English Speaker of other Languages).

### Back to School Picnic

We warmly welcome parents/whānau to our Back to School Picnic on Wednesday 7th February. Come along to the hall at 5pm for introductions and a brief welcome to/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!

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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, we 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, and Star drop.

### A few reminders for Tipu:

- If your child arrives at school before the 8:30 bell, they are to sit outside their homeroom 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 Vis-Tab before going to their classroom. This will give them a sticker to show their teacher when they arrived at school.
- 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. All children need to push their bike or scooter to the stands. All bikes go behind the hall and Junior scooters go neatly into 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 5 minutes. No yoghurt or fruit jelly at this time please. Ensure apples are cut up as many of these end up being wasted /thrown in the food scraps bin since it is a short time to consume the snack.
- All hair shoulder length or longer must be tied up.
- Please ensure your child's stationery is at school by Friday 2nd February as we will start using it next week. See your child's homeroom teacher if you are having trouble with this.

Ngā manaakitanga

Graham Aldous, Ellie Tongue, Lainie Roddis and Nic Green

## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 6 February - Waitangi Day

Wednesday 7 February - Mihi Whakatau (11am)

Wednesday 7 February - Back to school picnic from 5pm

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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