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Te Roopu Koru Newsletter Term 1 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to a new school year with some changes and exciting challenges ahead. We have eight classes in our Koru Syndicate this year. We will be working in Hubs of 2 or 3 classes. This means that teachers and classes will be working together in groups with sharing planning and some shared teaching. Term 1 will begin with mostly home room teaching and we will inform you when moving into more shared teaching.

Our Hubs are named after New Zealand Birds.

Kiwi Hub: Diane McGimpsey Room 13 and Sandra Gordon Room 12

Weka Hub: Rochelle Burns Room 17, Gillian Wasley Room 16 and Emma Wickens Room 18

Tui Hub: Benjamin Garner Room 14, Anne-Marie Kay Room 15 and Jenni Nind Room 19

Integrated Inquiry This term our focus is on Citizenship and what it means to belong and work with others. Our big idea: We are individuals who belong to groups. Our main questions of the unit: What groups do I belong to at Trentham School? What are my roles and responsibilities within these groups? How can I interact well with other group members?

Value of the Term: Compassion: willingness to be kind, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer. This means helping those in trouble.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.

Care for the land, care for people, go forward.

Trentham School Vision: Relationships: An inquiry into ways we discover and express ideas which reflect who we are and where we belong.

Swimming

To make our swimming programme a success at Trentham School we require all children to wear a swimming cap. School will sell subsidised swimming caps for \$6.50 each. Classes will also have access to a class cap if they have not got their own. All students will be expected to swim unless they have a note excusing them due to health concerns. Teachers will inform you when their class is swimming.

Our Pool Rules are:

- Swimming caps must be worn.
- Studs and sleepers can be worn in the pool. Dangly earrings to be removed.
- Other jewellery that can come off is removed.
- Cotton clothing is not to be worn.
- Togs with liners for boys.
- Board shorts with togs or liners or clean undies for girls.
- No plasters and no open wounds.
- No swimming if you have had diarrhoea.

Home Learning

We are continuing with our schoolwide Home Learning programme this year. Home Learning will begin in Week 3 of this Term (Monday 13 February). Each teacher will provide the compulsory aspect of Home Learning which will include Reading, Spelling and Maths.

Property

In the past we have had some issues around personal belongings at school. All items that students bring to school need to be named and put in the correct place i.e. desks or bags. Students need to take responsibility for their own belongings. We recommend that toys are not brought to school but if they are, students bring them at their own risk.

Physical Activity

All students are expected to participate in all physical activities and require suitable clothing and footwear. Hats are compulsory for any outdoor activity this term so please ensure your child brings a named hat and leaves it at school. We will also be encouraging all students to have a water bottle in class, as it disrupts class programmes when students need to leave the room for a drink.

Classroom Behaviour Management Plan

Our Koru Classroom Behaviour Management Plan runs on similar principles to the School Wide Behaviour Management Plan. Each teacher in Koru will have a reward system in place for appropriate behaviour and will support one another with students who continue to break classroom rules. We will involve you as parents/caregivers at a certain stage if required, as outlined on the Classroom Behaviour Management Plan included with this newsletter. We fully appreciate the support you give us for our rooms to run smoothly and effectively. Our expectation is that all students at Trentham School will be secure, safe and successful.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. Please contact your child's class teacher if there is anything you want to discuss at any point.

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Regards

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