

Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Ahi - 2021!

Kia ora koutou Ahi students, parents and caregivers. A huge thanks for the support that our community has shown us last term. The Y7/8 students have shown immense resilience, flexibility and kindness towards each other, their learning and our expectations.

IMPORTANT DATES-TERM 2

Week 2	Wednesday 11th May	Author zoom call for students - Tania Roxborough
Week 3	Monday 16th May Wednesday 18th May Friday 20th May	WEG in school talk (Y8 girls) School Cross Country competition Author zoom call for students - Bandana Bard EZ netball
Week 4	Wednesday 25th May	Cross Country ppt
Week 5	Thursday 2nd June Friday 3rd June	Showquest Performance (am) Queens Birthday: School closed
Week 6	Monday 6th June Friday 11th June	Queens birthday: School closed Rongotai Boys Y8 visit
Week 7	Tuesday 14st June	Boosterix injections for Y7 boys
Week 8	Wednesday 22nd June Friday 24th June	Matariki Breakfast Matariki Holiday School closed
Week 9		Learning Conferences Student Record of Achievement
Week 10	Friday 8th July	End of term

TBC

Carter Observatory Trip, City Gallery: Māori Art Workshop, Learning conferences, Student Records of Achievement



COVID- Students are encouraged to wear a mask when inside our school buildings. Students over the age of 12 must wear a mask when on school buses.

Please ask your child to bring 2 novels to read and share at school plus one of their favourite children's book!



TECHNICRAFT - is ongoing every Thursday at Mt Cook School. Please wear covered shoes and tie up long hair.

BYOD- All students are encouraged to bring their own device everyday where possible. Phones are not permitted as a device.



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GOOGLE CLASSROOM- Students are assigned work on Google Classroom. This will be our main point of online communication with students and online learning. The students will continue to use Seesaw to post work that they are most proud of to enable you to discuss it with them. Teachers will also post photos and updates of our learning weekly.



FUNDRAISING - Y5-8 will be looking for ways to fundraise for their school camps. Any ideas/support would be greatly appreciated.

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Homework

There will be a variety of tasks that will require an investment of time including Seesaw, Banqer, Inquiry research and group projects.. Students are expected to be reading daily and we will be providing discussions to encourage new titles throughout the year.

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 and complete the rich learning problems that may be set.

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.

Ahi Camp 2022

This year the students will go on camp during Week 2 Term 4, 25th – 28th October 2022. More

CURRICULUM STUDIES

Context: Maturanga māori perspectives. (The world of maori)

Mathematics: We will be exploring Matariki as an integrated unit. We will cover position, orientation, decimals, percentages, graphs and tables. We will open the 'housing unit' on Banqer and discuss home loans, inflation and interest. We also use problem solving as a means to boost and retain basic facts and knowledge amongst the students.

Literacy: We are beginning with author studies to analyse sophisticated picture books, focusing on critical and creative thinking. We will write our own picture books throughout the term. Every week we have a sustained writing time around a prompt to encourage complex sentence construction and using punctuation for effect. Students have independent novel studies every week to support reading for enjoyment.

Physical Education: Cross Country practices will run until Week 3 when we have our Hataitai Cross Country competition. The students will be able to select a sport to try - yoga, softball and hockey.

information to follow regarding fundraising and volunteers!

Getting in contact with us

Please email us with any queries you may have. If you require a meeting for any reason a google meet can be set up at a convenient time.

If your child is sick or isolating 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.

The Arts: The Arts Team will be involved with a mural project in our local community. We are studying constellations, producing art around imaginative characters and objects. There is a focus on symbols, colour and effect. We will also be creating manu tukutuku in groups using natural objects.

Languages:

Over the course of this year all students will have the opportunity to study Spanish, Korean, Te Reo, French and Indonesian. These classes have started this week.

EOTC - Every Thursday (weather permitting) we will be heading into the bush or to our local coastline to study biology within our integrated science unit and tikanga māori in accordance with our local curriculum. Students must wear appropriate footwear and clothing.

Entrepreneurship:

The students will plan food stalls to raise money for our school camp. These will be sold one lunchtime per week for students to purchase some lunch, beginning Week 5.

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