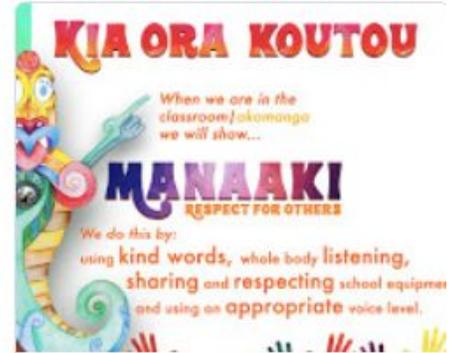


# Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Ahi - 2020!

## 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 comprises of; Jennifer Kim, Sean Mead, Judith Douglas (Team Leader), and a new teacher to Ahi, Kris Lewis. Kris is originally from Cornwall, England and brings a wealth of knowledge to our Ahi Team. 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

<b>Week One</b>	Monday 3rd Feb Thursday 6th Feb Friday 7th Feb	First day of school Waitangi Day (no school) School Picnic Scorching Bay	<p><b>OTHER REMINDERS</b></p>  <p>Don't forget the essentials for summer well-being!</p> <p><b>Technicraft</b> begins Thursday 13 Feb. Please wear covered shoes.</p> <p><b>Ahi Ski Camp dates:</b> Term 3 Week 2 Monday 27th July-Thursday 30th July</p>  <p><b>School Fair Sunday 1st March</b> Ahi students will be planning carnival games to run on the day. This is part of our Maths Investigation and will <b>need your support before, during and after the day</b>. Please talk with your child from Week 2. Donations of baking, second-hand goods, charity jars and others are needed as donations to the fair. More details to follow from the Hataitai Fundraising team.</p>
<b>Week Two</b>	ALL WEEK Tuesday 11th Feb  Wednesday 12th Feb  Thursday 13th Feb	St Johns First Aid sessions for students Y7/8 Swimming begins 12.30pm-2.30pm. Every week for 8 weeks. Y7/8 basketball sessions begin  Parent Information evening - 6:45pm Technicraft commences	
<b>Week Three</b>	Friday 21st Feb	Immunization talk for Y7/8 students during school	
<b>Week Four</b>			
<b>Week Five</b>	Sunday 1st March	School Fair	
<b>Week Six</b>			
<b>Week Seven</b>	Tuesday 17th March Thursday 19th March	Learning Conferences Learning Conferences	
<b>Week Eight</b>			
<b>Week Nine</b>			
<b>Week Ten</b>	Thursday 9th April	Term 1 ends	

## Homework

We will not be using a formal homework book this year however 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 various incentives to encourage this throughout the year.

## CURRICULUM STUDIES

**Inquiry Focus:** This year we are implementing 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. In Week 5 we will be exploring the history and cultures within our community and of linking with both local and global folklores.

### 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 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 5 times a term.

### 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 will be Financial Literacy; rich learning tasks around entrepreneurship leading towards our school fair.

### 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 and to engage our brains back into maths mode; our context being the upcoming school fair. We will be concentrating on decimals and place value and Geometry/Measurement. 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) and narrative (storyboarding). Students will storyboard a film script collaboratively in preparation for the Roxy 5 film competition due date March 1st. This is a great opportunity for students to practise planning and editing their writing, whilst sharing ideas. Starting in week

**Physical Education:** This term the Ahi students will have swimming lessons at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie every Tuesday commencing in Week 2 (11th February) 12.30pm-2.30pm and running for 8 weeks. There will be a range of water activities available to the students after initial testing. Ahi will also have a basketball session every week this term, coached by experts from Wellington Basketball within school.

**The Arts:** We begin this year with a digital arts focus; making short films in participation with the Roxy 5 Film Competition. This is an opportunity for the teachers to observe your child interacting with others and sharing their creativity across several curriculum areas.

### Languages:

Over the course of this year all students will have the opportunity to study Spanish, Korean, French, Te Reo Maori and NZ sign language. We are most grateful to Claire Mortelier for supporting us with her French expertise. Languages will begin in Week 5 Term 1.



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