

# Trentham School Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 3 2019, July 22 - September 27



Trentham School

Empowered Learners for the Future

Kia ora koutou katoa!

Welcome back to Term 3 at Trentham School. We hope you all enjoyed your holiday and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for learning. We would like to welcome any new children to Trentham School and we hope that you enjoy being part of Te Roopu Patu. Below are some of the things that will be happening this term.

**Integrated-Inquiry:** This term our focus is on our place in the wider world.

The understanding is that changes in technology and the speed at which things happen impact our sense of how we fit into the wider world. Travel is an important part of change in technology and gives us greater access to the world around us.

**Value of the Term:** Compassion

Manaaki whenua, manaaki tangata, haere whakamua.  
Care for the land, care for people, go forward.

**Trentham School Vision:** **GROW** - Growth, Relationships, Ownership, Wonder

Trentham Learners-

- Have a growth mindset rather than a fixed mindset
- Connect with others to build and maintain strong working relationships and a sense of belonging
- Take responsibility for their own actions - behaviour, wellbeing, social and emotional
- Are motivated to learn and give things a go

**Literacy:**

To persuade, scientific reports - to instruct (eg. method), personal response and reflection

- Write instructions for using train crossings, safety etc
- Create a written text to communicate an opinion/argument about keeping citizens safe around the electrified rail network
- Persuasive writing about trains vs cars and link to environment
- Write about the process being completed by Kiwirail
- Write a science report on experiments done in class

**Numeracy:** Our focus will be on addition, subtraction and algebra.

**The Arts:** Visual Art- Kinetic art

Students will create a piece of artwork that moves and be able to explain the science and the art behind their piece of art.

Students will create a piece of artwork for their personal calendar art and for the Upper Hutt Community calendar art competition.

Kapa Haka will continue fortnightly for all students.

**Health and Physical Education:** This term our students will continue to unpack the 'Te Whare Tapa Wha' model of Hauora and how it relates to them personally. They will be able to talk about physical, mental, social and spiritual well being.

There will be daily fitness and a couple of longer sessions a week involving games and activities with a focus on cultural games. Sensible footwear is important, especially during our daily physical activity.

**Team Assembly:** Our Patu Team Assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons fortnightly on odd weeks of the term at 1:30 p.m. in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.

**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 in Years 5/6 that are bringing their own device to school will need to lock it up as soon as they get to school and ensure it is charged.

**Dates to remember:**

5 August - Year 6 Hands on Visit to Fergusson Intermediate School

7-8 August - Student Led Learning Conversations

6 September - School Disco

30 October-1 November - Year 5 and 6 Camp

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 that we can contact you easily.

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