



Growing Together For Success

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MAHURI TEAM KAWERONGO TERM 1

Kia Ora and Haere Mai Mahuri Whanau

Welcome back to Term One at Ashgrove School. We hope the holidays have been a restful and enjoyable time for you and your whanau. A warm welcome to the Year 4 ākonga/students and whanau, and a warm welcome to new whanau joining us in Mahuri for 2019.

The Mahuri Team

2019 presents as an exciting year in Mahuri as we settle back into our learning spaces. You will see some changes in Mahuri this year with Kōwhai and Rata. We now have a teaching team of 7 Ngāhere/homerooms; 3 in Rata and 4 in Kōwhai. Your tamaiti/child will be part of one of these. Your child's ngāhere kaiako is primarily responsible for the pastoral care of them. Ākonga/students will spend the majority of their day working within their hub and a short amount of time in their ngāhere. As a group of 7 kaiako, we meet frequently to collaboratively plan and work together to ensure consistency within the hubs and to care for the learning and pastoral needs for all our ākonga.

We warmly welcome Mrs Nicky Kelso to Mahuri. Nicky has previously been part of the Pihinga team and we look forward to having her as part of our Mahuri team.

The Mahuri team are as follows:

Kowhai:

- Kowhai Tahi Ngāhere: Kaiako Mrs. Nicky Kelso (Year 4)
- Kowhai Rua Ngāhere: Kaiako Mrs. Andrea Woolford (Year 4/5)
- Kowhai Toru Ngāhere: Kaiako Mr. Graham Aldous (Year 5/6)
- Kowhai Whā Ngāhere: Kaiako Mrs. Shallie Doney (Year 6) (Kowhai Hub Leader)

Rata:

- Rata Tahi Ngāhere: Kaiako Mrs. Angelina Stearn (Year 4/5)
- Rata Rua Ngāhere: Kaiako Mrs. Lainie Roddis (Year 5/6)
- Rata Toru Ngāhere: Kaiako Mrs. Fiona Bester (Year 6) (Rata Hub Leader)

Ashgrove School Parent Information Evening

We warmly invite all parents and caregivers to the Ashgrove School Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 12th February from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. The first session will be at 5:00pm in the hall and is for all Ashgrove parents. We will then be running two sessions in the Mahuri Building, 5:30pm or 6:00pm. This will give you an opportunity to meet all of the Mahuri kaiako, hear about what we will be up to this year and how ako/learning will be structured and run. This will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. Both sessions will have the same information so no need to come twice! We look forward to seeing you there.

Kauhoe/Swimming

Swimming sports this year is planned for Wednesday 27th February at the Dudley Pool complex and will include all of the tamariki in our team. Ākonga 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 practice sessions on Wednesday 13th February and Wednesday 20th February. We will require parent help walking to and from the pool on these days. If you can help, please complete the separate swimming notice that your tamaiti/child will receive this week.

Both Rata and Kowhai will complete swimming lessons at Dudley Pool in Term 2.

Mahi Kāinga/Home Learning

Mahi Kāinga/Home Learning in Mahuri will look a little different this term. We will be using the support booklet from the KiwiKids News. This booklet has a weekly page for extending studies and focusing on some current events plus some additional activity pages. Your child will need access to the website to support their completing of the booklet pages www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz. The login details will be inside your tamaiti/child's home learning booklet.

While we encourage all ākonga to complete some Home Learning each week, we understand that life is busy. Thus, we will not be collecting it in each week (rather at the end of the term) and the amount of Home Learning that your tamaiti completes is at your discretion. We would, however, appreciate your support in encouraging your child to produce, honestly, the amount of work they are capable of completing.

Celebration Assembly

At the end of the term we will be holding a Mahuri Celebration Assembly. This year's Mahuri assemblies will give groups of students the opportunity to share aspects of learning that they enjoyed or found valuable from throughout the term. Parents will be invited to join in with this celebration also.

AKO IN MAHURI

Uiuinga/Inquiry Ako

Our focus for Inquiry is the Ashgrove STAR's - Service, Trust, Attitude, Respect and Responsibility. To start the year, we will be revisiting Growth Mindset.

Mindset is a simple idea discovered by world-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck in decades of research on achievement and success - a simple idea that makes all the difference.

In a fixed mindset, people believe their basic qualities, like their intelligence or talent, are simply fixed traits. They spend their time documenting their intelligence or talent instead of developing them. They also believe that talent alone creates success - without effort. They're wrong.

In a growth mindset, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work - brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment. Virtually all great people have had these qualities.

