



Growing Together For Success

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TUREPO TEAM TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you managed to find time for some rest and relaxation, and enjoyed family time in the holidays despite the weather. We are looking forward to a busy and full term with improving weather as spring approaches.

Term 2 finished with Parent Teacher conferences, and we are now half way through the year. For the parents of the Year 8 students, realization that your child's time at Ashgrove is quickly coming to an end, and an emphasis on readiness for Year 9 at High School is paramount. RHS information evening for parents and students is on Tuesday 15th August. All year 8 students should now be enrolled at a High School for 2017.

We are delighted at the increasing independence many of the senior pupils are displaying, and expect them to be great role models for younger pupils, taking on extra responsibilities around the school, and becoming independent and self - motivated learners. It has been encouraging to see the number of pupils who have accepted the challenge of being a Turepo Star and are working towards or achieved their Ashgrove Star badge.

Sport –

- Rakahuri Winter Tournament for Rugby, Soccer, Hockey and Netball is on next Tuesday 1st August. Correct sports gear is required on this day including footwear (e.g. boots). Safety gear- mouthguards, shin pads. Plenty of lunch and morning tea and water bottles. We welcome spectators, and thank those providing assistance in coaching, managing and umpiring.
- The last Friday afternoon sport games are in week 3. We will be collecting back in students sports uniforms after the Winter Tournament unless their team has qualified for the Town Winter Tournament which is on Thursday 24th August. Our continued thanks to the parents who give up their time to coach and manage teams, thus making this competition possible for all students.
- North Canterbury Coaching for each class continues on alternate weeks.
- The Turepo ski day this year is on Wednesday 30th August. Pupils may ski or snowboard. The parent information evening is this Thursday 27th July at 5.30 in Turepo 3. As in previous years we will need parent helpers going up to Mt Hutt and we will be fund-raising to support this day. We will be holding "sausage sizzle" days on the Friday 18th and Friday 25th August and will need parents on each day to help with cooking. A note about this will be coming home shortly. The skiing is not a compulsory activity, (though we do encourage participation) but for pupils not going to Mt Hutt, Wednesday 30th August will be a normal school day.
- Koru Games are in week 9 on the 19th - 21st September. A notice about this has gone home and pupils intending to participate must return slips to the office drop box by this Friday for us to make up teams.

Other Events.

Congratulations to our Senior Jump Jam Team who have qualified for the Nationals in Auckland next term. They will be busy practising this term for this event.

Our Kapahaka group is performing in the Rakahuri Cultural Festival at Ohoka in the last week of term on either the 27th or 28th September. These boys and girls have been working hard with tutors all year, and we know they will represent Ashgrove with pride.

This term we will be holding our interclass debates where many students will showcase their public speaking skills.

Each class has 3 teams and the moots are "Cats are better pets than dogs." and "There should be no ads on TV"

On Tuesday morning 8th August we have a Year 7 and Year 8 team competing in the North Canterbury Cantamath competition at Clarkville School. Then a fortnight later on Wednesday 23rd the same teams compete in the Christchurch Cantamath competition held after school. We wish our pupils all the best for these competitions.

We have our own Ashgrove Cantamath competition on Monday 21st August - where all pupils are in a team against their peers, at their level.

On Sunday 13th August we have 2 teams representing Ashgrove in the North Canterbury Chess Championships.

On the night of Thursday August 31st we will have 4 teams competing in the Canterbury Current Events Quiz at Avonhead school.

In weeks 7, 8 & 10 our Year 8 girls will again have Self Defence lessons on Tuesday mornings with Linda Maindonald, a qualified instructor.

Curriculum

Next Wednesday we have speakers from the "Attitude" programme talking to our students and the workbook for this is \$3 to be paid on Kindo.

Following this we have an Olympic Ambassador also coming to speak to the team.

We also have Cyber Safety lessons in class as part of our focus on Health this term and this is followed by the "Sexuality Road" classroom programme including a visit from the Family Planning for the Year 8's.

Our Topic of "Past, Present & Future" is based around the Ashgrove School Jubilee on Labour weekend, and will include visits to local museums.

Home task sheets will be shared this week for the term and will be due in week 9. Students will also be provided with hard copies.

For Technology at Rangiora Borough the students have their Term 3 and Term 4 choices confirmed and payment is on Kindo at Ashgrove. Please only pay the choices your child has selected. Fabric has 2 prices as if students bring their own material from home it is cheaper, if they choose to use the materials provided at Tech it is the dearer amount.

A final reminder – cell phones brought to school must be handed in to the teacher at the beginning of the day. Also - nail polish, make-up and jewellery are **not part of our school uniform.**

We look forward to another productive term with your children. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher should you have any concerns.

Kind regards,

TUREPO LEARNING TEAM

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