

3rd February 2017

RATA

TEAM NEWSLETTER TERM 1, WEEK 1 2017



Kia Ora Rata Whanau,

Welcome back to Ashgrove School for 2017. We all hope you had a great break and enjoyed some time with your child/children. A special welcome to the Ashgrove whanau that join us in Mahuri this year.

We are very excited to be back and finally in our new learning spaces. We hope that you have had some time to come in and see the new Mahuri. The new building has so much to offer our Rata tamariki for their learning that we can't wait to use it to its full potential.

Our Rata Kaiako consists of:

- Mrs Sharon Heeman - Rata Ngāhere/Homeroom Tāhi
- Miss Angelina Bourke - Rata Ngāhere/Homeroom Rua
- Mrs Jo Keane - Rata Ngāhere/Homeroom Toru (Mahuri Leader and Rata Hub Leader)
- Mrs Fiona Bester - Rata Ngāhere/Homeroom Whā
- Mrs Stacey Chapman - Learning Assistant
- Mrs Sarah Rattray - Rata Ngāhere/Homeroom Rua release Kaiako
- Miss Charlotte Pearce - Rata Ngāhere/Homeroom Turo release Kaiako
- Mrs Ruth Hann - Rata release Kaiako

This week we have been taking the time to settle our Rata learners. We have spent some time as a whole Mahuri hub with Kowhai signing songs, as a Rata team working together and in our Ngāhere/homerooms completing learning based around getting to know others and sharing about ourselves.

Our Maths focus this week has been on Place Value. Rata learners have enjoyed completing games, activities and scavenger hunts based around this basic fact. We have started writing our Rata Gazette with each child featuring, sharing some things about them. We have also started work on sharing our holiday highlights in artform using self portraits. The Treaty of Waitangi has been our focus for Reading. The children have been learning about why it came about, what it means and the principles of the Treaty.

This week during the Mahuri Hui the children have been learning to use Sign Language to sign our school whaktauaki. We look forward to continuing to teach the children sign language this year.

Our Daily Schedule

The first two weeks of the term is based around settling in and getting to know each other. Over the next week we look at setting up our spelling programme, *Word Lab* and our reading, writing and maths programmes. Below is a general timetable for our days:

Morning

Mahuri Hui

- with Kowhai to sing songs and learn a new focus

Literacy Whanau Ako Time

- Small learning groups focusing on Word Lab learning

Writing

- Small group learning

Reading

- Small group learning

Afternoon

Maths

- Small group learning

Inquiry

- Small group/ngāhere learning

Ngāhere Time

- Homeroom time

PE, Sport and The Arts will also take place over the week in the afternoons.

Week 1 Highlights

- Starting back for 2017! It has been fantastic seeing our Rata learners return after the holidays. We welcome a number of new students and their families to Rata; Jordan Stanway, Liam Miller, Taylor Dixon, Jarren Bain, Jodee Madden and Brooke Stocker. We hope you enjoy your time at Ashgrove and in Mahuri.
- Moving into the new learning space and getting to know each other.
- Using devices to complete scavenger hunts in Maths.
- Learning Sign language and about the Treaty of Waitangi
- Art based around Rata learner's summer holiday highlights

Rata Reminders/Notices

- Swimming practise - Tuesday 7 and 14 February. Parent help is required to walk to and from the pool. Please complete slip and return to your child's Ngāhere kaiako's dropbox located on the floor beside the small meeting room in Rata if you are able to assist. Thank you in advance.
- Mahuri Parent Information Evening - Monday 13 February.
- Meet and Greet Mahuri Kaiako - Monday 20 and Thursday 23 February.
- Swimming Sports - Wednesday 22 February. More information to follow.
- Year 4 Big Day Out - Tuesday 7 March - parent help also required.
- Year 5 Big Day Out - Monday 6 March - parent help also required.
- Year 6 Big Day Out - Wednesday 8 March - parent help also required.

Nāku noa

Rata Kaiako

Sharon Heeman, Angelina Bourke, Jo Keane and Fiona Bester



**RATA IN ACTION
WEEK 1**

