



# ASHGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

## **KAHIKATEA & KAURI TERM 1 NEWSLETTER**

Haere mai back to Ashgrove School. We hope the holidays have been a restful and enjoyable time for you and your whānau. A warm welcome to the Year 6 and 7 students and their whānau, and new whānau joining us in Kahikatea & Kauri for 2020. We also welcome new kaiako/teachers in Kahikatea and Kauri in 2020.

### **The Kahikatea and Kauri Learning Hubs**

There are three Ngahere (homerooms) in Kahikatea Hub and three Ngahere in Kauri Hub. Your child will spend a large amount of their day working across their hubs and have different kaiako for different learning areas. They will also spend some time in their own Ngahere space. Your child's Ngahere kaiako is primarily responsible for their pastoral care. As a team of six kaiako across both hubs, 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 Miss Jade Pettinger. Jade will be the Ngahere kaiako for Kauri 1. Jade has spent her first two years teaching at Halfmoon Bay School on Stewart Island and teaching Year 7/8 at Riccarton School. She has strengths in digital technology and physical education and has already made a positive impact on our team, sharing her knowledge for using Google Classrooms as a learning tool.

Kahikatea Hub:

- Kahikatea 1 - Kaiako Mrs Lainie Roddis
- Kahikatea 2 - Kaiako Mrs Megan Cherry
- Kahikatea 3 - Kaiako Mrs Fiona Bester

Kauri Hub:

- Kauri 1 - Kaiako Miss Jade Pettinger
- Kauri 2 - Kaiako Mr Mat Jenkins
- Kauri 3 - Kaiako Mr Nigel Seaton

### **Ashgrove School Parent Information Evening**

On Tuesday 4 February, we invite you to join us in Kahikatea Hub to hear about what both hubs will be up to this year and how ako/learning will be structured and run and also answer any questions you may have. We will be running two 30 min sessions, 5:30pm or 6:10pm. Both sessions will have the same information so no need to come twice! We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Ako/Learning in Kahikatea and Kauri Hubs**

### ***Pāngarau/Mathematics Ako***

Students will work within their Hubs for Mathematics. The Numeracy focus is Addition and Subtraction and our first strand focus is Geometry and Measurement, specifically angles, volume, capacity and mass.

### ***Reo Matatini/Literacy Ako***

Once we have settled into our ngahere and hubs, we will come together to collaboratively teach literacy. Students will work across each hub for literacy.

In term 1 our Literacy and Inquiry theme will be Who am I? Students will use their agency to select areas to further explore around this theme. Topics for further exploration will be kiwiana- our place, kiwiana- stereotypes, peer pressure, being responsible, celebrating local heroes, being a leader, being honest, among others. We will further explore topics and creating artefacts such as our personal strengths, our pepeha, self portraits and I am from... poems etc.

### ***Mahi Kāinga/Home Learning***

Our Home Learning will be based around our Ashgrove School STAR Values and character strengths. Home Learning tasks will be shared with the students via email and a copy will be sent home. As students complete tasks they can be shared with their Kaiako. We will have an opportunity to share and celebrate your child's work with their Ngahere. Your child's work goes towards them earning their STAR badges for our Year 7 and 8s. Our Year 6 students will work towards a STAR Certificates.

### ***Ako Journals***

Students will continue to develop their skills at managing their own learning through their Ako/Learning Journals. This involves your child planning and completing weekly tasks in Literacy and Mathematics. They will have a fortnightly Kirimana Mahi (learning contract) that will be shared both digitally and as a paper copy. Students will plan their week ahead by first timetabling their lessons and then choosing when they will complete maths, literacy or theme work.

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 as well as reflecting on what is going well through focusing on the practice of gratitude.

### ***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 ngahere space for the kaiako to give to your child when they need it. Kaiako will be collecting one of the scrapbooks to use collaboratively in mathematics lessons.

