## MĀHURI TEAM NEWS TERM 1 2023









### **TEAM NEWS**

#### Welcome to the Mahuri Team!

Welcome to 2023 and all of the possibilities it holds. As a team we are so looking forward to the year ahead. We have 4 Year 5/6 classes in Māhuri. Māhuri 1: Miss Kylie Forrest; Māhuri 2: Mrs. Nicky Kelso; Māhuri 3: Mrs. Georgia Dunn; Māhuri 4; Mrs Shallie Doney. Miss Abby Washington will be the Māhuri 4 teacher on Fridays for Term One.

If you are wanting to make contact with us, please see our email addresses at the bottom of this letter. If you need to meet with us face to face, please make an appointment as our time before and after school is often filled with meetings and planning sessions.

#### **Swimming**

Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday 21 February at Dudley Park. We will be having 2 practise swims on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 15 February. Please keep an eye out for a notice going home this week.

#### Top Teams

We are excited to have Sport Canterbury brining Top Teams back to our school on Monday 20 February. We will require parent help for this event. More information will follow.

#### Back to School Picnic

We warmly welcome parents / whānau to our Back to School Picnic on Thursday 9 February. Come along to the hall at 5pm for introductions and a brief welcome / welcome back to Ashgrove then out to organised games, music and fun activities for all the family. Bring a picnic dinner. We will have the BBQ going with some sausages ton! More information to come

#### **Assemblies**

We will be hosting our full school assemblies every fortnight on a Friday at 9:15am in the hall. We warmly invite parents to join us at these. We will present our STAR certificates, teams may share some of their learning, will sing songs and have our popular STAR Drop. You will receive an email if your child is receiving an award. Our first assembly will be in week 2 on Friday 10 February.

#### Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Māhuri 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 ask your child to see their teacher for a BYOD Acceptable Use Agreement. Please note, devices will not be charged at school, so please ensure your child takes care of this at home.

#### **Cellphones**

If your child needs to bring a cellphone to school, if they haven't already, your child must complete a Cellphone User Agreement. Cellphones are required to be handed in to the teacher at the start of the day and will be held in the school office until the end of the day.

#### Positive Behaviour for Learning

For students and staff at Ashgrove School this is usually talked about as PB4L. We have been on our PB4L journey for many years. Last year our positive behaviour matrix, linked with our STAR values, showing our expectations for behaviour was updated. These expectations are taught, role modelled and referred to on a regular basis throughout our school.

We use restorative practice to address behavioural issues at Ashgrove School and build and sustain relationships.

We have numerous incentives to promote excellent student behaviour such as Star certificates, Star awards, Star drop and Star shop.

We are excited to be continuing on our Tier 2 journey this year. This work focuses on the implementation of additional behavioural support and intervention when required.



Ngā manaakitanga Kylie Forrest, Nicky Kelso, Georgia Dunn and Shallie Doney

# STANT DATES

Monday 6 February - Waitangi Day

Tuesday 7 February - Swimming Sports practice

Thursday 9 February - Back to school picnic

Friday 10 February - Whole school assembly (9:15am)

Wednesday 15 February - Swimming Sports practice

Monday 20 February - Top Teams

Tuesday 21 February - Swimming Sports

Wednesday 22 February - Mihi Whakatau (10am)

Wednesday 22 February - Whānau meetings (school closes at 2pm)

Friday 24 February - Whole school assembly (9:15am)

Tuesday 7 March - John Parsons Digital Technology information evening

Wednesday 15 March - Māori and Pacifica Whānau Hui (5:30pm)

Friday 24 March - Whole school assembly (9:15am)

Thursday 6 April - last day of term 1

