



Growing Together For Success

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MAHURI TEAM NEWS: TERM 2

Kia Ora Mahuri whanau,

A warm hello and welcome back to Term 2! We hope you had an enjoyable break with your child. It's good to see everybody back at school with smiles on their faces.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Miss Bourke who got married in the holidays and will now be known as Mrs Stearn.

LEARNING IN MAHURI

Inquiry -

To extend our focus on the Ashgrove STAR's, we are starting our learning on *Where Do We Belong?*. During this unit, we will explore different cultures around the world. Specifically, we will identify what culture is and describe different cultures in the Mahuri Team and in New Zealand, investigate our own origins of where we come from, identify customs, traditions, symbols, flag, food and values of a culture, compare our own culture with another culture and celebrate our different cultures by having a Mahuri Cultural Festival.

Kia Kaha -

Kia Kaha will be our topic focus in the last 3 weeks of term 2. Kia Kaha is a programme developed by and taught alongside NZ Police. Through Kia Kaha, students develop strategies for respectful relationships where bullying behaviours are not tolerated. Students will learn about the impact of bullying, a range of personal skills to prevent bullying and what they can do if they have been or are being affected by bullying behaviour. We will send more information out about this programme closer to the time, including a date for a parent information meeting. Please also feel free to visit www.nzpolice.govt.nz and look under the *Advice* tab for more information.

Literacy -

Students will continue to work across their own hub for reading exploring fiction and/or non-fiction texts. Our reading will be based upon texts that tie in with our inquiry, 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.

Our writing focus will continue to be based upon *Wonder* by RJ Palacio. Students will continue to write around the events that are taking place in the book, exploring their own ideas and opinions. This will cumulate in students learning about and writing a persuasive speech to present to a group of students. We look forward to sharing our most persuasive speeches in a speech final during the term.

Mathematics -

Students will continue to work across the hubs for Mathematics. Learning in numeracy will focus on the student's needs in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our strand focus is in geometry this term.

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

Science -

In week 3 we delve into the world of science during national Science Week. All students will get the opportunity to engage in real life science with a range of kaiako. We will be focusing on the scientific method as we explore the properties of science.

Home Learning -

Home Learning in term 2 will continue to compliment our major theme *Ashgrove STAR's*. In term 2, we will be focusing on Attitude. Students will bring home (and emailed to parents) an alphabet of activities and tasks that they can complete around showing attitude. Students must complete 5 or more of these over the term, record their learning in their Home Learning diary and then get the activities signed off by a parent/caregiver. In doing so, students will work towards and receive their Attitude Award for demonstrating that value. Please note, the last day for signing off home learning tasks will be **Friday 30 June**. Please encourage your child to bring in their work over the term as there will be no extensions to this date.

We were blown away with the quality of the students work around Respect and Responsibility in term 1. We were amazed at the students attitudes and so proud of the number who received their awards at the end of last term. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of your child to achieve these tasks.

SPORT

Sports Coaching -

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

Cross Country -

Our school cross country is going to be held on Friday 26 May (week 4), postponement Monday 29 May. All children will be expected to run over a course that is 1-3 km long. Please encourage your child to spend some of his/her free time working on his/her fitness in the coming weeks. We will also be working on this at school.

The Rakahuri Winter Sports Competition -

The Year 5/6's from Mahuri will be competing in the Rakahuri Primary Schools Winter Friday Sports Competition. Every Friday from week 5 onwards, students will travel to venues around Rangiora to compete in their chosen sport against other Rakahuri schools. There will be a one day tournament at the end of term 2. The sport competition will conclude in week 3 of term 3. Children will travel to venues on a bus. The Year 4 students will participate in sporting activities at school.

To make this possible, we need your support with either coaching or managing teams each Friday. Please indicate on the sport newsletter that will go home this week if you can help. We wish to thank all the parents in advance for giving up their time to manage sports teams and support the children in this tournament.

Swimming -

This term Rata will complete swimming lessons at Dudley Pool each Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child's \$16.50 swimming fee is paid before lessons begin to ensure they are able to take part.

School Open Day -

We welcome you all to come and look around Mahuri and see our programmes in action on Wednesday 17 March. More information will be sent out soon.

Winter -

As the weather gets colder it is important for the children to be dressed appropriately to play outside. They are required to play outside unless it is raining, so the school jersey and polar fleece is needed on cold days.

Finally, if your child is feeling unwell or has a heavy cold please keep him/her at home. As you will appreciate in a busy learning environment germs can spread very quickly and we need to avoid this if possible.

If you would like to make contact with any of us, please feel free to come into class, email (teachers first and last name@ashgrove.school.nz e.g. jokeane@ashgrove.school.nz) or phone the school to make an appointment.

We look forward to a another great term working with your child.

Kind regards,

Andrea Woolford, Kristyn Ferry, Mat Jenkins, Shallie Doney, Sharon Heeman, Angelina Bourke, Jo Keane and Fiona Bester.

Mahuri Team Term 2 Overview

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	1 May	2 Rata swimming	3	4	5 NC Sport
2	8	9 Rata swimming	10	11	12 Full school assembly
3	15 Science week	16 Rata swimming	17 School open day	18	19 Full school assembly
4	22	23 Rata swimming ICAS digital test	24	25	26 NC Sport Cross Country
5	29 Cross country p/p ASB Getwise programme all week	30 Rata swimming ICAS science	31	1 June	2 Full school assembly Friday Sport starts (Y5/6)
6	5 Queens Birthday	6 Rata swimming	7	8	9 NC Sport Friday sport (Y5/6)
7	12 ICAS writing	13 Rata swimming	14 NZ Playhouse performance ICAS spelling	15	16 Full school assembly Friday sport (Y5/6)
8	19 Kia Kaha	20 Rata swimming	21	22	23 NC Sport Friday sport (Y5/6) Reports go home
9	26 Learning Conferences 12:30- 6:00pm Kia Kaha	27 Rata swimming	28 Learning Conferences 12:30- 6:00pm	29	30 Full school assembly Friday sport (Y5/6) Home Learning due
10	3 July Kia Kaha Winter tournament day (Y5/6)	4 Rata swimming	5	6 Mahuri Celebration assembly 2:00pm	7 NC Sport House games (Book character dress up day)