

MĀHURI TEAM PANUI

TERM 2, 2024

Kia ora e te Māhuri Whānau,

Welcome back to term 2 at kura to our Māhuri students and whānau. We warmly welcome Miss St John who will be teaching in Māhuri 4 every Thursday afternoon and Friday.

While we all enjoyed our break and the opportunity to catch up on work and recharge our batteries, it was so good to see all of your children's smiling faces on day one, hear them excited to be back with their friends and demonstrate a very positive attitude to the learning ahead.

Kia Kaha, Kia Māia, Kia Manawanui!
Be Brave, Be Strong, Be Confident!



Learning in Māhuri

This term sees the timetable full of extracurricular activities that we are preparing for and looking forward to. Weeks one and two will be busy with swimming lessons. The students are taught in small groups and the lessons include, basic skills and stroke styles, as well as learning basic survival skills. It is so very important for all children to know how to behave near and in the water. These lessons are subsidised to ensure they are accessible to all. Kindo remains open so families have ample time to submit their portion of the subsidised fee.

Our inquiry topic for this term and continuing into next is *Brave Kiwis* and focus on famous New Zealanders from any area of life where that person has made a memorable contribution to life as we know it. The main objectives for the unit will support study in the Social Sciences (term two) and Technology (term three) areas of the curriculum, however it will overflow into all areas of learning. By learning about the experiences of others we can be inspired to be our brave, strong and confident selves.

There are some new groupings for The Code and Reading to ensure we meet the needs of your child. We will continue to teach whole class Maths and Writing knowing that the programmes that are in place have been planned and adapted collaboratively to fit the students where they are at.

A small group (5 students - 3 debaters and 2 support) of interested students will be involved in debating this term, lead by Mrs Galbraith. This will be the first time Māhuri have participated in the event and if successful is something we will look to expanding in the future.



Being Active in Māhuri

Cross Country

All students will be participating in the Ashgrove Cross Country on Wednesday 15 May on Ashgrove Park. Māhuri students are practicing on Ashgrove Park each day in preparation for this event. A coffee cart will be available on the day for parents to purchase drinks and food.

Friday Sport and Tournament

All students will be participating in Friday Sport this year with the choice of Netball, Football, Rugby 7, Rippa Rugby, Hockey, Bowls or Volleyball. We still require parent helpers for coaching / managing teams. If you can help please contact Nigel Seaton. Students who wish to take part in the One day Winter Tournament will have the chance to sign up later in the term.

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Jump Jam Teams

All Year 5/6 students who auditioned and were successful also have the opportunity to compete in the regional and national Jump Jam competition again this year. In the past Ashgrove have proven to be a very successful teams and we are hoping that continues this year. Mrs Kelso, Miss Tongue and Ms Anderson lead our students through the process. It has become very popular with double the amount of Year 5/6 students auditioning this year for the same amount of spaces this available as last year. It is a very time consuming (school and personal) but rewarding experience for teachers and students. Parent support also makes this possible, and for that we are grateful.

Taking Notice of the World Around Us



Māhuri Wero Mahi Challenge Award

Our Year 6 Māhuri Wero Mahi participants had valuable experiences last term and are steadily completing the tasks in their challenge booklets. This opportunity allows our students to take notice of the world they live in as well as taking part actively in the Ashgrove STAR values. The term 2 outdoor challenge is rock climbing at Clip 'n Climb on Thursday 23 May.



Connecting with Us

Matariki Breakfast

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Matariki breakfast on Tuesday 25 June. Along with hosting our school whānau, we will be hosting local iwi, Ministry of Education and other invited guests to proudly share the te reo enhancement to our existing name.

Contacting Us

We are usually available before and after school if you have a question or information to let us know. We do ask however that if you need more than a few minutes that you make a time to meet with your child's homeroom teacher. We can be contacted via email - davehickin@ashgrove.school.nz, nickykelso@ashgrove.school.nz, anyagalbraith@ashgrove.school.nz, shalliedoney@ashgrove.school.nz and fionastjohn@ashgrove.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hickin, Nicky Kelso, Anya Galbraith, Shallie Doney and Fiona St John

Important Dates

Friday Winter Sport starts - Friday 10 May
Book Fair - 13-17 May
Cross Country - Wednesday 15 May
Pink Shirt Mufti Day - Friday 17 May
Māhuri Wero Mahi trip - Thursday 23 May

Teacher Only Day - Friday 31 May
King's Birthday holiday - Monday 3 June
Matariki Breakfast - Tuesday 25 June
Matariki holiday - Friday 28 June

