



Growing Together For Success

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Kia ora Parents / Whānau

We are already into the second half of the year and our kapa haka group has a very busy semester ahead! Here is a bit of information for the upcoming events we have organised that your taitamaiti / tamariki will be a part of. More specific information will come out about each event closer to the time.

TERM 3

Library visit (Te wiki o te reo Māori)

We have been asked to attend the Rangiora Library to perform as part of their Māori Language week (te wiki o te reo Māori). We will be performing at 10.00am during their preschool session and in front of community members - possibly the Mayor! This is booked for **Thursday 14th September at 10.00am**. There will be a small cost involved to cover the payment for buses.

Arts soiree

The same day as our Library visit we have our Arts Soiree where a number of different arts groups from within the school perform to students and whānau. This evening is **Thursday 14th September at 6.00pm** in the school hall but students will be asked to arrive around 5.30pm to get dressed and ready to perform. This is a wonderful opportunity for whānau to see their children dressed in kapahaka uniform and performing as events are often during school time which means parents can't always attend.

One day wānanga

We have been busy organising a special one day event for our kapa haka students. We will be having a one day wānanga held at school where our junior and senior kapa haka students will join together for the morning to participate in a number of fun and engaging activities followed by shared kai. Each family is asked to bring a plate of kai to share with everyone. If your taitamaiti / child has food allergies please ensure they have appropriate food with them.

The afternoon session will be seniors only, where we will have time to practise our performance set before the Rakahuri Festival the following week.

We will require parent help for the morning's activities. If you are willing and able to help run an activity, (all information and resources will be provided. No prior knowledge necessary) please let us know as soon as you can.

This event will be **Saturday 23rd September**.

- 9.00am - 11.50am** - Both seniors and juniors for activities
- 11.50am - 12.30pm** - Shared kai and play
- 12.30pm - 2/2.30pm** - Seniors only for performance practise

Kapa haka rehearsal and Parent consultation hui

Before our Rakahuri Festival performance we will hold a rehearsal the evening of **Monday 25th September**, starting at 6.00pm, which whānau are invited to attend. Following our dress rehearsal we will hold our annual parent consultation hui for our community. We invite all whānau to share their voice and hear the school's view on our goals and aims for our Māori community and learners.

- 6.00pm - 6.30pm** - Kapa haka rehearsal
- 6.30pm - 7.00pm** - Shared kai
- 7.00pm - 7.45pm** - Parent/whānau hui

Rakahuri kapa haka festival

Once again we will be attending the Rakahuri Kapa haka Festival at the Ohoka hall on **Thursday 28th September**, at **12.00pm**. We will be attending and performing during school hours and will require payment (TBA) to pay for transport to and from the venue. We will work with the Tūrepo teachers regarding Technology times for this event.

TERM 4

Ashgrove Jubilee

Over Labour Weekend, Ashgrove is celebrating its 50th Jubilee. **Saturday 21st October** is the day event where ex and current pupils and whānau are invited to the school. We have been asked, along with other school performance groups, to attend and showcase what we have been working on. We will perform a few items and support our opening speaker with a mihi whakatau / official welcome speech. We would love to have as many students performing at this event and would expect the children to be at school around 10.20am to get dressed and ready to perform for the 11.00am opening.

Opening for Santa's Grotto

We have been invited to help open the Santa's Grotto event this year. It will be held after school on **Friday 1st December**. The specific time of our short performance has not yet been confirmed but lock in the date!

Ashgrove end of year prizegiving

To conclude each year we hold an end of year prizegiving. Our kapa haka group will be helping welcome our teachers / kaiako and leaving Year 8 students and will showcase our performance piece for the Ashgrove parents and community. The prizegiving is the evening of **Tuesday 12th December**.

If you have any questions regarding any of our exciting, upcoming events, please do not hesitate to contact Kristyn at kristynferry@ashgrove.school.nz. As mentioned, we will send out more information for specific events as we receive it. If you are able to help out in any way - with performances, uniform alterations, getting tamariki dressed and ready, guitar playing or organisation, please let us know. We would love to have more support from our hapori / community.

Ngā mihi nui
Kristyn Ferry and Lydia Dixon



Return slip. Please return to Miss Ferry in the Mahuri Kowhai block by

My child / ren, _____, is / are able to attend this / these events with the Ashgrove Kapa haka group (please circle the events they are able to attend for both Term 3 and 4. **Underlined events will require payment for transport**).

Year Level: _____

Room: _____

Signed by parent / caregiver: _____

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