### ***Hangarau/ Technology***

All Year 7 and 8 students will attend Technology lessons at Rangiora Borough School each Wednesday in 2020. Kauri students will all have their lessons from 9am until 12noon. They will need to go directly to Rangiora Borough each Wednesday morning. They will travel back to Ashgrove School by bus and have their lunch at Ashgrove. The Year 7 and 8 students in Kahikatea Hub will have their technology lessons from 12.30pm until 3pm. They will leave Ashgrove School at 12.15pm and travel to Rangiora Borough School on the bus. They will be dismissed directly from Rangiora Borough School. You will receive more information about

Technology this week. Year 6 students in Kahikatea Hub will remain at Ashgrove School during these times.

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY**

### ***Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)***

Kahikatea and Kauri Hubs 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 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. Each Ngahere will have a safe place to store BYOD devices during the school day.

We will also have a number of shared devices that will be stored in a centrally located device cupboard for students to have access to during their lessons.

Cell phones are not to be encouraged to bring to school. However, if your student needs to bring a phone they will need to have completed a Cell Phone Agreement. Phones must be handed into their homeroom teachers in the morning before school and will be handed out again at the end of the day. These will be kept in a secure space.

Those students wishing to wear smartwatches to school must complete a Smart Watch User Agreement. They must have their wifi capability disabled during the school day.

Please note: These digital agreements will need to be read, and signed again for 2020 even if you have previously completed them.

## **Sport**

### ***North Canterbury Sport Coaching***

Kahikatea and Kauri Hubs 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 Monday 17 February at Dudley Pool and will include all of the students in both hubs. 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 a practise session on Monday 10 February from 2-3pm. We will require parent help for biking and walking to the pool on these days. Students will be dismissed from Dudley Pool at 3pm both days. If you can help, please complete the separate swimming notice that your child will receive this week.

The Rakahuri Swimming Sports are on Tuesday 10 March with the North Canterbury Swimming Champs on Thursday 19 March. The Canterbury Primary School Swimming Champs are scheduled for Thursday 2 April.

Kahikatea and Kauri Hubs will complete swimming lessons at Dudley Pool in term 4.

### ***Friday Night Basketball***

If your child is keen to play Friday night Basketball please see the notice that will be emailed home this week, complete your registration and payment by the closing date, via kindo.

### ***Rakahuri Rage***

12 year old+ children are encouraged to enter a team in the Rakahuri Rage on Sunday 8th March. This is a 6 hour relay event. Ashgrove teachers will be there as marshalls and to cheer you on. It is a major fundraiser for the North Canterbury Sport Trust. For more information see <https://www.sportstrust.org.nz/rakahuri-rage>.

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](mailto:name@ashgrove.school.nz) e.g. fionabester@ashgrove.school.nz) or phone the school to make an appointment.

We look forward to a great year working with your child. If your whānau is new to the Kahikatea or Kauri Hub, 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

Fiona Bester, Megan Cherry and Lainie Roddis- Kahikatea Hub  
Nigel Seaton, Mat Jenkins and Jade Pettinger- Kauri Hub

## Term 1 Overview

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1			29 Jan	30	31
Week 2	3 Feb	4 Girls Cricket 'Have a go' Parent / Caregiver Information Evening 5.30pm - 6.00pm and 6.10pm - 6.40pm	5 Technology @Rangiora Borough	6 Waitangi Day	7
Week 3	10 Swimming Practice 2-3	11 Boys Cricket vs St Josephs	12 Technology @Rangiora Borough	13	14
Week 4	17 Swimming Sports 10-3 PALs Training	18 Attitude Programme Who am I? Whānau meetings	19 Technology @Rangiora Borough Whānau meetings	20 School Council Leadership @ Groynes Top Teams Y4-8	21
Week 5	24	25	26 Technology @Rangiora Borough	27	28

Week 6	2 Mar	3	4 Technology @Rangiora Borough	5	6
Week 7 Rakahuri Rage Sunday 8th March	9	10 Rakahuri Swimming Zones	11 Technology @Rangiora Borough	12	13
Week 8	16	17	18 Technology @Rangiora Borough	19 North Canterbury Swimming Champs	20
Week 9	23	24	25 Technology @Rangiora Borough	26	27
Week 10	30	31	1 Apr Technology @Rangiora Borough	2 Canterbury Swimming Champs	3
Week 11	6	7	8 Technology @Rangiora Borough	9	10 Good Friday

