



# Trentham School

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## Te Roopu Koru Newsletter Term 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to a new school year. We have an exciting year of teaching and learning planned for your children and we look forward to working with you to ensure all experience success.

Koru Syndicate starts the year with seven classes and we will continue to work in Hubs. This means that teachers and classes will be working together in groups with shared planning and teaching across the classes.

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### Kiwi Hub

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### Weka Hub

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### Tui Hub

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## Value of the Term

### RESPECT/WHAKAUTE

**He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata.**  
Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

Because we know that values play a key role in building strong families, schools and communities, we encourage, model and teach a value each term.

Over the next ten weeks each class will explore and unpack our school definition:

**RESPECT/ WHAKAUTE - willingness to treat with courtesy, hold in high regard, honour and care about yourself and others.** This means **being caring to ourselves, others and our environment.**

## Integrated Inquiry

This term our focus is on **Mana Motuhake** where we will explore concepts around belonging, identity, Mana, controversy, conflict, consequences and Tino Rangatiratanga. Our big inquiry question is 'What is mana and how do we show this at Trentham School?' We will begin by unpacking what Mana means, develop whakawhanaungatanga (getting to know each other) and identify our strengths and our identity.

## Swimming

All children are required to wear a swimming cap in the school pool. Subsidised swimming caps are available from the school office for \$6.50 each. Classes will also have access to a class cap if they have not got their own. All students will be expected to swim unless they have a note excusing them due to health concerns. Swimming for Kiwi and Tui Hub starts in week 2 and your child's swimming time is in the Hub Newsletter. Weka Hub will begin swimming in Term 2.

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 or clean undies
- Board shorts can be worn over girls togs
- No plasters or open wounds.
- No swimming if you have had diarrhoea.

## Home Learning

Home learning is an optional programme for all students that we encourage everyone to complete. Although it is not compulsory, reading, spelling and basic facts will be provided to those children whose parents request it and opt into the programme at the beginning of the year.

It is the parent's responsibility to support their children with the completion of their home learning. Please complete the tear off slip below if you would like your child/children to be provided with home learning.

## Property

All clothing must be named as we have an ongoing problem with lost property accumulating and not being claimed. 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.

## Physical Activity

All students are expected to participate in all physical activities and require suitable clothing and footwear. Hats are compulsory for any outdoor activity this term so please ensure your child brings a named hat and leaves it at school. 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.

## Classroom Behaviour Management Plan

Our Koru Classroom Behaviour Management Plan runs on similar principles to the School Wide Behaviour Plan. Each teacher in Koru will have a reward system in place for appropriate behaviour and will support one another with students who continue to break classroom rules. We will involve you as parents/caregivers at a certain stage if required, as outlined on the Classroom Behaviour Management Plan included with this newsletter. We fully appreciate the support you give us for our rooms to run smoothly and effectively. Our expectation is that all students at Trentham School will be secure, safe and successful.

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

Kind regards,

Erica Leggett, Gena Smith, Benjamin Garner, Anne-Marie Kay, Jenni Nind, Michelle Sturrock, Heather Mawby, Gillian Wasley, Diane McGimpsey, Rochelle Burns and Lacey McCarthy.

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My child/children will be completing reading, spelling and basic facts home learning this year.

Child's/childrens' name \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_