AJHS Knowledge-athon Questions 2025

HISTORY:	**ANSWERS:**
1. What year did Captain Cook arrive / land in NZ?	1769
2. What year did Abel Tasman discover NZ?	1642
3. What date (day, month & year) was Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) signed?	6 Feb, 1840
4. Ngapuhi chief Hone Heke chopped down a British flagpole 3 times. In what township was the flagpole located?	Kororareka / Russell
5. What year did Wellington become the capital city of New Zealand?	1865
6. What year was the Rainbow Warrior sunk?	1985
7. What was the original Maori name for Albany?	Okahukura
8. Where is Anzac Cove?	Gallipoli, Turkey
9. Name the country where the Great Pyramids of Giza are located.	Egypt
10. Tangaroa is the god of what?	The sea
GEOGRAPHY:	**ANSWERS:**
1. What is the name of the strait between the North and South Islands of NZ?	Cook
2. What is the name of New Zealand's longest river?	Waikato
3. What is the name of New Zealand's largest lake?	Taupo
4. Name the country where Mt Everest is located?	Nepal
5. Name the volcano in the Hauraki Gulf	Rangitoto
6. Name the freshwater lake on the North Shore	Lake Pupuke
7. Which is the largest ocean in the world?	Pacific
8. Name the sea between New Zealand and Australia	Tasman Sea
9. What is the name of the most southerly continent?	Antarctica

10. Which continent has the largest population?	Asia
AJHS:	**ANSWERS:**
1. Name the family who donated land to AJHS.	Cullen Family
2. What is the AJHS musical / show called this year?	Footloose
3. How much time is there between the 'walking bell' and class starting?	5 mins
4. How many whanau at AJHS are named after birds?	4
5. How many students are currently enrolled at AJHS	1250
6. What does the acronym 'PB4L' stand for?	Positive Behaviour for Learning
7. How many books are in the AJHS library?	10,600
8. Who is the principal / tumuaki of AJHS?	Mrs Cushla Shepherd
9. What year did AJHS start teaching students?	2005
10. Name *one* of the aspects of Te Whare Tapa Wha.	Wairua, whanau, tinana, hinengaro
SCIENCE:	**ANSWERS:**
1. How many chromosomes are there in the nucleus of a human body cell?	46 (23 pairs)
2. Name two groups of vertebrates.	Mammals, fish, birds, reptiles, amphibians
3. How much blood does a human have (on average)?	5 litres
4. What travels faster - light or sound?	light
5. What element has the chemical symbol C?	Carbon
6. What element has the chemical symbol O?	Oxygen
7. Which planet is the 5th planet from the sun?	Jupiter

8. Where is the Sea of Tranquility?	The Moon
9. What is the name of the layer in the atmosphere that protects the planet from UV?	Ozone layer
10. What group of animals generally feeds their babies with milk and has live young?	Mammals
SPORTS:	**ANSWERS:**
1. How many Rugby World Cups has the NZ women's team won?	6
2. How many medals has Lisa Carrington won at the Olympics?	9
3. Who is New Zealand's best professional female golfer?	Lydia Ko
4. In which sport would you use a stone that weighs 20kg and comes from Scotland?	Curling
5. Which NBA team does Steven Adams play basketball for?	Houston Rockets
6. In which sport did Hamish Kerr gain a gold medal at the Paris Olympics?	High Jump
7. Where will the next Olympics be held?	Los Angeles
8. Where will the next winter Olympics be held?	Italy
9. At which Olympics did skateboarding become an official event?	Tokyo
10. Who holds the world record for the 100m sprint?	Usain Bolt
MUSIC:	**ANSWERS:**
1. Who composed the score for Star Wars?	John Williams
2. Which actor sang "You're Welcome" in Moana?	Dwayne Johnson / The Rock
3. In the NZ version of 12 Days of Christmas, what are there 4 of?	Huhu grubs
4. Which month is NZ Music Month?	May
5. What album won Album of the Year at the 2025 Grammys?	Cowboy Carter

	(Beyonce)
6. Who was the star of the Eras Tour?	Taylor Swift
7. How many strings does a standard guitar have?	6
8. What does ‘triple star’ refer to in the NZ National anthem?	3 main islands
9. What sort of musical instrument is a timpani?	drum
10. Which fictional character sings “Let it Go”?	Queen Elsa
KIWIANA:	**ANSWERS:**
1. Who is the NZ Prime Minister?	Christopher Luxon
2. Who is the Minister of Education?	Erica Stanford
3. What is New Zealand’s most popular ice cream flavour for youth?	Cookies and Cream
4. What year did NZ (the first country in the world to do this) first give women the right to vote?	1893
5. How many New Zealanders have received Nobel prizes?	3
6. What New Zealand food is known as “Southland Sushi”	Cheese rolls
7. What were kiwifruit called before they were kiwifruit?	Chinese gooseberry
8. What is the name of the tiny native fish that are frequently made into fritters?	Whitebait
9. Which country claims the pavlova as their invention (as well as New Zealand)	Australia
10. What is the colour of the centre of a pineapple lump?	yellow
NATURE:	**ANSWERS:**
1. What type of animal is a tuatara?	reptile
2. What is NZ’s only native land mammal?	bat
3. Name NZ’s tallest tree	Tane Mahuta

4. What is the term for an animal that only comes out at night?	nocturnal
5. What is New Zealand's biggest parrot?	kakapo
6. What is the name of the plant on the AJHS logo?	flax/harakeke
7. What bird is on the $5 NZ note?	hoiho/yellow eyed penguin
8. Which is the fastest big cat species?	cheetah
9. What gives flamingos their pink colour?	What they eat
10. What type of animal is a pupurangi?	snail
POTLUCK / RANDOM:	**ANSWERS:**
1. What country is the city of Rome located in?	Italy
2. What is the capital of Australia?	Canberra
3. How many in a 'bakers dozen'?	13
4. What were ancient Japanese warriors called?	samurai
5. What is the name of NZ's women's cricket team?	White Ferns
6. When was the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights Introduced?	1948
7. What is the official unit for measuring time?	seconds
8. Which Pacific island country has bananas on its flag?	Fiji
9. How many hearts does an Octopus have?	3
10. How many colours in a rainbow?	7
LITERATURE / MAGAZINES:	**ANSWERS:**
1. In the Hairy Maclary book series, who is as big as a horse?	Hercules Morse
2. Who wrote the novel Whale Rider?	Witi Ihimaera
3. Anna Wintour is the editor of which fashion magazine?	Vogue

4. What small blue humanoid characters live in mushroom-shaped houses?	Smurfs
5. What was the name for the small green haired workers who helped Willy Wonka operate his chocolate factory?	Oompa loompas
6. Who is the main character in the book The Hobbit?	Bilbo Baggins
7. What is the name of the dog in the ‘Peanuts’ comic strip?	Snoopy
8. What type of animal is lasagna-loving Garfield?	Cat
9. Who was known as the Bard of Avon?	Shakespeare
10. Which one of the Seven Dwarves is the only one whose name is not an adjective?	Doc

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