

# Ahi Term Four Newsletter 2018

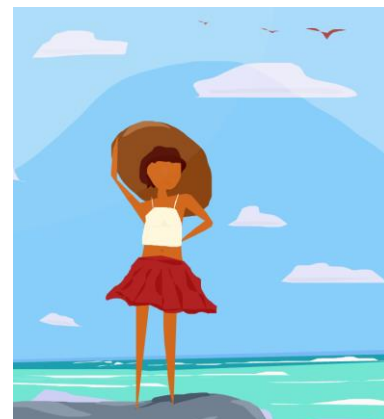
Kia ora koutou. It is a busy term so please have a good look at the dates below. We are needing parent support for a lot of activities, particularly a fantastic opportunity to be a part of the Taputeranga Marine Reserve 10 year celebrations. Please look at the highlighted events and let your child's teacher know if you are able to support us.



## Important Dates for Term Four

<b>One</b>	Thursday 18 Oct Friday 19 Oct	Grandparents and Special Persons' Day Labour Weekend holiday
<b>Two</b>	Monday 22 Oct Tuesday 23 Oct  Wed 24 Oct	We warmly welcome Jenn back to Ahi :-) Labour Weekend holiday <b>Mountains to Sea</b> First Session: Classroom Presentation ePro8 Challenge - 4:45 - 7:45 pm SWIS
<b>Three</b>	Tuesday 30 Oct Wednesday 31 Oct	Senior School Athletics, Newtown Park <b>Mountains to Sea - Pool session</b>
<b>Four</b>	Tuesday 6 Nov  Wednesday 7 Nov Friday 9 Nov	Road Patrol Training for Year 7s who need it Rongotai Testing (some Year 8 Boys) <b>Eastern Zone Athletics</b> Senior Music Concert
<b>Five</b>	Monday 12 Nov Wednesday 14 Nov  Thursday 15 Nov Friday 16 Nov	<b>Mountains to Sea - Snorkelling at Taputeranga</b> (Groups 1 and 2) <b>Mountains to Sea - Snorkelling at Taputeranga</b> (Group 3) Senior Speech Competition Possible day of NZEI strike action
<b>Six</b>	Monday 19 Nov	Careers Week begins.
<b>Seven</b>	Friday 30 Nov	<b>Year 8 Sailing experience</b> Environment project 'Student Volunteer Army' TBC
<b>Eight</b>	Thursday 6 Dec Friday 7 Dec	Family Picnic and Carols Night 5:00 - 7:00 pm <b>Mountains to Sea - Celebration of Marine Reserve. Party at Island Bay. 11:00 - 2:30 pm</b>
<b>Nine</b>	Monday 10 Dec Tuesday 11 Dec Wed 12 Dec  Thursday 13 Dec Friday 14 Dec	Sports Assembly 11:25 - 12:30 am Academic and Cultural Assembly 11:00 - 12:30 pm Senior Leavers' Dinner (Brentwood Hotel) 6:30pm Records of achievement come home. Thank you Morning Tea for parent helpers 11:00 am Leavers' Assembly 11:00 - 12:30 pm

### Other events and reminders:

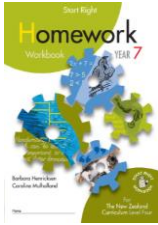


It's time for a sunhat - everyday!



Parent support required for all adventures that are highlighted in yellow. We need at least 8 parents for each group at Taputeranga. Please email your child's teacher if you can join us now! :-)

Thank you in advance!



## Home Learning

This term please continue to encourage your students in their use of Mathletics, Reading Eggspress if they have it, and reading for pleasure each night.

They will also need to be dedicating time to their speech preparation (not too much help from parents please) and their Passion Projects for Inquiry.

Year 8 students will be working on short speeches for the end of the year assembly and would benefit from practising it at home.

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## Careers

Do you have a great career that our students need to hear about? Please let your child's teacher know and we will find you a time slot to come and speak with the team. These will start in Week 6!



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

## Curriculum Studies

**Inquiry Focus:** We are completing our Water Inquiry this term with an exciting series of interactions with "Mountains to Sea Wellington". This involves class visits from experts, snorkeling practice, a snorkel in the reserve and a party to celebrate.

Passion Projects also come under the umbrella of Inquiry. Students will need to 'take action' as part of this. To do so, they may ask you or someone you know to assist with organising the action. We would really appreciate your help with this. E.g. they may wish to go and visit a community group, someone at their workplace, or bring an expert into school to help promote their action.

**Mathematics:** Our primary focus is on Statistics this term. We are also doing some coding in small groups and will link this with our statistics focus where possible.

**Literacy:** Persuasive text will pervade our literacy studies this term - both in reading and writing, as we prepare for our Speech Competition in Week 5. We are running a series of oral language workshops that will focus on techniques of delivery and tricks to persuade an audience.

**Physical Education:** The early part of our term focuses on Athletics, leading into our Senior Athletics Day. This is followed by summer sports skills such as cricket, softball and hockey. We are also adding dance into the mix with some student leaders.

**The Arts:** In visual art we will have a variety of medium to express aspects of passion projects and Inquiry.

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

**Health:** Week 6 and 7 we will be covering our Sexuality Education unit. We will be in touch closer to the time with more details about this.