



ASHGROVE SCHOOL PTA

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WELCOME BACK!

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 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, it is hoped that the majority will in order to achieve our fundraising goal. 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.

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.
- Those who wish to Opt-Out need to complete the form below and return to the school drop-box by **Tuesday 17th February**. The profit from a box of chocolate sold is \$24.00. Families who Opt-Out may like to give a donation of this amount in-lieu of selling. See form below.
- Boxes will be distributed to participating children 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 20th March.
- Please work hard to sell your entire box as part returned boxes of chocolate 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; 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 on your behalf

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.

1st Prize = \$50 Warehouse Voucher

3rd Prize = \$20 Warehouse Voucher

2nd 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 509 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 lots of 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 Wednesday 18th February, 7.30pm, School Staffroom.

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

2nd HAND UNIFORM SALES – 1 per term

Our first sale for 2015 was for today, Wed 11 February, 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 2nd 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 2nd 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.

**ASHGROVE SCHOOL CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER 2015
OPT-OUT FORM**

I do not wish my child/ren to participate in this fundraiser.

Students Name/s and Room Number:

Parent/Caregivers Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please find enclosed my donation in-lieu of selling the chocolate:

Amount: _____

***Please return this form if your child is NOT participating in this fundraiser,
return to the Office Drop-box by Wednesday 18th February. Thank you.***