

Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Ahi – 2018!

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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.

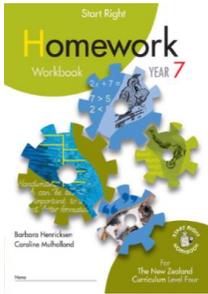


Kia ora koutou and a very warm Ahi welcome to our new and returning students and families. We are very excited about 2018! This year our teaching team comprises of Jennifer Kim, Sean Mead and Judith Douglas. Cilla Scott is the team leader and will regularly be in Ahi covering release and enjoying working with the students across various curriculum areas. We are a collaborative team and students work with different teachers at different times.

Important Dates

Week One	Thursday 1 February	First day of school	Other regular events and reminders  Starting Week 2: - Football coaching for all students Starting Week 3 - Cricket for girls, Wednesday afternoons for 4 sessions Technicraft begins Thursday 8 Feb. Covered shoes please. Ski Camp - 31 July - 3 August (Week 2 of Term 3). A deposit of \$100 is appreciated by the end of Week 8 (Friday 23 March). More information to follow.
Week Two	Tuesday 6 February	Waitangi Day (no school)	
Week Three	Thursday 15 February Friday 16 February	Meet the Team. 6:15pm in Whero School Picnic	
Week Four	Tuesday 20 February	Team development day - relievers will be in Ahi	
Week Five	Friday 2 March	Day Outing - Te Papa/ Arts Festival Future Playground	
Week Six	Wednesday 7 March Thursday 8 March	EZ Cricket tournament Road Patrol training/refresher	
Week Seven	Tuesday 13 March and Thursday 15 March	Learning Conferences	
Week Eight	Wednesday 21 March	Arts Day - Pasifika and Maori Arts Day - whole school	
Week Nine	Sunday 25 March	School Fair	

	Friday 30 March	Easter Friday (no school)	
Week Ten	Wednesday 4 April	School resumes after Easter break. EZ Football	
Week Eleven	Friday 13 April	Final day of Term One	



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 Statistics, Number revision and Algebra.

Cellphones In Ahi the expectation is that students put their cellphones into the blue Civil Defence Bag when they get to school.

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

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. The context for learning about water will change each term. If you have a special water related skill or interest we would love to hear from you.

Mathematics: We begin with a Revision and maths skills unit to engage our brains back into maths mode. Initial assessments in Week 4 will help us gauge where students are at. They may work with different teachers at different times depending on which areas of maths need development.

Literacy/Leadership: Some of this term's reading and writing will include: Letters of application for leadership roles; Ahi organisational tasks; All About Me collaborative activities; Oral language discussions; reading and writing narrative text; follow-up to Arts Festival visits.

Physical Education: Football and Cricket coaching by outside providers will provide extra skills, technique and game practice.

The Arts: We begin this year with a visual arts focus

office as well as your child's Home Class Teacher to let them know.

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using 3 different styles and mediums. This is an opportunity for the teachers to observe your child interacting with others and sharing their creativity.

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