



NGAHERE NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2026

ELIM EXPLORATION: CONNECTION | Hongonga

FOCUS: HEALTH & PERFORMING ARTS

- How we connect and respond can support fairness and inclusion in the wider world

ARISE Profile: We are RESPONSIBLE

Special Character Programme

Connection | Hononga

This term, ākonga in Ngahere tīma are exploring the theme of Connection (Hononga) and learning how our relationships with people, places, and ideas shape our lives and communities. At our kura, **connection is strengthened through faith, shared experiences, understanding, and the choices we make each day.**

We are exploring how to:

- Build respectful and caring relationships
- Strengthen belonging within our communities
- Show empathy, inclusion, and accountability
- Speak up for what is right and support others
- Reflect God's love through our actions and choices

Through Bible stories and class learning, ākonga will explore how **healthy connections help communities grow stronger and support people to live with compassion, responsibility, and purpose.**

Study Scripture

WK 1-2: James 1:19-20 NIRV

My dear brothers and sisters, pay attention to what I say. Everyone should be quick to listen. But they should be slow to speak. They should be slow to get angry. Human anger doesn't produce the holy life God wants.

WK 3-5: Luke 6:31 NIRV / Luke 6:35-36 NIRV

Do to others as you want them to do to you.

But love your enemies. Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then you will receive a lot in return. And you will be children of the Most High God. He is kind to people who are evil and are not thankful. So have mercy, just as your Father has mercy.

WK 6-8: Proverbs 31:8-9

Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves. Speak up for the rights of all those who are poor. Speak up and judge fairly. Speak up for the rights of those who are poor and needy.

WK 9-11: Colossians 3:15-16 NIRV

Let the peace that Christ gives rule in your hearts. As parts of one body, you were appointed to live in peace. And be thankful. Let the message about Christ live among you like a rich treasure. Teach and correct one another wisely.

Theme / Integrated Inquiry

Theme Focus: CONNECTION | HONONGA

This term, our ākonga in Ngahere tīma are exploring how communication, empathy, and our actions help build safe, respectful, and inclusive communities. We are learning that healthy connections are strengthened through understanding, responsibility, and valuing different perspectives.

Year 4-6: Community and Relationships (NATIONAL)

- Understand how communication and behaviour affect how safe and connected people feel.
- Explore how empathy and respect help build trust within groups and communities.
- Learn how to respond thoughtfully and contribute positively to others.
- Action: Use words and actions that help others feel safe, included, and respected.

Year 7-8: Inclusion, Fairness, and Responsibility (GLOBAL)

- Explore how unfairness, power, and different perspectives influence people and communities.
- Reflect on the importance of inclusion, accountability, and respectful communication.
- Learn how to respond thoughtfully in complex situations and stand up for others appropriately.
- Action: Use voice and actions to promote fairness, inclusion, and positive change within communities.

Key Idea: Strong communities are built through empathy, respectful communication, and actions that help others feel safe, valued, and included.



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Mathematics

Maths Focus: Number, Measurement & Problem Solving

This term, our ākonga are developing confidence and fluency in multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, measurement, and data interpretation. Across all year levels, students are strengthening their understanding through visual models, problem solving, and applying strategies to real-world contexts.

Year 4–6: Multiplication, Division & Measurement

- Build fluency with multiplication and division facts and strategies.
- Use place value, decomposition, and written methods to solve increasingly complex calculations.
- Apply learning to word problems using bar models and visual strategies.
- Explore measurement, graphs, tables, and interpreting data in meaningful contexts.

Year 7–8: Fractions, Decimals & Applied Mathematics

- Develop understanding of fractions and decimals through the four operations.
- Convert and apply units of measurement involving length, distance, mass, volume, and time.
- Strengthen accuracy using a variety of written and mental strategies, including long division and column methods.
- Use mathematical reasoning to solve multi-step problems and explain thinking clearly.
- Read, interpret, and analyse information presented in tables and graphs.

Key Idea: We are developing flexible thinkers who can choose the most efficient strategy to solve a problem and explain thWe are developing confident and flexible mathematicians who can apply efficient strategies, solve real-world problems, and explain their thinking using mathematical reasoning.

Literacy

Literacy Focus: Persuasive & Informational Communication

This term, Ngahere ākonga are exploring Persuasive and Informational Writing, focusing on how language can be used to communicate ideas, influence others, and build understanding within communities.

Writing: Communicating with Purpose

- Develop persuasive and informational writing using clear structure and logical organisation.
- Strengthen sentence fluency through varied sentence types and purposeful paragraphing.
- Use increasingly precise vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation to communicate clearly and effectively.
- Build independence in revising, editing, spelling, and handwriting fluency to improve the quality of published work.

Reading: Understanding & Responding to Texts

- Strengthen reading fluency and comprehension across a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- Identify main ideas, supporting evidence, and author purpose.
- Make connections between texts, personal experiences, and our term theme of Hononga (Connection).
- Explore different perspectives, respond thoughtfully to ideas in texts, and discuss how language can influence people and communities.

Key Idea: By strengthening their literacy skills, our ākonga are becoming thoughtful communicators who can share ideas clearly, think critically, and build positive connections with others.