



Growing Together For Success

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Kia ora Kōwhai Ratai Whānau,

KŌWHAI RATA KAWERONGO/NEWSLETTER TERM 3

Haere mai back to our wharekura and to a busy Term 3. We hope you had a great break and managed to do something exciting to make the most of time together outside of lockdown.

AKO IN MAHURI

Uiuinga/Inquiry Ako

This semester we will be continuing with our focus on wellbeing and maintaining a positive mindset. While our students have proven themselves to be resilient over the past few months, we see a need to keep this focus to ensure that the students can get the very best out of their learning. We will continue with our positive mindset focuses, our circle time and our relaxation segments.

Tuhituhinga/Literacy Ako

Ākonga/students will continue to work across their own hub and in their Ngahere groups for Pānuitia/Reading and Tuhituhinga/Writing. Our reading and writing will be based upon texts that tie in with our topic, novel studies and the students interests or what is happening in the world around us. Your child will have specific learning goals according to their needs and level.

As well as book week, that was very successful this term, we will be taking opportunities to D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read). This is where teachers take a favourite book and move to a different Ngahere to share the reading experience. These opportunities will be taken throughout the term.

Pāngarau/Mathematics Ako

This semester Ākonga will continue to work across their own hub for Pāngarau/Mathematics. Ako in Numeracy will be based upon Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and/or Proportions and Ratios (fractions, percentages and decimals). Rich problem solving will also be a major focus throughout the term. Our strand maths will have a Geometry focus.

Please continue to encourage your tamaiti/child to practise their basic facts regularly. Please see your tamaiti's kaiako if you would like some ideas around this.

HĀKINAKINA/SPORT

Hākinakina Whakaako/Sports Coaching

We will continue with our fortnightly sports coaching again this term. Each sport group has a 25 minute slot in which they receive coaching from the two experts from the North Canterbury Sports & Recreation Trust every second Friday.

Swimming

Our amended swimming session dates are yet to be confirmed. However we can tell you that this will happen in Term 4.

The Rakahuri Winter Sports Competition

Due to Covid-19 we will not be having our regular Friday Winter Sports for Years 5 and 6 this year. The one day winter tournament will be held on Friday 10 August. We would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who have responded to requests from teachers to support or coach a team. Involvement in the tournament is optional however, there will be a programme at school for non participants. If your child has opted to participate, they will receive information re time, place and equipment required.

Wāhi noho ako/Home Learning

While we have not had compulsory home learning this year, your child has still had the opportunity to participate in the KiwiKids News kahoot as well as some of the units of work that this website provides. If you would like to continue with the booklet at home, your child will need access to the website www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz. They are welcome to complete any of the activities made available on this site.

We understand that life is busy and the opportunity to do school related work is not always available due to many other extracurricular activities tamariki are often involved in. Thus, the amount of Home Learning that your tamaiti completes is at **your** discretion. Reading with and to your child daily is valuable as is revising basic facts (i.e. times tables).

If you would like to make contact with any of us, please feel free to email using this format for your kaiako (e.g. shalliedoney@ashgrove.school.nz) or phone the school to make an appointment.

We look forward to another great term working with your tamaiti.

Kind regards,

Kōwhai Rata Team

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