

Year 7-8 Home Learning for 2024

At Waitākere Primary School, we believe that learning beyond the classroom is just as important as the academic learning done within the school environment. The school's home learning programme students participate in, acknowledges and celebrates all the wonderful learning outside of school that students complete throughout the year. A celebration day is held at the end of the year for all students who complete the required number of challenges by the close-off date.

In Year 7-8, the home learning programme consists of a variety of challenges that align with our school values: Manaakitanga (Respect), Manawaroa (Resilience), Haepapatanga (Responsibility). These challenges provide a significant amount of meaningful, community-based home learning that may include many tasks your child is already involved in. The challenge suggestions have been tailored to meet each year level but could include things such as learning a new skill, playing a sport or participating in community events.

This programme is aligned with the New Zealand Curriculum's vision of developing lifelong learners, the key competencies, and our school vision. It offers a wide range of enjoyable and interesting tasks involving the family as well as the child. This programme moves away from the "chew and spew" type of activity (go and google information, put it on a sheet of paper and hand it in), to learning that has more relevance in the life of the child, as well as the ability to recognise and celebrate all the learning your child is already doing at home.

We will continue to seek feedback from the community so that we can build and continue the success from previous years. We look forward to celebrating your child's achievements and successes through the year.

Ngā mihi,
The Year 7 and 8 Team



Year 7-8 Home Learning Challenge 2024

The home learning challenges you choose are up to you because together, with your family, you may already be doing similar things which can be recognised as part of your home learning.

The tasks are designed to test you and challenge you to do your very best, some over a long period of time. Keep talking to your class teacher about the challenge you are working on and remember to keep a record of your work so when you have finished it, you have evidence of learning to present.

You need to complete 6 challenges by Friday 8 November 2024 to qualify for the Home Learning celebration day. Challenges can be from different sections. You can do more than 6 challenges if you wish but try to do 2 a term and remember all evidence of these need to be submitted by Friday 8 November 2024.

Any photos taken of you completing a challenge or presentations you create can be uploaded onto your Seesaw journal. Ensure you include a caption explaining what the post is all about.

Manaakitanga - Respect Challenges

- Have lunch free of wrappers every day for a term.
- Set up and organise a fundraising campaign for an organisation or volunteer your time by helping at a community group for at least a term.
- Care for our environment – take part in a beach clean or pick up rubbish around your local area.
- Write and send/email at least 5 full page letters of gratitude to people who have helped you in some way. Ensure your letters are error free and talk specifically about what they did to help you and the impact it made.
- Create a 3-5 minute iMovie that shows what it means to be respectful at Waitākere Primary School and in your local community.
- Design your own respect challenge. Check with your teacher first before starting this challenge.

Manawaroa - Resilience Challenges

- Show resilience by participating in a sport, performing arts group or club for at least a season or two terms.
- Explore the outdoors by completing 4 challenging outdoor activities eg. Walks or treks, hut building, camping.
- Learn a new craft or skill for a term eg. surfing, skiing, skateboarding, sewing, knitting, musical instrument, swimming lessons.

- Participate in tutoring for a term in a subject you need to progress further in
- Write five 2-page stories or articles. Demonstrate all aspects of the writing process from planning, drafting, editing, recrafting, and publishing.
- Create 5 book reviews of different books you have read this year. Ensure each review is at least a page long and includes what you liked about the book, information about the author, a summary, who you would recommend the book to and why, and descriptions of the characters or author's key message.
- Create a 3-5 minute iMovie that shows what it means to be resilient at Waitākere Primary School and in your local community.
- Design your own resilience challenge. Check with your teacher first before starting this challenge.

Haepapatanga - Responsibility Challenges

- Prepare and make a weekly meal for the family for a term (at least 10 meals).
- Keep your room tidy, without parent or caregiver help, for a term.
- Help with at least 3 different chores around the home for a term. This could be laundry, dishes, vacuuming, cleaning the bathroom, mowing the lawn, cleaning the windows etc
- Take full responsibility for a pet for at least a term (without needing reminding). This may involve feeding, walking, grooming, and training the pet.
- Create a 3-5 minute iMovie that shows what it means to be responsible at Waitākere Primary School and in your local community.
- Design your own responsibility challenge. Check with your teacher first before starting this challenge.

