



AL-MADINAH SCHOOL

Social Studies Department Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK!

Assalaamu alaikum,

Welcome back to Al-Madinah School for Term 3!

This term will be a busy and challenging one for our students. They will be studying a range of topics while also completing all their assessments and preparing for the end of year practice exam.

To support your child's success, we are placing a strong emphasis on two key Ministry of Education priorities: **achievement** and **attendance**. Consistent effort, combined with regular attendance, is essential for students to understand complex concepts and perform well in their assessments. Your continued support at home will play an important role in helping them achieve their best.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ IMPORTANT DATES

Parent, Teacher, and Student Meeting

- Please mark your calendars! Our parent, teacher, and student meeting is scheduled

for **Tuesday, July 22nd, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

Levels 1-3 History & Geography Internal Assessments

- **Second Internal Assessment:** Students are now in the final stages of editing their work for the second internal assessment in History and Geography. We anticipate submissions very soon.
- **Third Internal Assessment:** The third internal assessment for Levels 1-3 History and Geography will begin in Week 2. Your child's teachers will provide full details about this assignment in class.

End-of-Year Practice Exam

- The end-of-year practice exam will take place in **Weeks 9 and 10**. Please encourage your child to revise daily to prepare thoroughly for these important assessments.

Practice Exam Timetable

- **Wednesday, September 10th:** Level 3 Geography (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
- **Monday, September 15th:** Level 1, 2, and 3 History (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
- **Tuesday, September 16th:** Level 1 and 2 Geography (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

EOTC

We are pleased to share highlights from two recent field trips that offered our Geography students rich, hands-on learning experiences beyond the classroom.

Level 1 Geography Field Trip – Mission Bay

On June 11th, our Level 1 Geography students visited Mission Bay as part of their AS91933 "Explore an environment using data" assignment. This successful trip allowed students to gather firsthand data on how various groups use the Mission Bay environment. This practical experience not only deepened their understanding of geographic inquiry but also sharpened their data collection and analysis skills, which are essential tools for their upcoming assessment.

Level 3 Geography Field Trip – Rotorua

From June 17th to 19th, our Year 13 Geography students participated in a successful field trip to Rotorua. This educational experience focused on understanding how a cultural process shapes a geographic environment. Students investigated firsthand how tourism development has impacted the local environment, visited various attractions and engaged directly with operators. This hands-on experience provided valuable insights and helped students develop a deeper understanding of the cultural processes shaping the Rotorua environment. The knowledge gained will be essential for their upcoming assessment.

Both trips exemplify the power of learning outside the classroom, offering students meaningful opportunities to apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings. We are proud of their enthusiasm and the skills they have developed through these experiences.

COVERAGE OF CURRICULUM

Below is an overview of the topics and assessments planned for each year level in Social Studies, History, and Geography this term:

Social Studies:

- **Year 9:** Refugees
- **Year 10:** *Parihaka – Past and Present*

History:

- **Year 11:** **AS92027-** Demonstrate understanding of perspectives on a historical context. (5 Credits, External)
- **Year 12:** **AS91232** – Interpret different perspectives of people in an historical event of significance to New Zealanders (5 Credits, Internal)
- **Year 13:** **AS91437** – Analyse different perspectives of a contested event of significance to New Zealanders. (5 Credits, Internal)

Geography

Year 11:

- **AS91935** Demonstrate understanding of decision-making in response to a geographic challenge in the wider Pacific region (5 Credits, External)

Year 12: Students will complete **two internal assessments** this term:

- **AS91242** – Demonstrate geographic understanding of differences in development. **(4 Credits, External)**
- **AS91246** – Explain aspects of a geographic topic at a global scale. **(3 Credits, Internal)**

Year 13: Students will complete **two internal assessments** this term:

- **AS91427** – Demonstrate understanding of how a cultural process shapes the geographic environment. **(3 Credits, Internal)**
- **AS91432** – Analyse aspects of a global-scale geographic topic **(3 Credits, Internal)**

We look forward to a productive and successful Term 3. Your partnership and support are greatly valued as we work together to foster a positive and enriching learning experience for all our students.

Wassalaam,

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