

Ahi Term Two 2018 – He Waka Eke Noa!

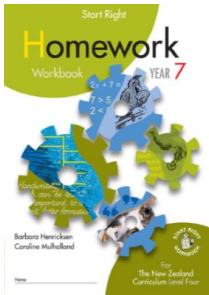
Welcome back to school for Term Two. We hope you have had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help with our fundraising to reduce the cost of our camp in Term Three. Please look out for more requests for help as the term progresses. The students take charge of most of this but we are highly dependant on and grateful for your support :-)



Important Dates for Term Two

Week One	Thursday 3 May Friday 4 May	Camp Information Evening 5:30 - 6:15 pm Team auction	Other events and reminders: Hotdogs: Every Friday this term  Swimming: Every Wednesday starting 9 May, Week Two.  Ski Camp - 31 July - 3 August (Week 2 of Term 3). 
Week Two	Wednesday 9 May Friday 11 May	Visit from Banquer experts. Swimming starts Inquiry Field Trip - Wastewater Plant and River Testing Wednesday	
Week Three	Science Week Bullying Free Week Tuesday 15 May Wednesday 16 May Friday 18 May	School Cross Country EZ Netball School Cross Country postponement	
Week Four	Wednesday 30 May Friday 1 June	EZ Cross Country Queen's Birthday holiday	
Week Five	Monday 4 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday	
Week Six	Tuesday 5 June Wednesday 6 June Tues, Wed, Thurs Friday 8 June	School Swimming Sports EZ Cross Country postponement Karaka - Learning Conferences this week Year 8 Boys visit to Rongotai College 9 - 12:30pm	
Week Seven	Tree Week Friday 15 June	Learning Celebration 9:15 - 10:15 am	
Week Eight	Tuesday 19 June	Camp Helpers Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 pm	
Week Nine	Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 June	Kowhai/Whero - Learning Conferences	

Week Ten	Thursday 5 July	Matariki Night	
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Home Learning in Ahi is a combination of chosen and set pieces of work with the expectation that all students will complete the tasks. Activities that need to be completed from class may be set and students will record these in their diaries.

Homework books Set every Friday and marked in class the following Friday.

Reading It is very important for all students to read regularly at home. Students are expected to record their reading in a log, either in their homework book or a book of their choosing.

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, Geometry and Measurement.

Cellphones In Ahi the expectation is that students put their cellphones into the blue Civil Defence Bag when they get to school. Students are to ask a teacher first if they are needing to check for a message from home.

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.

Please check for updates via our school website - updated in Weeks 2 and 7

Curriculum Studies

Inquiry Focus: This year the school-wide concept for our Inquiry is **Water!** This will be woven through all aspects of our learning, including Science, Social Studies, Health and Technology. This term we are continuing to look at how water is managed in Wellington and will compare this to water in the Central Plateau. Science will be prominent in this Inquiry and includes a field trip to test river/stream water quality. Students will create an infographic to represent the learning they do around their personal questions.

Mathematics: Our main focus this term is the Geometry and Measurement strand. Warm ups attend to basic facts, rich word problems and quick recall of number knowledge.

Literacy: Our reading and writing will support understandings in Inquiry and at the Central Plateau. Topics include survival, geography and water science using explanations, procedures and experimental recording. We continue with spelling workshops and will be including a handwriting, lettering and dictation/speed writing component that students can choose to sign up for.

Physical Education: Swimming is our main focus for the term. This is balanced at school with a rotation of Volleyball, Touch Rugby and Netball over the term on Fridays.

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The Arts: Our art will include both technology and collage to develop infographics around our Inquiry topics. We will be planning our calendar art.

Languages: We will be offering Spanish, Korean, French, Te Reo Maori and an independent option using an app. We are most grateful to Claire Mortelier for her French expertise.

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(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.