


Nau Mai Haere Mai ki Ahi - 2021!

Ahi

(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 whanau. We have started the new term with a bang, turning our classrooms into trenches to immerse ourselves within history, which will be our focus this term. We commemorated ANZAC Day and kicked off our Social Sciences curriculum through schools centenary celebrations. We have exciting opportunities coming up to encourage all students to direct their own learning and extend thinking across the curriculum.

IMPORTANT DATES

Week One	Thursday 6th May	Literary Quiz Competition	SCHOOL CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS! We need parent help for our Te Papa trip Thursday 13th May. We plan to walk into town at 9.15am and then go Technicraft for 12.45pm. Please email if you can help!  We also need parent help for our EZ netball tournament on Wednesday 19th May
Week Two	Thursday 13th May	Ahi history trip to Te Papa	
Week Three	Monday 17th - Friday 21st May Wednesday 19th May	*School Open Week 9.30am-12.30pm EZ Netball Competition	
Week Four	Wednesday 26th May Tuesday 25th May	School Show Rumpelstiltskin Hataitai Cross Country	
Week Five	Wednesday 2nd June Friday 4th June	EZ Cross Country School Closed Queen's Birthday	
Week Six	Monday 7th June Tuesday 8th June Wednesday 9th June	School Closed Queen's Birthday Hataitai Swimming Sports Ahi Government House Trip	
Week Seven	Tuesday 15th June	Road Patrol refresher course GRIP Student Leadership Conference for 16 students	
Week Eight	Thursday 24th June	Whanau Matariki Evening 5.30pm-7pm	
Week Nine	Monday 28th June-Wednesday 30th June	St John's First Aid Training Workshops	
Week Ten	Monday 7th July Tuesday 6th July Wednesday 7th July Thursday 8th July Friday 9th July	Student Record of Achievement home Student teacher conferences Boostrix Immunizations Student teacher conferences Term Ends	

Homework

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

Seesaw

Ahi will be using Seesaw as a platform for showcasing student work, setting assignments and encouraging an effective online forum for constructive feedback between teachers and students. Your child will soon bring home a code to enable you to sign in and see their posts. We encourage you to interact and discuss your child's learning via this great platform at least once a week.

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.

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.

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.

Leadership

16 of our student leaders will attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference on the 15th June. An exciting opportunity! Our 8 Ambassadors are also making a council submission on Wellington City Council's draft proposal for young people. Stay tuned!

CURRICULUM STUDIES

Social Sciences: We are delving into history of the last 100 years to celebrate our school's 100th birthday! If you have anything of use - artefacts, old photos, stories or know anybody who are past students we'd love to interview them!

Mathematics: This will be integrated with our history context, looking at place value, exploring the number 100, problem solving and applying these skills in a design project to create and map Art Deco buildings around Wellington. This will extend all students through measurement, architecture and scale.

Literacy/Leadership: This term's reading and writing will focus on research, questioning and skimming/scanning skills. Our focus is NZ history. We will have a huge focus on using graphic organisers to help plan and organise thinking. The students will use their skills to write historical reports and news articles.

Physical Education: We will be preparing for our cross country school race in Week 4, and EZ netball in Week 3. We will be offering tennis with a coach coming into school, badminton in Hataitai Centre, Ultimate Frisbee and American Football! We will also be offering dance classes with Pump Studios.

The Arts: We will be studying Art Deco and producing an Art Deco visual art piece using geometry, colour and the design process. We will go on a Wellington Art Deco building hunt later in the term! Drama, Music and Dance will be an integral component of our literacy studies in preparation for our School Production in November.

Languages:

Over the course of this year all students will have the opportunity to study Spanish, Korean, Te Reo Maori and NZ sign language. Students have already signed up for this term!

Enrichment:

We are currently gathering student voice on where the interest lies. Food Science, coding, STEM, Art, sewing and movie making are some popular choices that are likely. An engineering and physics expert takes a weekly extension group.

