

# TŪREPO TEAM NEWS

## TERM 1 2024



## TEAM NEWS

### Welcome to the Tūrepo Team!

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely holiday with your whānau. We are excited to be back at school and looking forward to a fun filled term of learning. We have a teaching team of four Year 7/8 Ngahere/homerooms. As a group of four 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 students.

Our school wide theme for 2024 is Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Manawanui! Be Brave, Be Strong Be Confident. In term 1 we will grow our confidence on our class camps. We will learn about the history and geography of the Hanmer Spring geothermal and adventure tourism area. We will get to know each other and where we came from, who we are and what we want to achieve this year and beyond.

### Technology

In term 1 and 2 our Year 8 students will attend Technology at Maukatere Technology Centre at Te Matauru School. Tamariki will travel to and from technology by bus leaving at 9am and arriving back to school by 3pm. Mrs Bester will attend technology with the tamariki. Technology will begin next week on Thursday 8th February.

### Swimming

Swimming Sports will be held on Tuesday 20 February at Dudley Park. We will be having 2 practise swims on Wednesday 7 and 14 February. Please keep an eye out for a notice going home this week.

### Back to School Picnic

We warmly welcome parents / whānau to our Back to School Picnic on Wednesday 7th 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 too!

### 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 9 February.

### 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 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, they must complete a Cell Phone User Agreement. Cell phones 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.

Look out for information letters regarding Camp and William Pike Challenge coming out soon!

Ngā manaakitanga

Fiona Bester, Nigel Seaton, Kirsty Anderson and Megan Cherry

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Tuesday 6 February** - Waitangi Day
- Wednesday 7 and 14 February** - Swimming Sports practice
- Wednesday 7 February** - Mihi Whakatau (11am)
- Wednesday 7 February** - Back to School Picnic
- Friday 9 February** - Whole school assembly (9:15am)
- Tuesday 20 February** - Swimming Sports
- Wednesday 7 February** - Mihi Whakatau (10am)
- Tuesday 13 February** - Whānau meetings (school closes at 2pm)
- Monday 4 - Friday 8 March** - Tūrepo camps to Hanmer
- 29 March- 2 April** Easter break
- Friday 12 April** - Last day of term 1

## REMINDER

We are a



A blue school sunhat is compulsory outdoors

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