

Trentham School Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 3 2017 Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September



Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome back to Term 3 at Trentham School. We hope you all enjoyed your relaxing holiday 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 **Systems** - The understanding that we live in a world of many systems, most of which happen without our control. Our *Big Idea* is "We live in a world of interacting systems" and our *Big Question* is "How do they work?"

Value of the Term: Respect (Whakautē): willingness to treat with courtesy; to hold in high regard; to honour; to care about yourself and others. This means being caring.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata. Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

Trentham School Vision: Respect: An inquiry into respect for self, others and the environment. This includes beliefs and values, human relationships, rights and responsibilities, peace and conflict resolution, and personal, physical, mental, social, and spiritual health.

Literacy: This will be strongly linked to integrated-inquiry with a science focus. We will be focusing on nonfiction text and research skills such as skimming and scanning, taking notes, summarising, questioning and using keywords. Our purpose for writing will mainly be to inform or explain, with some descriptive writing linked to science experiments.

Numeracy: We will continue to collaborate within our Hubs with a focus on Addition/Subtraction and Algebra.

The Arts: We will continue with fortnightly rotations on Friday afternoons for Kapa Haka, Singing and Tinana. Some of us will continue with the RAD Rhythm drumming programme that we didn't complete in Term 2 as things got busy with the school concert. We will link visual art to earth systems and create some mixed media pieces of work.

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 regular 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 'Systems' focusing on the *Human Body Systems*.

Te Reo: This term our weekly Te Reo sessions with Koka Tangi will focus on *Panuitanga – The informative use of language:* colours, numbers, days, months, shapes, seasons, weather and time.

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: 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:

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

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

Thank you to everyone who has returned their camp information/medical files. Please keep payments coming in and remember to be in touch if you have any concerns or queries about camp. It will be here before we know it!

If you wish to pay for Camp by direct deposit you are able to. Our school bank account details are: ASB account Upper Hutt 12-3478-0036559-00.

Please include the surname and room number and specify the money is for Camp. This will be receipted once the office receives the bank statement. Bank statements are received on a fortnightly basis.

We require the full payment of \$180 (\$300 if there are two or more children in a family coming to camp) by the end of this term please. No camp registrations will be received after Friday 15 September.

Trip:

We are starting the term with a trip to Expressions to visit the exhibition on 'The Evolving Universe' which links perfectly with *Matariki* and the *Solar System*. The dates for these trips are Wednesday 2 August (Rooms 2, 5, 7, 8) and Thursday 3 August (Rooms 1, 3, 4, 6). More information will come out on a separate letter. We will be needing supervisors for the trip please.

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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