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Turepo Learning Team Newsletter – Term 2

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2. The students have had a good break, and are settling back into the routines of school well.

Once again we have a busy term ahead of us, with mid-year reports issued in week 8 and parent interviews in week 9.

Sport

We begin this term with cross-country. Our school event is on Friday 26th May at the Showgrounds and the North Canterbury event is on the 7th June. We are training daily, so please ensure your child wears shoes suitable for running.

Next Monday we have the last session of bowls at Rangiora Bowling Club. Students will be walking down and playing a full game of bowls. We have appreciated the support from Canterbury Bowls.

Every fortnight we have North Canterbury coaches in the school taking training and skill sessions, our day is Thursday.

We have the Canterbury Indoor Tournament for volleyball and basketball on Tuesday 23rd May and if your child is selected for either of these sports, there will be notices coming home with details.

We begin winter sport on Friday afternoons on the 2nd June and a notice has been sent home asking for your support to manage teams so that all pupils can participate. Students have selected which sport they will be playing. In the last week of term is the Winter sports tournament on Monday 3rd July.

Other Events

We have two debating teams in the North Canterbury competition. Our first debates are next week against Clarkville and Waipara. We wish both teams good luck in their debates.

Next term we have interclass debates giving another 12 pupils in each class the chance to develop their debating skills.

Our senior speech competition is now this term, as there is a North Canterbury competition this year. Our winner will qualify for the final in June if they can beat the Rangiora Borough champion.

All students must write and present their speech to their class. The topics that students can choose from are: Coping with....., Happiness is more important than money, Sometimes it is better not to tell the truth, Teachers these days have no sense of humour, In the real world you have to....., Shoelaces are overrated.

Year 7 speeches are two and a half minutes long, while the Year 8's are three minutes. Our Ashgrove final is in week 6.

We will have teams in the Canterbury Spelling Quiz to be held on Wednesday 7th June.

The North Canterbury Chess competition date is yet to be confirmed but we will have teams in this as well.

Curriculum Matters

Students have received their home task sheet for this term, please encourage your child to do a little every week rather than leave it to the last moment and have to do a lot.

We have another four weeks of our New Zealand topic. For the rest of the term we have a Science Interchange, with each teacher taking experiments on different strands of Science.

Writing groups will continue for another two weeks studying genre formats and skills, before speech writing. Spelling continues on a daily basis and Reading groups are studying novels this term.

Maths groups will continue all term including using Maths Buddy. I hope parents are accessing their children's results on this programme, which is available to students 24/7. If you require information about how to do this, teachers have a notice with the steps to follow.

Well done to our senior pupils who are setting a fine example in taking on responsibilities around the school. School Councillors, Librarians, Road Patrollers, House Captains and Leaders, and Enviro team to mention a few. All these truly reflect our Ashgrove "STARS". It was pleasing to be able to award Star Bars to some pupils at the end of last term, and I am sure more will earn theirs by the end of this term.

High School Update

This term all the high schools have Open Days. Rangiora High School is on May 25th and they have timetabled visit times when you can take your child. If your Year 8 is the first child attending High School this is an excellent opportunity to see what they offer. Enrolment forms and Prospectus will be issued later.

Winter's on its way!

As the weather gets colder it is especially important at this time of the year for the students to be dressed appropriately for play / PE outside. We will require them to play outside unless it is raining, so a jacket is needed on cold days. We also ask them to take off wet or muddy shoes before coming in the classroom, so a pair of warm slippers can be a good idea.

If your child is feeling unwell or has a heavy cold please keep them at home. As you will appreciate in a crowded classroom germs can spread very quickly and we need to avoid this if possible.

Last, but not least..

Remember to keep an eye on the school fortnightly newsletter. It will keep you up to date on what's going on, and coming up.

A final reminder about uniform. Sunhats are not required until term 4. **Make-up, nail polish, skate shoes and jewellery** are not part of our school uniform!

We look forward to another productive term with your children!

Kind regards,

TUREPO LEARNING TEAM

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