



# ASHGROVE SCHOOL PTA

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## WELCOME TO ASHGROVE SCHOOL, EARLY JUNIORS!

We hope all our Ashgrove Staff and Families had a fantastic Summer Break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. With Term 1 underway the PTA (Parent Teacher Association) would like to update you on what we'll be doing over the coming weeks.

### CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Ashgrove School PTA is holding their two-yearly Chocolate Fundraiser this term. In 2013 we raised \$11053.00. This is a significant amount of money that goes towards supporting your child/ren's education at Ashgrove. This year we hope to again raise \$11,000.00 from this fundraiser.

While we understand not every Ashgrove Family will participate, with increased pressure on the PTA to support activities and resources that would normally be covered by the School Donation it is hoped that the majority of families will participate to achieve our fundraising goal.

#### **Plan for 2015 Chocolate Fundraiser:**

- Each **family** will be asked to sell 1 box of 24 Chocolate Bars @ \$2.50 per bar = \$60.00 per box.
- Our New Entrant Families where the New Entrant is the Eldest in the Family are being asked to complete the attached **OPT-IN** form and return to the Office drop-box by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. If you do not complete this form you will not receive a box of chocolate.
- The profit from a box of chocolate sold is \$24.00. Families who do not participate may like to give a donation of this amount in-lieu of selling. See form below.
- We understand that those New Entrants without older siblings at Ashgrove will still be learning about school life and adjusting to how it fits into their world. Therefore participating in this fundraiser may be too much at this time. However, if you are interested or would like further information please call Tiff Wafer, PTA Treasurer on 313 5191.
- For those children who wish to participate, the chocolate boxes will be distributed the week of 23 February (date to be confirmed).
- Children will have 3 weeks to sell their box of chocolate.
- The PTA will be available to collect the sold chocolate box money in the School Hall (unless otherwise stated) daily from 8.20 – 8.50am (starting the day after boxes are issued).
- ALL money **must** be returned to school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.
- Please work hard to sell your entire box as ½ empty boxes can be a problem to on sell!
- We do not want the situation we encountered in 2011 where 11 families did not return either money or unsold chocolate. The PTA works very hard in order to support Ashgrove's children's learning and the situation in 2011 was inexcusable.

*These families will not be allowed to participate in this year's fundraiser.*

#### **Selling Tips:**

- Set up a stall outside New World, Countdown, other local businesses (**make sure you get permission first!**)
- Sell at your sports games/event (check if you need permission first)
- Sell to neighbours, relatives, at building sites, work places with an adult
- Parents/Grandparents might sell at their work place

For those children who want to go the extra mile for their school, there will be a competition to see who sells the most boxes.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize = \$50 Warehouse Voucher

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize = \$20 Warehouse Voucher

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize = \$30 Warehouse Voucher

Cadbury Chocolate is kindly providing a variety of sports balls as prizes. These will be distributed to randomly selected students. Find out when you return your chocolate money if you are one of these 'random' students!

Further information on this fundraiser will be sent out closer to the launch date.

***Your support is greatly appreciated.***

### **WE NEED YOU!**

Ashgrove School has a current roll of 547? students = 351? families. The PTA has 14 core members. That's only 3.4%? of the school's families represented on the PTA.

We would love to have at least 1 parent representative from each class. The PTA runs a variety of events that are fun, not time consuming and keep you involved in your child/ren's education experience at Ashgrove.

The first PTA meeting of the year is Wed 18<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, School Staffroom.

**Come along and check out the team! For more info you can call Chrissie on 313 1624.**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> HAND UNIFORM SALE – 1 per term**

Our first sale for 2015 was today, 2.45-3.15pm under the Willow tree. Most items only \$2. You can buy, swap or donate school uniform items. **We need a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Co-ordinator, if you think you could do this invaluable job please contact Tiff Wafer on 313 5191.**

### **LOST PROPERTY**

The Lost Property Bin is outside Room 6. Named items are taken to the office for distribution, remaining items not collected after several weeks will be given to the PTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale.

### **HOUSE T-SHIRTS**

Every Ashgrove student is allocated to a House: Karetu (Yellow), Richardson (Red), Thomas (Blue) or Grey (Green) and gains house points in a variety of ways from sports events, classroom activities etc. T-shirts can be purchased through the PTA for \$15, contact Tiff Wafer 313 5191 if you would like to purchase one.

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The 2015/16 Entertainment Book will be available late Term 1. With \$1000's of savings to be had at restaurants, activities & services in Canterbury, Nelson & Marlborough it is a great buy. Costs \$65, Ashgrove receives \$13 from each book/app! Keep a look out for the Presale Promotion later in Term 1.

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## **ASHGROVE SCHOOL CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER 2015 NEW ENTRANT OPT-IN FORM**

I wish my child to participate in this fundraiser.

I understand the sale price of each chocolate bar is \$2.50 and that the full cost of the box, \$60.00, will be returned to the school no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregivers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR in-lieu of selling a box of chocolate I would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

***Please only return this form if your child is going to participate in this fundraiser,  
return to the Office Drop-box by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you!***