

Trentham School Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 2 2017 1 May-7 July



Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome back to Term 2 at Trentham School. We hope you all enjoyed your relaxing holidays and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for more exciting learning. We would like to welcome any new children to Trentham School and we hope that you enjoy being part of Te Roopu Patu. Below are some of the things that will be happening this term.

Integrated-Inquiry: This term our focus is on **Creativity** with an emphasis on Technology - The understanding that the way we discover and express ideas reflects who we are and where we belong. Our Big Question is 'How do we express ideas'? We will be working towards a school performance at the end of Term 2.

Value of the Term: Thinking (Whakaaro): willingness to question, reflect, investigate and create. This means wanting to find out more.

Trentham School Vision: Resourcefulness: An inquiry into how humans interact with the world. This includes the natural world and its laws; an understanding of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.

Literacy: We will be focusing on creative writing to entertain, retell and compose. There will be more choice given this term about what students can write and time will be set aside for students to plan and design ways they can present their writing. This will be done on a Thursday afternoon through a session called 'Makerspace'. We welcome any support from the community during these sessions so please let us know if you are available or have any expertise you can share with us.

Makerspaces are collaborative workshops where young people gain practical hands-on experience with new technologies and innovative processes to design and build projects. They provide a flexible environment where learning is made physical by applying science, technology, math, and creativity to solve problems and build things.

Numeracy: Our main areas this term are Fractions, Geometry and Statistical Inquiry. We will be working collaboratively within our hubs so students will be attending workshops across classrooms with different teachers and students. We have been setting up systems to support this in Term 1.

The Arts: Fortnightly syndicate rotations which include Kapa Haka, Singing and Physical Education will continue. All classes will have a 30 minute session each week on drum skills through a programme called 'RAD Rhythm' using large rubbish bins and an online programme of instruction. Preparation of props and practices for the school performance will also be a regular part of each week.

Health and Physical Education: Play.sport will continue to work with us again this term to continue to support the development of this area in our school. There will be daily fitness and a couple of longer sessions a week involving games and activity. You may hear your child using the word **Tinana** which we will be using for these sessions to include all aspects of health and physical activity. There will be lots of links made to our big concept 'Creativity'.

Home Learning: All children will continue to have compulsory home learning. This will include weekly reading, basic facts and spelling. Your child will also have a Trentham Challenges Booklet, which is an optional extra. It is expected that all children will complete their set home learning weekly (at least 20 minutes per night). Please encourage your child to take responsibility for their own home learning and handing it in on time. We recommend using a book bag to look after things.

Colder Months: As we are heading into the colder months, please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed. Sensible footwear is important, especially during our daily fitness and sports. It would also be a good idea for your child to bring a change of clothes to school in case they get muddy or wet during their break times or physical education.

Team Assembly: Our Syndicate Assemblies will be held on Friday mornings fortnightly (odd weeks) at 9am in the Hall.

Health: If your child is unwell please keep him/her at home so they can get the rest they need to recover. If your child has a tummy bug they should be kept away from school for at least 48 hours so as to not pass on any bugs to others in their class. Please check your child's hair for head lice and treat if they have them.

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. If a student needs to bring a cellphone to school, their teacher will lock it away until 3pm. Students that are bringing their own device to school will need to fill out a couple of forms and ensure that they lock it up as soon as they get to school. It is important that if your child has indicated they will be using their own device that it comes to school daily and fully charged.

Camp: Following the parent survey about a camp this year, we have booked Camp Kaitoke. Due to the numbers in Patu syndicate this year, we will need to run two camps.

Ruru Hub Rooms 4, 5, 6: Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 October

Kea Hub Rooms 7, 8: Wednesday 18 - Friday 20 October

Unfortunately, the timing is not ideal but it was the only time left, so we will make it work!

The cost of the camp according to the budget is \$225 per person. The Board of Trustees will be applying for grants to fund a portion of the cost. This will bring the cost down to **\$180** per child. This is a very generous offer and hopefully will ensure every child can get to camp. We will be sending out a separate newsletter with more detail very soon.

We are looking forward to a fantastic term and would certainly value any help and support you can give us both in and out of the classroom. Keep an eye on our blogs and seesaw posts to see what your child is learning.

Please feel free to email your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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