

# Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 4 2018 Monday 15 October -  
Tuesday 18 December



## Trentham School

Empowered Learners for the Future

Kia ora koutou katoa!

Welcome back to our last term at Trentham School for 2018. 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 **Cause and Effect** - The understanding that our actions impact the environment. Our Inquiry will be taught for weeks 1-6. EOTC week is planned for week 7.

**Value of the Term: Creativity** - Pihi kau ake te whakaaro pai, hauhake tonu iho. When a good thought springs to mind, make sure it is harvested.

### **Trentham School Vision: Empowered Learners for the Future**

Our core purpose is to empower all members of Trentham School to learn and have success; so they may achieve their full potential today, tomorrow and in the future. We believe the following 4 overarching principles are important for all individuals so they may GROW to learn effectively and achieve success - Growth, Relationships, Ownership, Wonder.

Our Vision focus for Term 4 is: **Wonder** - Passionate, curious, creative, innovative, resourceful, thinkers

**Literacy:** Students will be writing using a range of purposes. Links to our inquiry on 'Cause and Effect' will be made through a unit on 'Litter'.

**Numeracy:** This term we will fill in gaps based on needs. Our programme will include rich tasks linked to our Tremendous space, Athletics Day, EOTC and Environmental Issues.

**The Arts:** Students will take part in a rotation which includes Kapa Haka, Dance, Singing and Hauora. There will also be practises for the end of year Showcase and the Year 6 Leavers Social. Our Visual Art focus is on Technology projects during EOTC week.

**Health and Physical Education:** All classes will have daily fitness and swimming. Your classroom teacher will advise you on the swimming timetable for your child. Some Hubs will do a three week block each and others will be doing a day a week. All students will be expected to swim unless they have a note excusing them due to health concerns. When it is your child's turn, please ensure your child brings their togs and swimming cap. 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.

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 Tohutohu - the managerial use of language which includes basic commands, classroom objects and instructions to pass, give and put away.

**Home Learning:** Students who have opted in to complete home learning will be given this from **Weeks 1-6**.

**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. Students are required to wear a sunhat everyday this term.

**Team Assembly:** Our Syndicate Assemblies will be held fortnightly (even weeks) on Friday afternoons at 1.30pm 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.

**Devices:** It is disappointing that we have had a group of students in Term 3 using devices inappropriately in class and outside of school for social media. Students must only use their school accounts for their learning and restrictions will be put in place for those who continue to try to use their device for the wrong thing. We are privileged to have the BYOD option for our Year 5 and 6 classes and it would be a shame if some students spoil the benefits of this for others. Please discuss this with your child and monitor the use of devices at home very carefully.

**EOTC Week:** Your child should now have paid the \$10 deposit for EOTC Week. The full payment of \$20 is due by Friday 9 November. **Please send money in a named envelope to the class teacher.** However, if you wish to pay 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 EOTC. This will be receipted once the office receives the bank statement. Bank statements are received on a fortnightly basis.

**Behaviour:** We will continue to expect a high standard of behaviour that aligns to our Trentham School Behaviour Plans. If you are not familiar with these, you may request a copy form the office or your child's classroom teacher. If students get a detention/consequence they miss out on a trip or privilege. Any students who get 3 detentions/consequences this term will not be allowed to participate in EOTC Week.

**Other important dates for Term 4:**

Thursday 18 October - School photos

Friday 19 October - Teacher Only Day & Monday 22 October - Labour Day

Friday 26 October - School Athletics Day

Tuesday 13 November - Interschool Athletics Day, PPT Wednesday 14 November

Wednesday 12 December - End of Year Showcase

Monday 17 December - Year 6 Social

Tuesday 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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