



Trentham School

Empowered Learners for the Future

Trentham School Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 3 2018 Monday 23 July - Friday 28 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.

As Suzanne our Principal is on sabbatical leave this term, Bernie Olliver will be in the acting Principal role.

Integrated-Inquiry: This term our focus is on **Diversity** - The understanding that the land is important to cultures for specific purposes and reasons, that everyone has needs that can be met in a variety of ways and that cultures put different emphasis on what makes a responsible and respected person. Our *Big Question* is "How a community GROWS well?"

Value of the Term: Responsibility - to make sensible choices, informed decisions, and to be reliable. Our value is explicitly taught and modelled in all classrooms, and Whanau Time every second Friday afternoon will also focus on this. There will be ideas for ways you can promote this value in our fortnightly school newsletter.

Our responsibility whakatauki is:

Haere taka mua, taka muri; kaua e whai.
Be a leader, not a follower.

Trentham School Vision: We will focus on 'Ownership; Tangata Whenuatanga/Ako' from our GROW vision. This will be integrated into our Diversity learning.

The focus is on building agentic, responsible learners who:

- Know themselves as learners
- Know where they are with their learning, their next steps and how to achieve them using appropriate tools
- Take responsibility for their own actions - behaviour, wellbeing, social and emotional
- Are self motivated and reflect on how to improve outcomes
- Have self-identity and respect for their own and others' cultures

Literacy: This will be strongly linked to our integrated-inquiry. Our purposes for writing will be to persuade, to inform and to describe.

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

The Arts: We will begin some new rotations on Friday mornings. Options will include: Dance Splash, Recorder, Drama, Rad Rhythm/Drumming, Guitar, Choir/Singing, Cultural Dance and Dance.

Health and Physical Education: There will be regular fitness and a couple of longer sessions a week involving games and activities. You may hear your child using the word **Hauora** which we will be using for these sessions to include all aspects of health and physical activity.

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: Although Home Learning is optional, we are strongly encouraging all students to complete reading, spelling and basic facts. We will provide home learning but will not be following up or marking it. Home learning is a great opportunity to spend some quality time with your child and to support his/her learning. It has a positive impact on progress and achievement levels. If your child brings a reading book home please ensure that it is returned to school the next day.

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 afternoons fortnightly (even weeks) at 1.30 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.

EOTC Week Term 4 - 26-30 November ppt 3-7 December: We are holding an EOTC - Education Outside The Classroom week in Term 4. More information will follow this term.

Dates to remember:

July 31; ALiM information evening - Year 4 Whanau

August 9; Whanau Symposium

September 7; School Disco

September 12 and 13 - 3 Way Conferences

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

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