Teaching a growth mindset creates motivation and productivity in the worlds of business, education, and sports. It enhances relationships. We will be looking at ways to approach learning with a growth mindset.

Makerspace

During 2019 we will be encouraging and developing 21st century skills. These skills include collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and communication through time tinkering, building, and inventing in the Makerspace. Children will have opportunities to design and make items both physically and digitally as we all prepare for the new Digital Technology curriculum that will be implemented by 2020.

Social Sciences

During Term One we will be focusing on a unit entitled 'Walking with the ANZACS'. This will be an integrated unit focusing on the impact of global events on New Zealand, its people and cultures. The digital resources will allow Kaiako to produce real items using real stories about real people.

Reo Matatini/Literacy Ako

Once we have settled into our teams and learning spaces, we will come together to collaboratively teach literacy. Ākonga will work across their own hub for Pānui/Reading and Tuhituhi/Writing. Your tamaiti may have a different Pānui/Reading and Tuhituhi/Writing kaiako, according to their needs.

As your tamaiti/child progresses with their reading, we do not send set reading books home. Daily reading, away from school will be a book of your tamaiti/child's choosing. We do encourage ākonga/students to read for at least 20 minutes daily.

Our first tuhituhi/writing focus will be rooted in the ākonga lives and experiences, writing about themselves and their world around them. Our main focus will be on settling students into a new year of tuhituhi/writing and looking at and reinforcing the basics - surface features such as capital letters, punctuation, ideas, paragraphs, spelling, proofreading and editing. It is essential for ākonga to be aware of these areas to be able to competently and independently write in a variety of genre.

Following on from this, our tuhituhi/writing will be based on the School Kit resources. Firstly, 'Get New Zealand Writing', where we engage with another school somewhere in New Zealand and send postcards and secondly, 'World War II, the People'.

Our Pānui/Reading will be based on a variety of topics, including programmes designed specifically to enhance comprehension. Your tamaiti will have specific learning goals according to their needs and level.

Pāngarau/Mathematics Ako

Ākonga will continue to work across their hub for Pāngarau/Mathematics. Ako in Numeracy will be around number knowledge, addition/subtraction, multiplication/division and/or proportions and ratios, according to your tamaiti/child's needs. It will also have a practical focus, based upon using known strategies and knowledge in problem solving tasks. We will conclude the term with measurement: volume.

Ako Journals

Ākonga 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.

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

Stationery

Please ensure that all books and pens are at school by the end of the first week at the latest. Ākonga will keep all their stationery in their tubs. Spare books, pens and glue sticks will be held in a named bag by the kaiako to give to your tamaiti/child when they need it. Please ensure all books are ready for learning on Monday of week 2.

Kaunihera Mahuri/Mahuri Council

This year we are continuing with the Kahui Mahuri / Mahuri Council. This will be a group of elected Year 6 ākonga whose main responsibility will be to show leadership around special events and daily life in Mahuri. We recognise the contribution that our Year 6 ākonga can make to our team and look to give them opportunities to develop their leadership skills.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Mahuri 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 compliment 'traditional' methods of learning. If your tamaiti/child would like to bring a device, please see their ngahere kaiako for a BYOD Acceptable Use Agreement. Please note, devices will not be charged at school, so please ensure your tamaiti/child takes care of this at home.

There will be a new BYOD Acceptable Use Agreement (if applicable to your tamaiti) and a new Ashgrove Digital Technology User Agreement sent home in the first week for your tamaiti, yourself and ngahere teachers to please sign. Please ensure that these are returned, signed, to school as soon as possible so you child can use their own and/or the schools digital devices.

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.

North Canterbury Sport Coaching

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

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

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

Nga mihi nui,

Andrea Woolford, Nicky Kelso, Graham Aldous, Shallie Doney, Lainie Roddis, Angelina Stearn, and Fiona Bester.

Mahuri Term 1 Overview 2019

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	28 First Day Term 1	29	30	31 NC Sport	1
2	4	5	6 Waitangi Day	7	8
3	11	12 Meet the Teacher Evening 5-6.30pm	13 Swimming Practice	14 NC Sport	15
4	18	19	20 Swimming Practice	21	22
5	25	26	27 Swimming Sports	28 NC Sport	1
6	4	5	6	7	8
7	11	12 Goal Setting Conferences	13 Goal Setting Conferences	14 NC Sport	15
8	18	19	20	21	22
9	25	26	27	28 NC Sport	29
10	1	2	3	4	5
11	8	9	10	11 NC Sport	12 Last day Term 1 Mahuri Celebration Assembly 9.30- 10.30am