

Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Ahi - 2021!

Ahi

(noun) fire - according to most creation narratives, Māui obtained fire from Mahuika. The power of fire was recognised and sacred fires were associated with the tohunga and the tapu of the tūāhu and with rituals.

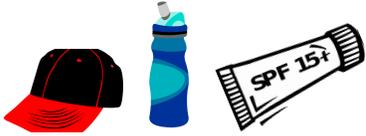
Our Values



Kia ora koutou and a very warm Ahi welcome to our new and returning students and families. We hope you all have had a great summer exploring, relaxing and laughing. This year our teaching team consists of; Jennifer Kim, Sean Mead, Judith Douglas (Team Leader), and a new teacher to Ahi but not

to Hataitai School, Rachel Peterson. Rachel worked in the Nga Wai team last year and we are delighted to have her join us! We are a collaborative team working within an ILE model (Innovative Learning Environment) and students work with different teachers at different times. Each student has a designated home class teacher who is the main point of contact for parents.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week One	Thursday 4th February	School begins	OTHER REMINDERS  Don't forget the essentials for summer well-being! Please ask your child to bring a novel to read at school.  Technicraft begins Thursday, 11th February Please wear covered shoes. Tie up long hair. School Picnic! Bring a lunch, snacks, spade, hat, sunblock, togs, towel and energy!! 
Week Two	Monday 8th February Tuesday 9th February Thursday 11th February Friday 12th February	Waitangi Day Holiday Road Patrol Training Y7 Techicraft begins School Picnic to Scorching Bay	
Week Three	Monday 15th February	Meet the Teachers: 6pm-7.30pm	
Week Four			
Week Five			
Week Six			
Week Seven	Monday 15th March Thursday 18th- Friday 19th March	Student Teacher Conferences. Teacher Only Day - school closed Ahi One Night Camp (TBC)	
Week Eight	Thursday 25th- Friday 26th March	Ahi camp ppt date (TBC)	
Week Nine	Friday 2nd April	Good Friday - School Closed	
Week Ten	Monday 5th April Tuesday 6th April	Easter Monday - School Closed Easter Break - School Closed	
Week 11	Wednesday 14th April Friday 16th April	Senior Futsal Tournament Last day of Term 1 @ 3pm	

Homework

There will be a variety of tasks that will require an investment of time including Seesaw, Banqer, Inquiry research and so on. Students are expected to be reading daily and we will be providing discussions to encourage new titles throughout the year.

Seesaw

Ahi will be using Seesaw as a platform for showcasing student work, setting assignments and encouraging an effective online forum for constructive feedback between teachers and students. Your child will soon bring home a code

CURRICULUM STUDIES

Inquiry Focus: This year we are continuing to embed our 'Positive Behaviour for Learning' values, Mana, Manaaki and Ako. This is a school-wide agreement, promoting and reinforcing positive behaviour throughout the school. Please encourage your child to talk about these values at home too. From Week 4 onwards, we will be promoting our 21st Century skills through group projects.

to enable you to sign in and see their posts. We encourage you to interact and discuss your child's learning via this great platform at least once a week.

Mathletics

All students will have specific tasks set that relate to the skills they need to develop, revise or maintain. They may also look at other areas when their set tasks are completed and complete the rich learning problems that may be set.

Cellphones

This year students will be able to keep their cellphone in their own bag, providing it is not used at all during the school day and is only checked after school. When we are out of school cellphones can accompany the children. We encourage responsible digital citizenship and this is one way students can practice this.

Getting in contact with us

We are always open to sitting down and meeting with you, but keep in mind that before class begins teachers are busy preparing learning spaces and lesson materials for the day ahead. If you need more than a few minutes of our time, it is better to make an appointment for after school. If your child is sick please ensure you call or email the office as well as your child's Home Class Teacher to let them know.

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If at any time you have any concerns, questions, information and/or feedback to share, please contact us directly. Emails are generally checked between 3.30 - 5.00pm. Due to the nature of our profession, we are often unable to respond to emails within the same day. We endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

Mathematics: We begin with a Maths Inquiry that will engage our brains back into maths mode; our context being 'Math all around us'. We will be concentrating on applying number strategies to real life contexts. From Week 4 onwards we will focus on financial literacy, and Geometry and Measurement and other camp related tasks. There will be opportunities for both extension and reinforcement of key skills within these strands. Children may work with different teachers at different times depending on which areas of maths need development. We will be encouraging positivity, confidence and connections this year through rich tasks and real life opportunities to practise skills.

Literacy/Leadership: This term's reading and writing will include transactional writing in the form of letter writing (Leadership applications) We will undertake novel studies with the students, focusing on retelling, inferring and forming a response to these using figurative language.

Physical Education: Students engage in daily fitness sessions and will have the opportunity to try 4 different sports on a Wednesday afternoon. We have a futsal tournament coming up on the

The Arts: The students will be exposed to two art rotations working within a culturally responsive theme, connecting to our sense of belonging at Hataitai School using different mediums and graphics.

Languages:

Over the course of this year all students will have the opportunity to study Spanish, Korean, Te Reo Maori and NZ sign language. Languages will begin in Week 5 Term 1.

Enrichment:

We offer a range of different opportunities at different times of the year that stem from students' voice and passions. If you have any skills you'd like to offer please get in contact!

We look forward to supporting and challenging your child in their journey of learning this year!