

# Trentham School Te Roopu Patu

## Newsletter

Term 1 2021, February 4 - April 16



Trentham School

Empowered Learners for the Future

Kia ora koutou katoa!

Welcome back to a new year at Trentham School. We hope you all enjoyed your 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. This year we have got one Year 3/Year 4 class, two Year 4 classes and five Year 5/6 BYOD classes. We are looking forward to using our lovely new space which has been designed for collaborative teaching and learning.

Pukeko Hub: R1- Mary Walker (Hub leader), R2- Sam Blandford, R3- Angela Garner

Kea Hub: R7- David Karl (Hub leader), R8- Carol Elers-Nuku

Ruru Hub: R4- Briar McPhail, R5 - Isabel Taurua (Hub leader), R6 - Jillian Adams (Assistant Principal).

Gillian Wasley will also work closely with Ruru Hub to release Jillian on Tuesdays for AP Release in Term 1.

**Integrated-Inquiry:** This term our focus is on Mana Motuhake which we will link to developing independence, autonomy and agency, understanding how conflict and loss impact us all.

Big Idea: Understanding loss and how Te Tiriti o Waitangi helps us to support others to be their best.

Big Question: How can we empower others to be their best at Trentham School?

**Value of the Term:** Respect - He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata - Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure.

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

- Communicate clearly, positively, respectfully and professionally
- Treat others with courtesy and to care about themselves and others
- Collaborate and utilise diverse strengths
- Have self-identity and respect for their own and others' cultures

**Literacy:** This will be linked to integrated-inquiry where it fits best. We will be writing to inform, to reflect, to entertain.

**Numeracy:** Measurement - time; Number - multiplication and division; Statistics.

**The Arts:** Kapa Haka, Born to Move dance and Visual Art that links to our Integrated-Inquiry. We will use Thursday afternoon for rotations so students who opt into Nga Mana o Purehurehu will practise during this slot while the other students spend 3 weeks on each rotation - Kapa Haka, Dance, Digital Technology.

**Health and Physical Education:** Hauora (Health) involves the physical, social, mental and spiritual aspects of well being. This term we will unpack the 'Te Whare Tapa Wha' model and how it relates to students personally. There will be daily fitness and a couple of longer sessions a week involving games and activities, along with swimming. 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, and clothing that covers their shoulders.

**Team Assembly:** Our Patu Team Assemblies will usually be held on Friday afternoons fortnightly on odd weeks of the term at 1.45 p.m. in the Hall - Weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9. Parents are welcome to attend. Whole school assemblies will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday in Weeks 6 and 11.

**Swimming:** Our swimming programme in Years 5 and 6 will be staggered across the term so individual classes will let you know when your child will be swimming. Year 3/4 Pukeko Hub will swim one day each

week and a notice will be sent with swimming times for these classes. When it is your child's turn, please ensure they bring their togs and swimming cap every day for this period. Goggles are useful for children to be able to swim confidently under water. 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 does sell subsidised swimming caps at \$6.50 each. Students may have access to a small supply of class caps 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, as it blocks the pool filters.
- 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 within the past 14 days.

**Home Learning:** Home Learning at Trentham School is optional. Please return the form below if you do not wish your child to be given Home Learning on a weekly basis. Reading, Spelling and Basic Facts will be given to families who have not opted out. Home Learning will start in Week 3.

**Health:** If your child is unwell, please keep them 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 (and 24 hours after they last showed signs of illness) so as to not pass on any bugs to others in their class. Please check your child's hair for head lice and treat it 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 3 p.m. Students in Years 5/6 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 Seesaw posts for 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.

Nga mihi  
Te Roopu Patu

Pukeko Space:

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Mrs Angela Garner	Rm 3	<a href="mailto:a.garner@trentham.school.nz">a.garner@trentham.school.nz</a>

Ruru Space:

Miss Briar McPhail	Rm 4	<a href="mailto:b.mcphail@trentham.school.nz">b.mcphail@trentham.school.nz</a>
Mrs Isabel Taurua	Rm 5	<a href="mailto:i.taurua@trentham.school.nz">i.taurua@trentham.school.nz</a>
Mrs Jillian Adams	Rm 6	<a href="mailto:j.adams@trentham.school.nz">j.adams@trentham.school.nz</a>

Kea Space:

Mr David Karl	Rm 7	<a href="mailto:d.karl@trentham.school.nz">d.karl@trentham.school.nz</a>
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# 2021 Te Roopu Patu Home Learning

## Literacy and Numeracy

At Trentham School, students who participate in the Home Learning Programme are encouraged to practise their reading, spelling and basic facts 3-4 nights each week.

### Reading – at least 15 minutes each night

Students who are reading below an 8.5 year reading age will be encouraged to take books home from school. All students will have books they can select from school however they may choose to select books from other sources.

### Spelling- 5 minutes each night

Students will have 10 words each week to become familiar with. Depending on which level your child is at, they may have words from the Essential Spelling List, words that have similar patterns, topic words or words that relate to something else being covered in class. Higher level spellers will focus on word meanings rather than just spelling words correctly.

When learning to spell...

Child to:

Read the word.

On scrap paper, write the word.

Read the word again.

Write the word.

Ask child to spell the word by:

Saying the word.

Reading the word.

Writing the word.

### Basic Facts- 5 minutes each night

Our basic facts programme at school includes far more than the traditional addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. Practising basic facts for home learning will not only support your child as they move up each stage, but will help you as a parent/caregiver to see what they are learning in maths. Students will know their level on the basic facts ladder. A copy of the ladder your child is working at will be glued into their home learning book. The focus of the ladder is speed of recall so, as an addition to filling in the sheets, your child could also complete the worksheet the following ways:

- timed
- orally
- family of facts e.g.  $3 \times 4 = 12$  so  $4 \times 3 = 12$ ,  $12 \div 3 = 4$ ,  $12 \div 4 = 3$
- with materials or through games

We can also provide extension home learning if you wish - please contact your child's teacher to discuss this.

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Please return this slip if you do not wish your child to receive Home Learning each week.

I do not wish my child \_\_\_\_\_ to complete Home Learning in 2021.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_