

ASHGROVE NEWS (PANUI)

Term 1 2024

Growing Together for Success



23rd February 2024

Greetings Ashgrove whānau,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As we navigate through another fantastic term filled with learning and growth, I want to take a moment to address an issue that is paramount to the safety of our tamariki: road safety.

It is crucial that we all play a part in ensuring our children understand the importance of road safety and are equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate our streets safely. With this in mind, I urge you to reinforce the following road safety tips with your children:

1. **Stop, Look, Listen, Think:** Teach our tamariki the fundamental steps of crossing the road safely. Encourage them to stop at the curb, look both ways for approaching vehicles, listen for any oncoming traffic, and think carefully before crossing.
2. **Always Use the School Crossing:** Emphasize the importance of using designated crosswalks and pedestrian crossings when available. Remind them to wait for the signal to cross and to never dart out into the street unexpectedly.
3. **Hold Hands:** For younger children, stress the importance of holding an adult's hand when crossing the road. This provides an added layer of safety and helps prevent accidents.
4. **Be Alert:** Remind our tamariki to stay off their phones and avoid distractions when walking near roadways. Being alert and aware of their surroundings is key to staying safe.
5. **Set a Good Example:** As adults, we serve as role models for our children. Let's demonstrate responsible road behaviour by following traffic laws ourselves and always prioritizing safety.
6. A friendly reminder, please **Do Not Park in the Disability Carpark** unless you have a disability sticker.

It's imperative that we have these conversations with our children regularly and reinforce these practices both at home and at school. By working together as a community, we can create a safer environment for all our tamariki.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Nga mihi nui,

[Leon Van't Veen](#)
PRINCIPAL

2024 IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 27th February
PTA Meeting 7.00pm

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

Tuesday 5th March
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
Tūrepo Literacy Quiz

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
PTA AGM in Staffroom 7.00pm

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

Thursday 28th March
Pihinga Swimming



HIGHLIGHTS

On Saturday 10th February the BoT met to discuss our 2024 plans and priorities! Exciting things are in store. Watch this space.



Last week Tipu 1 had an awesome day with Mrs Stearn. They have been completing a STEAM activity getting the pigeon to school. There was lots of discussion, laughter and team work.



Our Tūrepo Rangatira had a wonderful day last week refining their leadership skills in preparation for the exciting year ahead. Mrs Keane has organised the day - filled to the brim with lessons in leadership, and even a MasterChef challenge. Miss Forrest & Lucy were the guest judges.



Ashgrove Year 5-8 had a fun filled action packed day at this year's swimming sports at the Dudley Aquatics Centre. A huge thank you to the Ashgrove PTA who paid for the pool costs for our Kura.



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

We are proud to introduce our Head Rangatira (Head Students) for 2024: Kieran, Riley, Katie & Quincey. We know you will lead brilliantly and be a real asset to our kura this year.



Congratulations to Ryder and Zarah who will be our Cultural Rangatira. They both hold great mana in our kura and will continue to work with us to develop our cultural connection and identity in 2024.



Congratulations to Georgie and Matilda who are our Hauora Rangatira. These students are the perfect caring, kind leaders who will be looking out for the hauora/wellbeing of all ākonga, kaiako and whānau at Ashgrove this year.



This awesome group of leaders are our House Rangatira for 2024! Bailey and Zoe will proudly lead Grey, Kylee and Asha will head Karetu, Caitlyn and Aimee are leading Richardson and Natalie and Sophia will head Thomas House. We can't wait for you all to bring our house spirit alive this year. Congratulations!



Congratulations to our Sports Rangatira Henry and Stella. These leaders live and breathe sport and will work hard to promote sport and activities at Ashgrove in 2024.

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.

Congratulations to our Library Rangatira. Makenzie and Natalie will lead the Ashgrove Library Squad and help promote the joy of reading in our kura.



Congratulations to our Enviro Rangatira for 2024, Hazel and Emma. These leaders care about others and appreciate the world around them. We look forward to seeing them continue to make our kura a special place to be.

DROP OFF ZONE

The main purpose is for buses transporting children. The drop off can be used by parents to drop off those students who can **independently** get out of the car and off to school. If your child needs assistance; i.e. needs door opened and backpack put on, your child is **not** ready for this drop off zone.

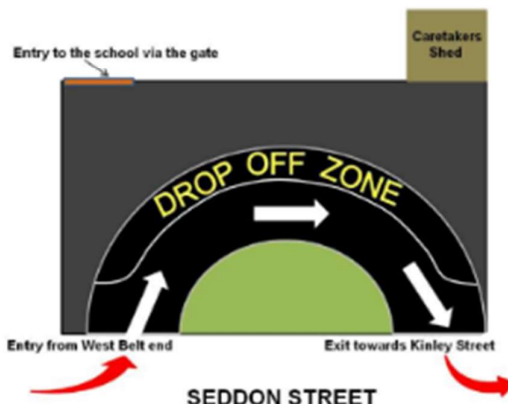
This is **not** a parking area

- Entry to the drop off area will be from West Belt end and exited from the Kinley Street end. Arrows indicate the direction of traffic.
- A little rule to always remember **Drive Left in - Drive Left out.**
- Drivers **must not** leave their vehicles and **must** park in the designated drop off zone
- Please move as far forward as you can to allow other vehicles to have access
- Children must leave the vehicle from the passenger side of the car onto the walk way not onto the road



Drivers will need to be courteous when entering and leaving the area taking extreme care watching for foot traffic.

PLEASE NOTE: The drop off zone is not a thoroughfare into the school for pedestrians. The Drop off closes at 8.50am in time for learning.



STAR AWARDS



Pihinga Team
Aria, Thomas, Angel,
Emma, Frankie



Tipu Team
Shelby, Daniel, Natalie,
Madison



Mahuri Team
Bethany, Emma, Ryder,
Rylee



Tūrepo Team
Andre, Jack, Hannah,
Cory, Amy

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](#)
[School Charter/Special Charter](#)
[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.



Rowing For Life
Aotearoa NZ 2024

Raising funds for...



Waikuku Beach
9th March
11am-4pm



Supported by Local Lions Clubs NZ



Family Picnic Day

Crew arrive 12noon approx

Games for children

Food and Ice cream available to buy

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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