

Trentham School Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 1 2017 February 1 - April 13



Kia ora koutou katoa

Welcome back to a new year and term at Trentham School. We hope you all enjoyed your relaxing holidays and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for the school year ahead. We would like to welcome any new children to Trentham School and we hope that you enjoy being part of Te Roopu Patu. We have got a few changes in our team this year – three Year 4 classes and five Year 5/6 BYOD classes. We would like to welcome our new beginning teacher in Room 4, Sarah Moore. We will be working in Hubs this year which means that 2 or 3 classes will be working in clusters and doing shared planning and some shared teaching. We will keep you informed as the year goes along but to start the year a lot of teaching and learning will happen in home rooms while we develop the skills students require to work collaboratively.

Pukeko Hub: R1- Mark Searle, R2- Michelle Sturrock, R3- Mary Walker

Kea Hub: R7-Paula Christian, R8- Angela Garner

Ruru Hub: R6- Jillian Adams, R5- Katherine Hamilton, Room 4- Sarah Moore

Kerry Johnstone will also work closely with Ruru Hub to release Jillian on Tuesdays for AP Release and Sarah on Wednesdays as part of her mentoring programme.

We are looking forward to a fun year!

Integrated-Inquiry: This term our focus is on **Citizenship** and what it means to belong and work alongside others. We will unpack what it means to be a 'Trentham Kid' and how there is responsibility in belonging to groups.

Value of the Term: Compassion (Aroha): willingness to be kind, empathise with, or show mercy to those who suffer. This means helping those in trouble.

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.

Care for the land, care for people, go forward.

Trentham School Vision: Relationships: An inquiry into ways we discover and express ideas which reflect who we are and where we belong. This includes creativity, appreciation of the aesthetic, personal histories, discoveries, explorations, migrations.

Literacy: This will be linked to integrated-inquiry where it fits best. We will be doing a lot of work on sharing personal experiences, recounting and describing.

Numeracy: Measurement - length and area; time and temperature; Number - multiplication and division

The Arts: Fortnightly syndicate rotations will include Kapa Haka and Singing. For Visual Art we will be creating a visual representation linked to the 'Trentham Kid'.

Health and Physical Education: Play.sport will be working with us again this year 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.

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.

Home Learning: All children will 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. Home Learning will start in Week 3.

Warmer Months: Please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the warmer weather. Sensible footwear is important, especially during our daily physical activity. 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 on Friday mornings fortnightly 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.

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 for weekly updates on what is happening.

Please feel free to email your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions, comments or concerns. We would appreciate having an email contact for all families so by giving us a quick email at the beginning of the year to say hello, it means we have you in our system and can contact you.

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