

AHI-TERM4 2019

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A huge thank-you for your support during our senior production. The students showed leadership, collaboration, confidence and enthusiasm during the process. Thanks to those that helped us fundraise over \$2000 to help pay for our staging and lights for the shows.



IMPORTANT DATES

Week One	Friday 18th October	Map-a-thon sponsor money collected	OTHER REMINDERS Technicraft We will continue to go to Mt Cook school every Thursday for Technicraft. Please ensure hair is tied up and your child wears covered shoes. Hats Hats to be worn when outside as per our Sun Safe Policy. Phones Phone to be turned off and kept in school bags between 8.55am-3pm. Fundraising Can you please help with fundraising? please contact judith.douglas@hataitai.school.nz If you are able to help on a Friday between 11.30am-12.30pm to cook hotdogs with our hotdog team, please let us know. We can only offer hotdogs for the school if we have 2 parents to help.
Week Two	Mon 21st October Wed 23rd October Thurs 24th October Friday 25th October	Mapathon prize giving Athletics Day Grandparent and Special Person Day Labour Day Weekend. No school	
Week Three	Mon 28th October Wed 30th October Thurs 31st October Friday 1st October	Monday Labour Day. No school Epro 8 5pm-8pm @ Island Bay School 8 students Epro 8 5pm-8pm @ Island Bay School 8 students Senior Music Concert 915am-1015am	
Week Four			
Week Five	Friday 15th November	Y5-8 Speech Finals	
Week Six	Wed 20th November	Senior Disco 6-8pm	
Week Seven	EOTC week Tuesday 26th	See details attached Y8 Gardasil Injections 9am-11am	
Week Eight	Wed 4th December	EZ Miniball	
Week Nine	Tues 10th December Wed 11th December Thurs 12th December Fri 13th December	Sports Assembly 11.25am-12.30pm Parent Help Morning Tea 10:45am Year 8 Sailing Year 8 Sailing Carols Whanau Night TBC	
Week Ten	Mon 16th December Tuesday 17th	Class certificate Awards Assembly 9:15am-10.15am Y8 Leavers Dinner Brentwood Hotel @ 7pm Last day of school. School closes @ 1pm Y8 Leavers Assembly - 11.30am-12.30pm	

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.

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.

Passion Project: Please note that your child will be completing a study in an area of their choice. They may require your support in creating/interviewing/facilitating learning at home.

Mathematics: We will be starting the term studying probability (Weeks 1-3), number strategies (Week 4-5, 9) and statistics (Wk 5-8). We will be encouraging all students to see 'maths in everything', through rich learning tasks and group problem solving. 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.

Literacy: In our first 5 weeks we will be speech writing and investigating all aspects of persuasive writing; famous speeches; pathos, ethos, logos, techniques, vocabulary and connecting words. After our finals in Week 5, we will be reading for information around our EOTC activities in Week 7, then preparing for our end of year events.

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 will be continuing teaching athletics techniques for the first 2 weeks, then getting into softball season for the rest of the term. Ez Miniball will also run in the middle of the term.

Health: We have the Life Education Trust truck t in our first three weeks. We will be investigating the big idea of our Identity and reputation, and how to protect them. During weeks 8&9 we will be studying our Health unit: **Navigating the journey: Sexuality education. Te takahi i te ara: Whakaakoranga hōkakatanga.** Please note this is revised version of our existing unit. More details to follow.

EOTC: If you are able to help with any of the outlined days please email your home class teacher. Please note that fundraising will be ongoing to help cover costs of buses and activities.

Careers: We are always interested in exposing students to various careers and would love parents to come and talk with our students about their job and chosen career. If you can offer any help/want to present to us please contact your child's class teacher.