



Growing Together For Success

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

TŪREPO TEAM TERM 4 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you managed to find time for some rest and relaxation, and enjoyed family time in the holidays. We are looking forward to a busy and full term with an exciting production, ***Pirate Tales*** on Tuesday 27th November. There are many other interesting events in Term 4 including; swimming lessons, Tough Kids, Positive Puberty, athletics day, an end of year celebration and the Year 8 leavers formal.

For some, this will be your last term as Ashgrove parents with your youngest child heading off to high school next year. We thank all parents for your support throughout the year, which allows us to offer our students opportunities such as interschool sport, camp, ski day etc. All of these events would not have been possible without the assistance of our helpful parents.

We welcome back Mrs Batchelor from her leave and thank Mrs Hayman and Mrs Muirson for all the hard work and support they have put into Tūrepo 5 and the team throughout Term 3.

We also wish to congratulate Charlotte who got married over the holidays. She will now be known as Mrs Charlotte McGregor.

We are delighted at the increasing independence many of the senior pupils are displaying, and expect them to be great role models for younger students, 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 Tūrepo Star and are working towards or achieved their Ashgrove Star badge.

Curriculum

We continue with our *Topic Our World, Our Future* for the first few weeks of the term before we become more heavily involved in our production rehearsals.

In Mathematics we are going to revisit Numeracy including Proportions and Ratios, after we have our Tūrepo Canta Maths competition next Thursday morning in the hall.

In Reading all groups will be working on AVAILLL (Audio Visual Achievement in Literacy, Language and Learning). This involves students viewing films while reading subtitles and completing a range of activities to support their reading vocabulary, knowledge and comprehension. If you are interested in reading up more about it please look at this website <https://literacyinnovators.co.nz/availll/>.

Our Home Learning is weekly spelling, reading and Maths Buddy. Also, as the STAR focus for this term is Service, students will choose one further activity to complete to be presented in their

homeroom in week 8 and 9. We will be having a team celebration in the last week of the term for those who have completed their Home Learning.

Science Roadshow

Along with the rest of the school, the Tūrepo students have been invited to participate in the Science Roadshow that is going to be held in our school hall on Friday 7th December. Keep your eyes open for more information about this.

BYOD

Did you know we are a BYOD school? Whilst we have around 35 chromebooks and 15 iPads to share over the team, students who bring their own devices can ensure they have access to and can undertake certain learning tasks when and where they need to. Whilst the uptake of BYOD has been positive in Turepo, we are noticing that less students are bringing their devices to school on a daily basis. As we move towards more learning and creativity being harnessed, actioned and supported through the use of digital devices in the senior school, we encourage your child to bring their device to school each day.

Sport

Our focus at the start of this term is on Athletics:

- Ashgrove Athletics - Wednesday 24th October on Ashgrove Park
- Rakahuri Zone Athletics - Tuesday 6th November on Ashgrove Park (P/P Friday 9th November)
- Canterbury Primary Athletic Championships - Wednesday 5th December at Halswell

Students have already started taking part in swimming lessons at Dudley Pool this term. They receive lessons each Tuesday and Thursday (ten in total) until Tuesday 20th November. Please note, there will be no lesson on Tuesday 6th November due to the zone athletics. There will also be no lesson on Thursday 15th November due to Teacher Only Day. This lesson will be completed a day earlier on Wednesday 14th November.

North Canterbury skills coaching continues alternate weeks.

We wish our girls cricket team all the best as they take part in the South Island Tournament on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th October. They are the only primary school to have qualified, the other teams coming from Intermediate schools.

Tough Kids

We are hopeful that this challenging and fun day at the South Brighton Domain on Wednesday 21st November will still go ahead. We currently need 5 more cars to help with transport to enable this event to go ahead. If you are available to help, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

A final reminder that cell phones 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**. The Year 8 Leavers t-shirts and / or hoodies are allowed to be worn for the last few days of the term. Please note that school uniform is required for our final Presentation Assembly on Tuesday 11th December evening.

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

Ngā mihi nui

Pam Batchelor, Megan Cherry, Mat Jenkins, Charlotte McGregor and Nigel Seaton.