



Growing Together For Success

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

TŪREPO TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Haere mai back to Ashgrove School. We hope the holidays have been a restful and enjoyable time for you and your whanau. A warm welcome to the Year 7 students and their whanau, and new whanau joining us in Tūrepo for 2019.

The Tūrepo Learning Team

There are five homerooms in Tūrepo. Your child will spend a large amount of their day working across the homerooms with a different kaiako / teachers for different learning areas. They will also spend some time in their own homeroom whereby your child's homeroom kaiako is primarily responsible for the pastoral care of them. As a team of five kaiako, we meet frequently to collaboratively plan and work together to ensure consistency and to care for the learning and pastoral needs for all our students.

We warmly welcome Mrs Fleur West to Tūrepo. Fleur will be teaching in Tūrepo 2 until a new team leader is appointed. Fleur has a background in high school teaching and has been part of our Ashgrove community as a regular reliever in Tūrepo. We look forward to having her as part of our team. Jo Keane will also be working alongside us as acting Team Leader for term 1.

The Tūrepo team are as follows:

- Tūrepo 1 - Kaiako Mr Nigel Seaton
- Tūrepo 2 - Kaiako Mrs Fleur West
- Tūrepo 3 - Kaiako Mr Mat Jenkins
- Tūrepo 4 - Kaiako Mrs Megan Cherry
- Tūrepo 5 - Kaiako Mrs Charlotte McGregor

Ashgrove School Parent Information Evening

We warmly invite all parents and caregivers to the Ashgrove School Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 12th February. Whanau are invited to meet in the hall at 5pm to be informed about our new Student Management Systems, Linc-ed and its fit within our school in regards to your child, communication, assessment and reporting, our Positive Behaviour for Learning programme and meet the whole Ashgrove teaching team.

Following on from this, we invite you to join us in Tūrepo to hear about what we will be up to this year and how ako/learning will be structured and run and also ask any questions you may have. We will be running two sessions, 5:30pm or 6:00pm. Both sessions will have the same information so no need to come twice! We look forward to seeing you there.

Ako/Learning in Tūrepo

Pāngarau / Mathematics Ako

Students will work across the learning team for Mathematics. The Numeracy focus is Addition and Subtraction and our first strand focus is Measurement.

Reo Matatini / Literacy Ako

Once we have settled into our homerooms and team, we will come together to collaboratively teach literacy. Students will work across the team for Reading and Writing. Your child may have a different Reading and Writing kaiako, according to their needs.

Reading will be based upon our Ashgrove values and Digital Citizenship to improve comprehension skills.

We will focus upon Poetry for writing. Students will explore different types of poetry and also have a go at writing some themselves.

Our Inquiry focus is in the Physical world around Newtons Laws of Motion. Students will learn about these laws and then demonstrate their knowledge in a variety of ways.

Mahi Kāinga / Home Learning

The Tūrepo Home Learning tasks that will be shared with the students via email and a hard copy can be given if needed. Our Home Learning will be based around our Ashgrove School STAR Values and is due at the end of each term. We will have an opportunity to share and celebrate your child's work with within their homeroom at the end of each term. Your child's work goes towards them earning their STAR badges.

Ako Journals

Students will continue to develop their skills at managing their own learning through their Ako/Learning Journals. This involves your child completing weekly tasks in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Students and kaiako will work together to monitor effort and learning in all areas and track progress. Throughout the week, students will reflect on their learning and set goals for their week ahead.

Stationery

We ask please that all stationery is at school by the end of the first week. This is important to ensure your child can start their learning straight away. Students will keep all their stationery in their tubs. Spare books, pens and glue sticks will be held in your child's homeroom for the kaiako to give to your child when they need it.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Digital Citizenship

This year our Ashgrove Digital Citizenship programme is launched. You will see our 2018 head students, Madie and Jackson guiding our students to think critically, behave safely and participate responsibly in the digital world. Our Digital Citizenship programme is around dilemma based education that encourages students to grapple with diversity of perspectives and move beyond either/or consequences.



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Tūrepo team are looking forward to engaging in BYOD again this year. Learning will incorporate the use of devices to enhance learning experiences where applicable. This will complement 'traditional' methods of learning. If your child would like to bring a device, please see their homeroom kaiako for a BYOD contract. Please note, devices will not be charged at school, so please ensure your child takes care of this at home.

Sport

North Canterbury Sport Coaching

Tūrepo team will take part in fortnightly sports sessions with the coaches from the North Canterbury Sports and Recreation Trust on a Wednesday.

Kauhoe / Swimming

Swimming Sports this year is planned for Wednesday 27 February at the Dudley Pool complex and will include all of the students in our team. Students will choose what races they want to compete in. These will take place in both the large and small pools and include running races, float and tow, kickboard, freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. We have practise sessions on Wednesday 13 February and Wednesday 20 February. We will require parent help for biking to the pool on these days. Students will be dismissed from here. If you can help, please complete the separate swimming notice that your child will receive this week.

The Rakahuri Swimming Sports are on Tuesday 12th March with the North Canterbury Swimming Champs on Thursday 21st March. The Canterbury Primary School Swimming Champs are scheduled for Thursday 4th April.

Tūrepo will complete swimming lessons at Dudley Pool in term 4.

Bowls

The Tūrepo team will be taking part in a bowls programme with the Rangiora Bowls Club. We will be having 5 sessions, learning the rules and techniques of the game. We will be walking to and from the Rangiora Bowls Club and will require parent help for this. More information will follow.

If you would like to make contact with any of us, please feel free to come into our homerooms, email (kaiako's first and last name@ashgrove.school.nz e.g. nigelseaton@ashgrove.school.nz) or phone the school to make an appointment.

We look forward to a great year working with your child. If your whanau is new to the Tūrepo Team, please come and introduce yourself to us, we would love to meet you.

We look forward to a productive term with your child.

Nga mihi nui

Nigel Seaton, Fleur West, Mat Jenkins, Megan Cherry, Charlotte McGregor and Jo Keane
Tūrepo Team