

Ahi Term Three Newsletter 2018

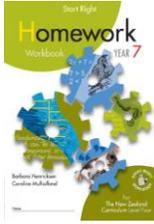
It is an exciting term for our teachers, students and parent helpers as Central Plateau Camp is about to be realised! We are truly grateful for all of your support with fundraising, ideas and moral support!



Ngake and Whataitai - an illuminated sculpture constructed for the WCC Matariki Celebration with artist Terence Turner and our Ahi Arts Team.

Important Dates for Term Three

One 23 - 27 July	Tuesday 24th	Sustainable Coastlines visitors	Other events and reminders: Ski Camp - 31 July - 3 August (Week 2 of this term!).  Contact Information: miCamp Taupo: 100 Rawhira Road, Waiteteko RD 2, Turangi Phone: 07 386 7967 Daily Updates: Jacinta will be sending through 2 daily updates at the beginning and the end of the day via email. Arrival time back in Wellington We endeavour to be back by 5pm on Friday, but of course this may be compromised by traffic. We will communicate with Jacinta directly and she will send emails via the office about our expected time of arrival. Any communication that is urgent please contact Jacinta first who will then get in contact with Cilla. Jacinta - 021 790075. Please do not contact Cilla directly. Please do not contact your child directly.
Two 30 - 3 Aug	31 July-3 Aug 1st Aug	Ski Camp - Last day for TOM sign ups	
Three 6 - 10 Aug	Tuesday 7th	KOS - Constable Aaron in to talk with class	
Four 13 - 17 Aug	Tuesday 14th Friday 17th	STEMANIA show 1:45 pm Maths Day	
Five 20 - 24 Aug	Wednesday 22nd Thurs 23rd	MATHSWELL 6:30 - 9:00 pm Tawa Intermediate EZ Swimming	
Six 27 - 31 Aug	Thursday 30 Friday 31st	Inspire Photography	
Seven 3 - 7 Sept	Friday 7th	Inspire photography	
Eight 10 - 14 Sept	Thur 13th	Interzone Swim Visual Artsplash to be at MFC this week.	
Nine 17 - 21 Sept	17th Sept 20th Sept	Artsplash Choir rehearsal 9:30 - 11:30 am. Performance 5:00 pm MFC Wearable Arts 9:30 am rehearsal /5:00 pm Performance: Dance Splash 4-7pm	
Ten 24 - 28 Sept	Thur 27th	Science Roadshow 9:00 - 11:15 am SWIS	



Home Learning

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: Our overriding concept is Water, and this term we look at the importance of water to the Central Plateau, geographically, climatically, for leisure pursuits and adventure. We also address the cultural and historical importance of water to this locality and to the people who live and have lived here.

Mathematics: Our primary focus is on Algebra with a strong emphasis on Number strategies and knowledge. Opportunities to use maths contextually in both of these domains will be integrated with the camp experience.

Literacy: We have purchased some beautiful new novels that came on high recommendation from the Children's Bookshop. Students will be reading these and take part in Literacy Circles and Book Club discussions. Students will need encouragement to read at home to ensure they keep up with their group and reading tasks. Writing is drawn from Camp experiences and will be linked to Inquiry. We will be focusing on the skills of '12 different ways to write a sentence' to add impact and create interest in our writing.

Physical Education: Our first week will be intensely focused on preparing for the slopes with a Ski-Boot-Camp! We have coaches coming in from Kelly Sports to help us deliver Run, Jump, Throw lessons for the rest of term.

The Arts: We are excited about working with the year 4-6 teams on 4 different aspects of Artsplash this term. Students have selected from Choir, Wearable Arts, Dance and Visual Arts. They will work twice per week with their group and will showcase their work at the Michael Fowler Centre later in the term.

Languages: Four languages continue to be on offer - Spanish, German, French and Japanese.



Tournament of Minds

An Ahi team of 7 students has been selected to represent Hataitai in TOM. They will solve open-ended challenges that foster divergent thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise.

Challenges are set in the following disciplines... The Arts, Language Literature, Social Sciences and STEM.

The students selected are:

Conor Chesney

Manon Petit

Rebecca Connelly

Eliza Quigley

Harry Philpot

Cohen Young

Kate Johnston

Support: Elliot Mance

The students will have 2 sessions a week until the competition on 2nd September in Wellington. Any questions please contact glen.sneddon@hataitai.school.nz

Final Reminders for Central Plateau Camp

1. Students need to be at school by 7:30 am on Tuesday 31 July. Buses depart 'on the dot' of 8:00 am. They need to look out for signs e.g. where to put their bags, baking, medication etc.
2. Students must have everything they need for the first day in their backpack. They will not be able to access their main luggage until the buses have arrived at miCamp. Inside their daypack there should be:
 - A hearty morning tea and lunch with snacks for the bus trip
 - A large water bottle
 - A warm jacket and/or a waterproof jacket
 - An activity for the bus ride such as a book or a notepad/colouring in
 - A pen or pencil
 - A cell-phone if they are bringing one to take photos or listen to music
 - Medication that they may need including asthma inhalers (named) and in a ziplock bag with your name and dosage of the medication and what it is for.
 - Optional: a travel pillow and small blanket
3. **Travel Sickness:** If students have a tendency for travel sickness, they should remind the teachers travelling with them (please keep in mind they may not be the only one). Please take some 'sealegs' or similar aid if that helps.
4. **Baking:** Please bring a sweet contribution that can be shared for morning and afternoon teas. A slice, some cookies or anything with a good shelf life is best. A list of ingredients on the container is useful too. Please, nothing with meat, or ingredients that will deteriorate fast. Please deliver these to Whero on Tuesday

morning and they will be packed separately. Many thanks!

5. **Footwear:** PLEASE select your shoes wisely. We have discussed in detail the expectations. For example, an old pair of trainers to wear around camp, a good pair of walking shoes and something comfy if we happen to get any time to relax around the camp. A good pair of socks is a worthwhile investment.

6. **Sickness.** We have discussed that it is very important that your child lets us know if they have experienced any illness leading up to camp. We have reinforced the need for extra care with personal hygiene and sanitation. We aim for a bug free experience :-).

Once again, we are so grateful for your support in allowing this fantastic opportunity to take place. We are also most grateful to the parents who are giving up their time to join us as helpers.