



Growing Together For Success

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Turepo Learning Team Term 4 Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 4. Hopefully families enjoyed the break despite the weather, as we look forward to this last term at Ashgrove for our Year 8 students. For some, it will be your last term as Ashgrove parents with your youngest child heading off to high school next year. We thank all parents for your support throughout the year, which allows us to offer our students opportunities such as interschool sport, activity week, Koru games, ski day etc. We had a very busy and successful Term 3 and we hope you appreciated the photos of our achievers with the last bulletin. All of these events would not have been possible without the assistance of our helpful parents.

We are looking forward to another busy and full term. With warmer weather we are able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine - remembering that for Term 4 **sunhats are part of our school uniform**, while **jewellery, makeup and nail polish are not permitted**.

It is pleasing to see the number of senior students earning their value bars and Ashgrove star badges, and working productively on their home tasks. We are sure that the Year 8 students will make the most of their last term at Ashgrove, while the Year 7's can focus on goals for next year. Head Boy, Head Girl, and School Council applications are due this term, with the results announced at the end of the year.

Sport

- **School Athletic Sports** are next **Friday 27th October**. For those who qualify the Rakahuri Zone Sports are at Ashgrove on **Tuesday 14th November**, and for our athletic stars - Canterbury Primary School Champs are on **Wednesday 6th December**. We do appreciate the parents who offer their support on this busy day - if you can, please let Mr Seaton know. The notice about the day has gone home.
- **Swimming** at Dudley Pool started yesterday and will continue on the Tuesday and Friday afternoons listed on the swimming notice that went home last term. The ability to swim is a vital life skill especially in our country where we have easy access to rivers, lakes and beaches, and this opportunity for lessons is not offered at high school. Please support your child by reminding them to bring swimming gear each Tuesday and Friday that we have swimming. Students who are not swimming will remain at school in another senior class.
- **Sailing** - We have the opportunity for half day yachting at Lake Pegasus 20th - 24th November. Students will go in groups of 12 and we will require parent help for transport in the mornings or afternoons of these dates. Notices with all the details will be out next week and payment of \$19.00 will be added to Kindo. This will not interfere with Technology at Rangiora Borough as a Turepo 3 group will be sailing Thursday morning and a Turepo 1 group in the afternoon.

Like ski day, this is an optional extra, and we have to book 2 years in advance due to the popularity of this programme run by Yachting NZ.

Other Curriculum Matters

- **Health** - Paul Scammell from Family Planning took the session on Conception and Contraception for the Year 8 students - Wednesday 18th October. This is one of the lessons in the Sexuality Road health programme for our senior students.
- **Self Defence** - Our Year 8 girls enjoyed the 3 sessions run by an experienced female instructor, Lynda Maindonald last term and we are fortunate to have this opportunity for our girls each year.
- **Topic - "Past, Present and Future"** continues this term, with students work being on display this Saturday for the Ashgrove Jubilee. Students have enjoyed researching what life was like 50 years ago, and the visits to the local museums last term were interesting and educational. We are fortunate to have such quality resources as Sparks Museum and the Rangiora Museum locally.
- **Other units** - In reading students will be using the Avaiill programme. We will also be doing work on "Careers - Future Planit" and a Visual Language unit "Communication".
- **Hometask Sheet** - Again we have a hometask sheet due in week 8. It has been pleasing to see most pupils' develop time management and organisational skills to complete these simple tasks on time. A vital skill for High School!

Other Events

- **Tuesday 17th October** - Testing morning at Ashgrove for our Year 8 students going to Rangiora High in 2018
- **Saturday 21st October** - Ashgrove 50th Jubilee. Students performing need to be at school at 10.30am. Other students at 12.30pm. All students need to be collected at 2.00pm. Students wear school uniform and all classrooms are open.
- **Saturday 22nd October** - Rangiora Show. We have students who have Art entries in this.
- **Tuesday 31st October** - Orientation Day at Rangiora High School for Year 8's. 9.45am - 3.00pm
- **Thursday 16th November** - Teacher Only day
- **Friday 8th December** - Reports home
- **Tuesday 12th December** - Year 8 students, Adrenalin Forest (\$23.00 per pupil). Year 7 students, mountain biking at Spencer Park. We do require parents to help us on this day - especially those prepared to bike with the students. Notices coming home closer to the time.
- End of Year Ceremony and Prize-giving 6.00pm in our hall. All senior pupils are expected to attend.
- **Thursday 14th December** - House games in the afternoon. Year 8 Leavers Semi-formal at night in our Hall. 7.30pm
- **Friday 15th December** - Final day for students. Finish at 12.05pm

Last, but not least. . .

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