

25th July 2018

TŪREPO TEAM TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you managed to find time for some rest and relaxation, and enjoyed family time in the holidays despite the weather. We are looking forward to a busy and full term with improving weather as Spring approaches.

Term 2 finished with Student Learning Conferences, and we are now half way through the year. For the parents of the Year 8 students, realization that your child's time at Ashgrove is quickly coming to an end, and an emphasis on readiness for Year 9 at High School is paramount. RHS information evening for parents and students is on Monday 20th August. All Year 8 students should now be enrolled at a High School for 2018.

With Mrs Batchelor on leave this term we welcome Mrs Hayman and Mrs Muirson to our team. They will be the homeroom teachers for Tūrepo 5.

We are delighted at the increasing independence many of the senior pupils are displaying, and expect them to be great role models for younger pupils, taking on extra responsibilities around the school, and becoming independent and self - motivated learners. It has been encouraging to see the number of pupils who have accepted the challenge of being a Turepo Star and are working towards or achieved their Ashgrove Star badge.

Curriculum

We continue with our new Topic – “ Our World –Our Future” and enjoyed having the visit from Lesley Ottey last term to discuss Zero Waste and the importance of Reuse /Recycling. Students have a rubric of activities related to the topic that they select to complete.

In Mathematics the first half of the term is Statistics and Probability. Later in the term the focus is Problem Solving, with the Ashgrove Cantamaths being held in the last week of term once the hall is repaired and can be used again. On Wednesday morning 1st August we have a Year 7 and Year 8 team competing in the North Canterbury Cantamath competition at Clarkville School. Then on Wednesday 22nd the same teams compete in the Christchurch Cantamath competition held after school. We wish our pupils all the best for these competitions. The Year 7 team is Nick van der Vespel, Lachie Wilson, Oliver Patchett, Annika Ettema. The Year 8 team is Monica Leatham, Lucy Miller, Jackson Wright, Noah van Tuinen.

In Reading all group are working with shared novels this term, as well as research reading related to our topic.

This term we will be holding our interclass debates where many students will showcase their public speaking skills against their peers. Each class has 4 teams and the moots are ““Humans are ruining our world!” ” and “Global warming is at a crisis point!”

Our homework is weekly spelling, reading and Maths Buddy. Also as the STAR focus for this term is “Trust” students will choose one further activity to complete, to be presented in their homeroom in week

9 or 10. We will be having a team celebration in the last week of the term for those who have completed their homework.

Canta Art

As part of our Cantamaths unit this term we will be making String and Nail Art to enter into the Cantamaths competition. If you have any spare suitable wood, 30-40mm nails, wool, string or cotton (any colour) please send it to your child's class. These items would be gratefully put to artistic use by the students of Tūrepo. We are also asking the children to bring in a hammer (which teachers will safely store) for this activity.

B.Y.O.D.

Due to budget constraints we are limited to approximately 7 chromebooks and 3 iPads per class. Therefore we cannot guarantee that students can use a device for work on a daily basis. If your child has their own device this ensures that they can instantly work on their device as there is no sharing of personal devices. Often we are finding upwards 12 children have devices to bring, but only 2-3 are actually remembering to bring their device.

Sport

Winter sport on Friday afternoon continues for another 3 weeks. After that we will be collecting back in students sports uniforms except for the teams that qualified for the Town Winter Tournament (Netball A, Football A, Hockey A & Rugby) Congratulations to these teams, the tournament is on Thursday 23rd August. Our continued thanks to the parents who give up their time to coach and manage teams, thus making this competition possible for all students.

North Canterbury skills coaching continues alternate weeks subject to weather (with the hall unavailable).

The Turepo ski day this year is on Friday 7th September. Pupils may ski or snowboard. The parent information evening is next Tuesday 31st July at 5.45pm in Turepo 4. As in previous years we will need parent helpers going up to Mt Hutt and we will be fundraising to support this day. We will be holding "sausage sizzle" days on the Thursday 16th and Friday 31st August and will need parents on each day to help with cooking. A note about this will be coming home shortly. The skiing is an optional activity and for pupils not going to Mt Hutt, Friday 7th September will be a normal school day.

Canterbury Orienteering Champs are on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September. Students may run in pairs and more information will be out shortly for those interested in this event.

Other Events.

On Sunday 27th August we have 2 teams representing Ashgrove in the North Canterbury Chess Championships.

On the night of Wednesday 29th August we will have 5 teams competing in the Canterbury Current Events Quiz at Avonhead school.

In weeks 8, 9 & 10 our Year 8 girls will again have Self Defence lessons with Linda Maindonald, a qualified instructor. These will be for 3 mornings in the hall once it is available.

Our senior Kapahaka will be performing in the Rakahuri Cultural Festival at Ohoka school in September on either the 25th or the 26th. They will also be performing at the Rangiora Library for Maori Language week.

A final reminder – cellphones brought to school must be handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the day. Also, nail polish, make-up and jewellery are **not part of our school uniform**.

We look forward to another productive term with your children. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher should you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

TUREPO LEARNING TEAM

Judith Hayman, Cheryl Muirson, Megan Cherry, Mat Jenkins, Charlotte Pearce, and Nigel Seaton