

AHI-TERM 3, 2019

Matariki fundraising

Thanks to all parents and Ahi students who worked behind the scenes to ensure our Matariki evening was a huge success! We raised **\$5404** altogether which will go towards our EOTC week this year and our ski camp next year.



Showquest

Well done and congratulations to Saoirse Russell and Sophia Woodbridge who lead, produced and choreographed our Showquest Squad to perform at the Michael Fowler Centre last term. The students were professional and dedicated. A huge shout-out to the students and parents who helped make this leadership opportunity possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week One	Wed 24th July	Whole School Show 'The Tortoise and the Hare'	OTHER REMINDERS *HELPERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCTION* Set design/building/painting/ sticking/cutting/sewing/design ing/ sourcing materials/making/helping/logi stics/anything else at all :) Thank-you to those parents who have already offered their support! Please see details below. Technicraft We will continue to go to Mt Cook school every Thursday for Technicraft. Please ensure hair is tied up and your child has covered shoes. 21st Century Skills This term: Productivity and Social Skills - students will learn, discuss and and integrate these skills into their learning.
Week Two		We welcome Aliada Middlebrook who will be a student teacher in Ahi for 7 weeks.	
Week Three	Wed 7th July	Nz Children's Book Awards in Te Papa - listening to 2 authors present their stories. *Parent help needed - email judith.douglas@hataitai.school.nz	
Week Four	12th -14th August Mon 12th August Wed 14th August	Maths week Team Maths Day EZ Swimming	
Week Five	Thurs 22nd August	6.30pm Newlands Intermediate Mathswell Team competition	
Week Six	Saturday 31st August	Tournament of Minds competition	
Week Seven	Mon/Tues 2nd/ 3rd Sept Thurs 5th Sept Friday 6th Sept	World of Maths Roadshow School Photos School Photos	
Week Eight			
Week Nine	Wed 18th Sept	EZ Floorball Y5-8	
Week Ten	Wed 25th Sept Thursday 26th Sept	Senior School Production 'Unless' Matinee Show & Evening show Evening show Times TBC	

CURRICULUM STUDIES

Homework

Homework will be posted on Seesaw every Friday. It will be located in the Home Learning folder on your child's account. Please ask them to discuss it with you, and you will be able to see their response after they post it to the blog.

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. We encourage you to ask your child's teacher to resend the code if you have not yet signed in to view your child's work.

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. This term the focus is largely around number revision and Algebra.

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 before and after school. No phones are to be brought into the classroom without permission from a teacher. 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.

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.

Health We will run the NZ Police 'Kia Kaha' programme in the middle of the term as part of our social skills unit. Resources can be viewed on the NZ police website [here](#). 'Through Kia Kaha students develop strategies for respectful relationships where bullying behaviours are not tolerated.' (NZ Police website)

Languages:

We will be offering Spanish, Korean, Te Reo Maori and sign language. There are also student workshops running in German, Mandarin and Japanese which we will facilitate to encourage leadership and opportunities.

Production: The last week of this term, Year 5-8 will showcase their talents in a senior production called, "Unless". They will spend two afternoons each week in their areas of their choice. These areas are in performance, school band, backstage production (costuming and set design) and in sound and lights. This is an exceptional way of nurturing your child's passion for the arts. Stay tuned for more information. If you can help please contact:

jennifer.kim@hataitai.school.nz - acting

kris.beattie@hataitai.school.nz - acting

sean.mead@hataitai.school.nz - singing/music

paul.brownlie@hataitai.school.nz - singing/music

judith.douglas@hataitai.school.nz - costumes

mark.maieski@hataitai.school.nz - set design

glen.sneddon@hataitai.school.nz - lights/sound

maddison.honor@hataitai.school.nz - dance

Mathematics: This term we will be studying Algebra from weeks 2-7 and number strategies in weeks 8-10. Your child has already set their Algebra goals -please ask them to share them! Our ALiM programme (Accelerated learning in Maths) for a small group of students will be running this term. You will be contacted if your child is a part of this to take part in a survey. We will be celebrating Maths week in Week 4 and would appreciate any help/ideas/math problems/resourcing/experts that you can bring to our team to enrich the students learning. Our Mathwell team is currently being selected.

Literacy: We will be deconstructing short stories and poetry this term; looking at the 'Hero's Journey' to plan our own short stories and using poetry within a story to illustrate feelings and characters. Our key skills of focus will be; building vocabulary knowledge inferring, and visualising. Our spelling programme will be integrated into our literacy lessons. Homework may support writing that is going on in class.

Leadership: Teams will meet through-out the term to review their action plan. We encourage each team to create learning opportunities through-out the term using initiative and creativity.

Physical Education: We have Kelly Sports sessions this term every Friday where students will practise their jumping and throwing in preparation for our Athletics day which is early in Term 4. We continue to do daily fitness through running and fitness games sessions.

