

# Trentham School

## Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 4 2017 Monday 16 October -  
Monday 18 December



**Trentham School**  
Learning and Succeeding Together

Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome back to our last term at Trentham School for 2017. We hope you all enjoyed your holidays and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for a full on, exciting term ahead. We would like to welcome any new children to Trentham School. We hope that you enjoy being part of Te Roopu Patu.

**Integrated-Inquiry:** This term our focus is on **Wellbeing and Safety** - The understanding that the choices we make can determine the impact there is on humankind and the environment. After collecting ideas from the students about what concerned them most around personal wellbeing and safety, we have decided to do the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme supported by Kerry Fenton, our local community constable. We will run a parent information evening on **Tuesday 24 October from 6-7 p.m.** in our school staff room to give an overview on the material to be covered through this unit.

**Value of the Term:** Consideration (Ngakau Maharatanga): willingness to be kind, thoughtful and consider the interests of others before self. This means thinking of others.

*Mahia i runga i te rangimarie me te ngakau mahaki.*

*With a peaceful mind and respectful heart, we will always get the best results.*

**Trentham School Vision:** Resilience - An inquiry into developing resilience through the way we as human beings organise ourselves. This includes understanding systems, structures and functions of organisations; societal decision making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.

**Literacy:** Students will be encouraged to choose purposes for writing whether it be to explain, to describe, to instruct, to persuade etc. Links to our inquiry on wellbeing and safety will be made as much as possible.

**Numeracy:** This term we fill in gaps based on needs as well as do some work on 'Probability' and 'Position and Orientation'.

**The Arts:** There will be practises for the end of year 'Showcase' and the Year 6 Leavers' Social. We are going to do a Visual Art focus on 'Moods and Feelings'.

**Health and Physical Education:** All classes will have daily fitness, a swimming block for three weeks which the classroom teacher will advise you on and an ongoing focus all term on healthy relationships and personal safety.

**Swimming:** Our swimming programme will be staggered across the term so individual classes will let you know when your child will be swimming. When it is your child's turn, please ensure your child brings their togs and swimming cap every day for this period. All students will be expected to swim unless they have a note excusing them due to health concerns. To make our swimming programme a success at Trentham School we require all children to wear a swimming cap. The school will sell subsidised swimming caps at \$6.50 each. Students will also have access to a class cap if they have not got their own.

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.

**Te Reo:** This term our weekly Te Reo sessions with Koka Tangi will focus on *Te Reo Kori* – Includes all functions: body parts, actions, waiata, games, outdoor education, traditional maori games.

**Home Learning:** Students will have compulsory home learning from **Weeks 1-6** this term - Year 5 and 6 students will start in Week 2 after camp. 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.

**Warmer Months:** Please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the warmer weather. Sensible footwear is important, especially during our daily fitness and sports. Your child also needs to make sure that they have a sun hat to wear in the playground.

**Team Assembly:** Our Syndicate Assemblies will be held fortnightly (odd weeks) on Friday mornings 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.

**Fun Fridays:** Every second week when it is not an assembly, we will run Fun Fridays as a reward for those who have been respectful and behaved appropriately. Whanau teams will rotate around team building games, crafts, visual art and cooking.

**Other important dates for Term 4:**

Monday 23 October - Labour Day

Tuesday 24 October - School Athletics Day, PPT Friday 27 October

Wednesday 25 October - Mihi Whakataua

Thursday 26 October - School photos

Tuesday 14 November - Interschool Athletics Day, PPT Wednesday 15 November

Wednesday 6 December - End of Year Showcase

Friday 15 December - Year 6 Social

Monday 18 December - last day

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

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