

Welcome to Year 8 2017. We hope that you had an amazing holiday and your child is ready to go! A special welcome to whanau who are new to ANI this year. It is going to be an amazing year, full of learning, fun and excitement. Please encourage your child to make the most of their last year at our school. We look forward to getting to know you throughout this term. If you have any questions please email your child's teacher.

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For all important dates please go to the ANI school website- www.ani.school.nz

Each of our learning commons have set up a blog. You will be sent a link on the first day of school. Please check the blog regularly as they will be updated regularly.

You will also be sent a link to our Year 8 Instagram page which we are trialing this term we will upload photos of our students daily of our students daily



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Theme 1- (7 Feb-3 March)
How We Organise Ourselves

Central Idea

The organisation of groups can impact mankind globally

Lines of Inquiry

- The rights and responsibilities of leaders
- Ethics of individual rights differ worldwide
- The relationship between mankind and the environment

Key Concepts

Responsibility, Connection, Perspective

Theme 2- (6 March-13 April)

How the World Works

This is a Science theme so we will be working with the Science specialist Danielle Biddle twice a week.

Central Idea- Scientific principles help us make sense of the world we live in

Lines of Inquiry

The behaviour and interaction of materials determines their use
Knowledge creates opportunities
Physical properties and characteristics of different matter

Key Concepts

Responsibility, Connection, Perspective

Other Learning Areas

Literacy- Literacy is fully integrated into our themes. This term we will be looking into how texts are structured for different purposes. The students will be reading and writing different kinds of texts and show that they can identify and use the correct structure.

Mathematics- We are covering Statistics and Probability plus using strategies to multiply and divide numbers, including decimals.

Specialisation

Technology and the Arts: The students will be going to Technology and The Arts twice a week. These will also be integrated into our themes.

Languages- Students will be learning Mandarin twice a week for 45 mins with Mrs Emily-Mei Hemstapat.

PE- Mr Greg Berry will take the students for PE once a week for 45 mins. The students will also be doing swimming this term.