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Te Roopu Koru Newsletter Term 2, 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who attended 'Three Way Conferences' at the end of last term. Remember to encourage your child to work on the goals they made, particularly for those students still needing to develop regular home learning routines.

A big thank you to the parents and caregivers who helped with our school Duathlon at the end of last term. We couldn't have run this event without your support on the day.

With the cooler and damp weather settling in, we are encouraging the students to put an extra pair of trousers and socks in their bag, particularly if they enjoy running around on the field and getting muddy. We do encourage the students to be outside as much as possible during their breaks, so warm tops and jackets are important over this term.

Due to an increase in our roll we have started a new Year 1 class. Vanessa Smith-Graham and Christine Janssen will be team teaching in Room 11 for Term 2 then Vanessa will continue in Terms 3 and 4. Both Vanessa and Christine are experienced teachers. Children from Room 13 have moved into Room 11 and Diane McGimpsey will continue to take the new entrant students. We look forward to having Vanessa and Christine join us.

Kiwi Hub: Diane McGimpsey Room 13, Sandra Gordon Room 12 and Vanessa Smith-Graham/Christine Janssen Room 11

Weka Hub: Rochelle Burns Room 17, Gillian Wasley Room 16 and Emma Wickens Room 18

Tui Hub: Benjamin Garner Room 14, Anne-Marie Kay Room 15 and Jenni Nind Room 19

This term we will begin collaborative teaching in maths. Classes will be working closely in hubs on a daily basis for all maths teaching. Collaboration and student agency is about students working together, learning from each other and taking more ownership of their learning. Feel free to talk with your child's teacher about our collaborative teaching at Trentham School.

Integrated Inquiry

Our learning this term will be leading up to a production at Lane Park on Wednesday 5 July. This term our focus is on Creativity: How do we express ideas? The understanding that the way we discover and express ideas reflects who we are and where we belong. Our Big Idea: Props and costumes require physical and functional attributes that are fit for purpose. Our writing programme will be closely linked with our Inquiry. We will be writing narratives, recounts, instructions and explanations.

Value of the Term

Thinking/Whakaaro - Willingness to question, reflect, investigate and create. This means wanting to find out more.

Trentham School Vision

Resourcefulness: An inquiry into how humans interact with the world.

Home Learning

We are continuing with our schoolwide home learning programme this term. Each teacher will provide the compulsory aspect of home learning, which will include Reading, Spelling and Maths. Please encourage your child to take responsibility for their own home learning.

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. tote tray or bags. Students need to take responsibility for their own belongings. We recommend that toys are not brought to school, but if they are then students bring them at their own risk.

Physical Activity

All students are expected to participate in all physical activities and require suitable clothing and footwear. We will also be encouraging all students to have a water bottle in class, as it disrupts class programmes when students need to leave the room for a drink.

We look forward to working with you and your child this term. Please contact your child's class teacher if there is anything you want to discuss at any point.

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Regards

Benjamin Garner, Jenni Nind, Diane McGimpsey, Anne-Marie Kay, Gillian Wasley, Emma Wickens, Rochelle Burns, Sandra Gordon, Vanessa Smith Graham and Christine Janssen