

Kia ora e te Pihinga Whānau,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely winter break with your whānau.

We warmly welcome Miss Ellie Erickson to Pihinga 6 this term, it is lovely to have her with us again.

Welcome also to several new children and families in Pihinga 4. We hope everyone is settling nicely into the school routines and making friends.

Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Manawanui!
Be Brave, Be Strong, Be Confident!



Learning in Pihinga

This term we continue to have a large part of our days focused on Literacy and Numeracy.

We are excited about our school production this term 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'. We will be rehearsing and preparing this term with some singing, dancing and costume making.

We will be completing our Calendar Art this term and you may like to purchase this for yourself or a gift.

For Oral Language we would like your child to choose a sport from the Olympics. Bring 3 facts and a picture along to share. Please bring to school during the week 12-16 August.

Things to note in Pihinga

- Please ensure your child has a named polar fleece at school each day incase of colder weather.
- A fruit or vegetable snack is needed each day for a quick healthy snack. Please put this in a small named container.
- Only water is to be had in drink bottles please. No juice at school.
- We encourage litter free lunches where possible. Please open your child's packets or put into an easy to open container so they can be independent. No lollies or chocolate.
- School starts at 8.30am and with the weather getting colder please arrive as close to this time so your child isn't waiting in the cold outside.
- Library Days - P1 - Tuesday odd weeks, P2 - Monday even weeks, P4 and P5 Monday odd weeks, P6 - Tuesday even weeks and P7 Tuesday odd weeks.



Being Active in Pihinga

This term we are following and learning about the Olympic Games. We will enjoy playing and trying some modified sports and activities that are in the Olympics.

We continue to have North Canterbury Sports sessions each fortnight and daily fitness with our class.



Taking Notice of the World Around Us

As mentioned, we are focusing on the Olympics. As this is an important event for everyone we will be keeping up to date with how NZ is going, as well as learning about other countries and the variety of sports being played. Keep an eye out on Seesaw or feel free to pop in over the coming weeks and see what we have been doing.



Connecting with Us

Strengths Based Whānau Hui

Our Strengths Based Whānau Hui will be held on Tuesday 30 July (3:10-5:30pm) and Wednesday 31 July (2:20pm-5:50pm). We look forward to celebrating your child's learning and strengths in all areas of school. Please book a learning conference time at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code **erhv9**. Bookings are now open and close on Friday 26 July at 3pm.

Please note that school closes early on Wednesday 31 July at 2pm to enable conferences to start at 2:20pm.

Contacting Us

We are usually available before and after school if you have a question or information to let us know. We do ask however, if you need more than a few minutes that you make a time to meet with your child's homeroom teacher.

We can be contacted via email: kayeroberts@ashgrove.school.nz; yvettedowdall@ashgrove.school.nz; bridgetduplessis@ashgrove.school.nz; ellieerickson@ashgrove.school.nz; barbtasker@ashgrove.school.nz; ashleabennett@ashgrove.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

Kaye Roberts, Yvette Dowdall, Bridget du Plessis, Ellie Erickson, Barb Tasker and Ashlea Bennett.

Important Dates

Strengths Based Whānau Hui - Tuesday 30 July and Wednesday 31 July

School closes at 2pm - Wednesday 31 July

Tūrepo Rangatira School Gala - Friday 23 August

Teacher Only Day - Friday 13 September

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang performances - Friday 20 September, Monday 23 - Thursday 26 September

