



Growing Together For Success

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Kia ora Mahuri Whānau

## MAHURI TEAM KAWERONGO / NEWSLETTER TERM 3

Haere mai back to our wharekura and to a busy Term 3. We hope you had a great break and managed to do something exciting amongst the rain, wind, frosts and some winter sunshine.

### AKO IN MAHURI

#### ***Uiuinga/Inquiry Ako***

This term we are continuing on our cultural focus with our *Where Do We Belong?* Uiuinga / Inquiry ako. Last term tamariki looked at their own heritage and completed a visual mihi representing where they have come from and things important to them. This term we delve deeper into looking at Aotearoa and other cultures around the world.

Our focus will then shift to pūtaiao / science where tamariki will immerse themselves in Planet, Earth and Beyond and the Material, Physical and Living Worlds. They will then choose a country to gain deeper ako in and complete a science fair investigation. This investigation will follow the scientific process and majority of the work will be completed at school. This will accumulate in a Science Fair where parents will be invited to attend in term four.

#### ***Literacy Ako***

Ākonga / students will continue to work across their own hub for Pānuitia / Reading. Our reading will be based upon texts that tie in with our topic, the student's interests or what is happening in the world around us. Your child will have specific learning goals according to their needs and level.

Our Tuhituhinga / Writing focus will be based upon the short stories from *Great Mates*, a book written by New Zealanders for the tamariki of Aotearoa. All the stories are in some way connected to the idea of friendship which will highlight and further reinforce our Ashgrove School STAR values.

#### ***Pāngarau / Mathematics Ako***

Ākonga will continue to work across their own hub for Pāngarau / Mathematics. Ako in Numeracy will be based upon addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and / or proportions and ratios (fractions, percentages and decimals). Rich problem solving will also be a major focus throughout the term.

To tie in with our Science Fair, ako will be around Statistics where ākonga will learn data collection, analysis, graphing and reporting.

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

## **HĀKINAKINA / SPORT**

### **Hākinakina Whakaako / Sports Coaching**

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

### **The Rakahuri Winter Sports Competition**

This term sees the completion of the Rakahuri Primary Schools Winter Friday Sports Competition for the Year 5 and 6's. The rescheduled Winter Tournament Day competition is Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August (week 2) and our final Friday sport competition is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August (week 3). We would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who have given up their time to coach, manage, referee or support their tamaiti and team at these competitions.

### **Kaukau / Swimming**

This term Kowhai will complete *kaukau* / swimming lessons at Dudley Pool each Tuesday. This will commence tomorrow, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Please remind your child to pack their togs and towel.

### **Wāhi noho ako / Home Learning**

Wāhi noho ako / Home Learning in term 3 will continue to compliment our Ashgrove STAR's. This term we will be focusing on Whakapono / Trust. Ākonga will choose one of the inquiry options (Nations in Focus, People in Focus or Family in Focus) and complete activities around this value over the term, ready to present in week 9.

The inquiries are designed for your tamaiti to complete by themselves or with a buddy and with the support (and assistance with the STEM projects) of their whānau. If you choose to assist your tamaiti with their inquiry, please let them do the bulk of the work and creative design.

In doing so, students will work towards and receive their Whakapono / Trust Award for demonstrating that value. Please note, the last day for presenting the inquiry will be **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Please encourage your tamaiti to complete their inquiry over the term as there will be **no** extensions to this date.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of your tamaiti to achieve these tasks.

### **Important Dates**

Kowhai swimming - each Tuesday

Year 5/6 Rakahuri Winter Tournament - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August (parent help still required)

Last day of Year 5/6 Friday Sport - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August

ICAS English Competition - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

ICAS Mathematics Competition - Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Mahuri Celebration assembly - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm

### **Ashgrove School 50th Jubilee**

Over Labour weekend this year, we are holding our 50th jubilee celebrations. On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, our hubs will be open to the jubilee attendees and we will be showcasing our science fair projects. We warmly invite and encourage our students to attend for the morning of this day. Thank you for your support with this.

If you would like to make contact with any of us, please feel free to come into our hubs, email (kaiako 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 another great term working with your tamaiti.

Kind regards,

Mahuri Team

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