



Growing Together For Success

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Turepo Learning Team Newsletter – Term 1

A warm hello and welcome back to Term 1. We hope you all had a good break and enjoyed family time over the holidays. For some of you this is the first time you have had a student at Ashgrove, others the first time you have had a student in the senior school, while for some this will be your last year as an Ashgrove parent. In Turepo we aim to develop independent learners who are well prepared for high school, and to this end cannot stress enough the importance of the relationship between parents, students and teachers in achieving this goal.

Staffing this year – As for last year Nigel Seaton is in Turepo 1, Charlotte Pearce in Turepo 2, Megan Cherry is in Turepo 4 and Pam Batchelor in Turepo 5. We welcome Mat Jenkins who joins our team in Turepo 3.

Kaikoura Camp – Turepo are going to Kaikoura for camp this year. The cost of this camp will be \$170.00 and full payment is required on Kindo before camp. For parents who are considering coming on camp as a parent help, the dates of the different home room camps are listed below. There will be a camp meeting for all parents **this Thursday 1st February at 6.00pm in Turepo 4** (after our Meet the Teacher.) If you are keen on being a parent helper and cannot make this meeting please let your child's home room teacher know. Notices about camp will be coming home shortly. We thank Chrissie Wrigley who has taken over the food organization this year; she would appreciate any offers of help. We also require trailers. If for any reason your child cannot go on camp, they will be placed in another Turepo class for the 4 days of camp.

Camp 1:	Turepo 1	Mr Seaton	Tuesday 27 th February – Friday 2 nd March
Camp 2:	Turepo 5	Mrs Batchelor	Tuesday 6 th March – Friday 9 th March
Camp 3:	Turepo 2	Miss Pearce	Tuesday 13 th March – Friday 16 th March
Camp 4:	Turepo 3	Mr Jenkins	Tuesday 20 th March – Friday 23 rd March
Camp 5:	Turepo 4	Mrs Cherry	Monday 26 th March – Thursday 29 th March

Sport – Shortly notices with information about what is happening this term at Ashgrove will be sent home. Basketball on Friday nights, Football on Monday nights etc and slips need to be returned if your child is to participate in these.

Our Year 7/8 boys cricket team will be playing their first round game next week on Thursday 8th February at Dudley Park and their opponents are Loburn. The girls team will be playing a week later against Woodend. We wish them luck in their games. A notice will be coming home for the parents of the players with more information.

We have swimming practices at Dudley Pool on Wednesday 14th & 21st February in the afternoons, while the school sports are on Wednesday 28th February. For all sessions at Dudley Pool the Turepo students will be released from the pool at 3.00pm to go home. There is a permission slip with this newsletter for

your child to bike to the pool (supervised by teachers and parents). Those who do not bike will walk with a teacher. If you can help on any of these days please indicate on the permission slip, which needs to be returned to the class teacher by **next Friday 9th February**.

North Canterbury sport coaching continues on the Wednesday mornings of odd weeks.

Meet the Teacher – This Thursday 1st February 5.30pm in Turepo 4 to explain how Turepo is set up and programmes that run. We do not have individual goal interviews this term. Immediately following this is our Camp Meeting.

Technology – All classes begin Technology **next Monday 5th February**. Turepo 1 and Turepo 2 have morning Tech classes and students are expected at Rangiora Borough School by 8.45am. They will be brought back to Ashgrove at 11.30am by bus to resume normal classes. A Senior Management staff member will be on this bus. Turepo 4 and Turepo 5 have normal morning classes at school, then an early lunch leaving Ashgrove at 12.10pm by bus to Rangiora Borough for afternoon Tech classes. Afternoon students are released from Rangiora Borough at 3.00pm. Turepo 3 is split between all classes for the day, so some students go in the morning and others in the afternoon – this is to make even numbers in Tech classes. Turepo 3 have been informed which class they will be with on Mondays. The bus will transport scooters for students where necessary. The cost for Tech this year is \$66.00 payable to our school office or on Kindo. Students will be doing 7 weeks each of food tech, soft materials (sewing), hard material (woodwork) and design. The last 7 week block will be a “selected” of the student’s choice.

Homework – All classes have a hometask sheet. This is due at the end of the term and is based on a Star value. This term it is around Respect and Responsibility. Many of the tasks are Star tasks and some are related to our Topic study.

Stationery – Packs can be purchased at school for \$18.50. If you wish to supply your own please collect from the office our Turepo team list. As senior students often have consumables like pens, felts, glue sticks etc our pack consists only of books and folders.

Maths Buddy – We are continuing using this worthwhile programme in our classroom maths and as part of expected homework. All students will be provided with a log in and can access the activities, revision sheets and lessons at school and at home 24/7. Attached is a sheet showing how parents can access their own child’s results in Maths Buddy. The cost this year is \$27.00 subscription from 1st February – 31st January 2019. Please pay on Kindo asap. Students who do not pay by the end of Term 1 will be denied access.

Curriculum – This term our Topic is based on our camp to Kaikoura. Students will have an activity matrix and task sheets to work on independently. Some work will be done on devices, other work in their books. Please encourage your child to talk about what they are doing at school and what they are learning. With regards to use of devices BYOD is encouraged, as each homeroom only has 7 laptops and 2 ipads to share between 26 pupils.

Term Activities – We are very aware of the financial pressures some families are under for school activities. During the year Turepo has the following activities with approximate costs to make it easier to plan for payments. From time to time there may be smaller amounts e.g. \$3.00 for bus, \$4.00 for a show but major expenses are:

- Term 1 – Camp \$170.00
- Term 2 – Winter sport bus \$38.00
- Term 3 – Ski Day \$65.00 (optional activity)
- Term 4 – Swimming \$16.00
 - Year 8 only – Adrenalin Forest \$22.00
 - Year 8 only – Leavers Semi-formal \$10.00

A reminder about drink bottles and sunhats for this hot term, and correct uniform does **not** include nail polish, jewellery, wrist bands, skate-shoes, brightly coloured headbands / hair ties or ballerina slip-on shoes. Also, cell phones brought to school must be handed in to teachers at the beginning of the day.

As seniors our Turepo students are role models for the rest of the school and as such it is important their manners and uniform reflect this. Each student is given a Turepo badge to identify them as a senior student and pupils accept responsibilities as School Councillors, House Captains and Leaders, Librarians, Kea Patrollers etc. Our Ashgrove Star programme allows students to earn bars based on the school values and when they have consistently shown these values through tasks and behaviour they can earn the Ashgrove Star. For students who earned this Star badge last year, there is an extra Turepo Star badge which they can earn. All students have a Star booklet where tasks can be signed off by teachers.

Phone calls to classrooms – School policy is that during class time pupils and teachers will not be interrupted by phone calls to the class. Office staff will take a message and pass these to the classroom teacher at the next break.

Last, but not least...

Remember to keep an eye on the fortnightly school newsletter. It will keep you up to date on what's going on, and coming up.

We look forward to a productive term with your children.

TUREPO LEARNING TEAM

Pam Batchelor, Megan Cherry, Mat Jenkins, Charlotte Pearce and Nigel Seaton



Please return to class teacher by Friday 9th February

Turepo Swimming Practices and Sports

My son / daughter _____ of Turepo _____ has permission to bike / walk to Dudley Pool on the 14th, 21st, 28th, February.

(please circle the correct options)

I can / cannot help with biking / walking on the 14th / 21st / 28th February

(please circle the correct options)

I can / cannot help with the Swimming Sports on the 28th February.

Parents name: _____

Signature: _____

Phone: _____