



NGAHERE NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2025



ELIM EXPLORATION: HAPORI WHĀNUI / COMMUNITY

FOCUS: SOCIAL SCIENCE - How do people in our community work together and connect with each other to make it a better place for everyone?

ARISE Aspect: KINDNESS / AROHA

Bible Programme

Central Idea: Kindness is shown through gentle strength, compassion, and servant-hearted leadership.

This term, we will explore scripture and Bible characters that help us live out **kindness (aroha)** in action.

Discovery Bible Study (DBS)

Each week, ākonga reflect on what the Bible says about kindness and how they can practise it in everyday life.

Through these studies, ākonga are:

- Learning how to show empathy, forgiveness, and love
- Exploring how kindness builds strong, caring communities
- Setting weekly Kindness Challenges to put mākohe into action

Bible Stories/Character Study

Focus Characters: Esther, Nehemiah, and Jesus

Ākonga will explore how kindness is lived out through leadership, service, and care for others. These stories show how God calls us to lead with love, act wisely, and serve humbly in our communities. Each example highlights a different kind of strength—courage under pressure, teamwork in action, and humble service—helping ākonga reflect on how they can show mākohe in everyday situations. Lessons will include personal reflection, group discussion, and real-life application.

Study Scripture

Weeks 1-3

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32

Weeks 4-6

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." - 1 Peter 4:8

Weeks 7-8

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." - Matthew 7:12

Weeks 9-10

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:2

Theme / Integrated Inquiry

Central Idea: HAPORI WHĀNUI / COMMUNITY

"A community is a group of people who live or work together and care about each other. They connect by sharing things, helping one another, and working together to make their home a better place."

This term, ākonga will be learning through the lens of **Social Science**, exploring how people work together to care for places, respond to challenges, and take action to create positive change in their communities.

Year 5-6: Place and Connection to Land

- Ākonga explore how people care for shared places through rules and responsibilities.
 - They learn how communities create systems to help people belong and work together.
 - They investigate different ways people view and use land.
 - They take action by creating a plan to care for a place in their community.

Year 7-8: Change, Story, and Continuity

- Ākonga explore how communities respond to big challenges.
 - They learn how people take on different roles to help others in times of change.
 - They investigate how decisions—by individuals and groups—shape community life.
 - They work together to create and explain a social action plan that makes a positive impact.



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Mathematics

This term, the **Ngahere Team (Years 5-8)** will develop their calculation skills with a **focus on fractions, decimals, and percentages**, building from basic understanding in Year 5 to more complex operations and problem solving in Years 7 and 8.

Rūma Tūi (Year 5 & 6)

- **Year 5:** Ākonga will learn about hundredths, mixed numbers, and improper fractions, including how to convert between them. They will practise adding and subtracting fractions through word problems and explore decimals as an alternative to fractions for tenths and hundredths. This includes comparing, rounding decimals, and converting common fractions like $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ into decimals, extending their understanding of place value.
- **Year 6:** Ākonga will extend their fraction skills by multiplying and dividing fractions by whole numbers, finding equivalent fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators, including mixed numbers. They will also work with decimals—reading, writing, comparing, adding, subtracting, and rounding to the nearest whole or tenth—and be introduced to percentages as parts of 100, connecting fractions, decimals, and percentages.

Rūma Takahē (Year 7 & 8)

- Ākonga will focus on simplifying, comparing, adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions and mixed numbers, using bar models to support understanding. Their decimals work will include multiplying and dividing decimals (with regrouping), converting fractions to decimals, and using various calculation strategies. They will also calculate percentages, including percentage change and comparisons, applying their skills to real-world problems.

Literacy

Writing Focus:

✍ This term, Ngahere ākonga will focus on **Recount** and **Descriptive writing**, learning to tell detailed, engaging stories about real experiences and paint vivid pictures with words.

Reading Focus:

- 📖 Develop skills in identifying key details and sequencing events within texts
- 📖 Explore descriptive language and imagery to enhance understanding and enjoyment
- 📖 Continue making connections across texts and themes, building deeper comprehension
- 📖 Use the T-shaped literacy approach to connect reading with this term's theme, Communities in Action, by exploring real-life stories of how people respond to challenges. This helps ākonga understand the roles, values, and actions that shape communities.

Together, these focuses will help ākonga build their narrative skills and deepen their appreciation of language and storytelling.



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ENRICH Programme

Enrich Science/Technology: Electricity, Magnetism & Community Design

Our Ngāhere ākonga are diving into the wonders of electricity, magnetism, light, and forces this term with **Mr Nisbet** and **Miss Leaf** in the Enrich Science/Tech programme.

Science Focus: Physical World

Through hands-on investigations, ākonga are exploring how physical forces work in God's creation. They'll be asking big questions like:

- **What is electricity and how does it make things work?**
- **What is magnetism and how does it interact with other forces?**
- **What is light and how does it help us understand the world around us?**

They'll grow their scientific thinking by observing, experimenting, and explaining the interactions between energy, motion, and everyday forces.

Technology Focus: Designing with Purpose

Ākonga will apply their science understanding by creating LED quiz boards and light-up cards using simple circuits. These **purposeful designs link directly to our theme of Community and Kindness—using creativity and technology to bless others.**

Through this process, they'll develop key technological practice skills such as **planning, prototyping, testing, and evaluating real-world solutions.**

Extending Learning at MOTAT

A visit to MOTAT in Week 3 will further spark curiosity as ākonga explore circuits, components, and electronic design in action—deepening their understanding of how science and technology shape the world around us.

Notices

Save the Dates: We warmly invite you to join us for these special events coming up this term

- ◆ **Whānau Conferences:** A valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, celebrate their learning, and set goals together for the rest of the year.

 **Tuesday 22 July (2–7pm) and Wednesday 23 July (3–6pm)**

- ◆ **Teacher Only Day - Mathematics Curriculum Refresh:** School will be closed for ākonga while teachers take part in professional learning to support the refreshed Mathematics Curriculum.

 **Monday 11 August (Week 4)**

- ◆ **Taima Kōrero:** An evening to equip parents and educators with tools to help keep ākonga safe in today's digital world, by guiding open, age-appropriate conversations about harmful online content and its impact.

 **Thursday 14 August at 6:00pm (Week 5)**

- ◆ **Parent Info Session – ENRICH Curriculum (Visual Arts, Science & Technology):** An evening to explore how our ENRICH programme is growing ākonga creativity, curiosity, and innovation.

 **Tuesday 2 September at 5:30pm (Week 8)**

Welcome Miss Chloe Leaf!

We're excited to welcome Miss Chloe Leaf to our team this term. She'll be working across the school with ākonga in Science & Technology and supporting the ENRICH programme. Nau mai, haere mai!