

Trentham School Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 1 2018 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 six Year 5/6 BYOD classes. We would like to welcome Isabel Taurua who is teaching in Room 4 and David Karl in Room 5. We will be working in Hubs this year which means that 3 classes will be working in a cluster and doing shared planning and some shared teaching.

Pukeko Hub: R1- Benjamin Garner (Hub leader), R2- Michelle Sturrock, R3- Mary Walker

Kea Hub: R7- Mark Searle (Hub leader), R8- Angela Garner, R10- Katherine Hamilton

Ruru Hub: R5- David Karl (Hub leader), R6- Jillian Adams, R4- Isabel Taurua

Kerry Johnstone will also work closely with Ruru Hub to release Jillian on Tuesdays for AP Release. We are looking forward to a fun year!

Integrated-Inquiry: This term our focus is on **Interdependence** with the understanding that all living things rely on other things to survive.

'Treemendous' Makeover: Trentham School has been fortunate enough to win a makeover. Four New Zealand schools are chosen each year to have an area of their grounds turned into an outdoor classroom. It might include a lizard garden, native tree planting, creating bird habitats or more! The initiative is about encouraging environmental education in schools, along with teaching children and the wider community about the importance of caring for the environment. Our designated makeover space is the area behind the Dental Clinic on the Junior field. Term 1 will be spent planning and working towards designing the makeover space. Our makeover days are Friday 11th and Saturday 12th May. This will require a lot of support from our community. Please see your child's teacher if you would be able to help out.

Value of the Term: Team Work - *Me mahi tahi tatou mo to oranga o te katoa*. We must all work as one for the wellbeing of all.

Trentham School Vision: Whanaungatanga/Relationships: This is about students collaborating and utilising diverse strengths and connecting with others to build and maintain strong working relationships and a sense of belonging.

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, Singing and Dance. Visual Art will link to our Integrated Inquiry.

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 activities. 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. 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 Patu Team Assemblies will be held on Friday mornings fortnightly at 9am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

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: Home Learning at Trentham School will now be optional. Please return the form below if you would like your child to be given Home Learning on a weekly basis. Reading, Spelling and Basic Facts will be given to families who have opted in. Home Learning will start in Week 3. Please look out for the Home Learning Statement of Intent within the next School Newsletter.

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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Te Roopu Patu

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