

Trentham School Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 2 2018



Kia ora koutou katoa!

Welcome back to Term 2 at Trentham School. We hope you all enjoyed your relaxing holidays and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for more exciting 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 **Enterprise** with an emphasis on Social Science/Technology- The understanding that different cultures have different practices but reflect similar purposes.

Our Big Question is: How do different cultures celebrate important events?

Tremendous Makeover: 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 are available to help out.

Value of the Term: Resilience- "*He toka tū moana, arā he toa rongonui*". Your strength is like a rock that stands in raging waters.

Trentham School Vision: Growth/Kotahitanga - This is about students being confident learners who try new things and persevere to achieve and excel. We also want students to have a growth mindset rather than a fixed mindset. Kotahitanga is about moving forward together.

Literacy: We will be focusing on writing to entertain, retell and inform. The first half of the term will have a Matariki focus.

Numeracy: Our main areas this term are Shape and Transformation, Fractions and a Statistical Inquiry. We will be working collaboratively within our hubs so students may be attending workshops across classrooms with different teachers and students.

The Arts: Fortnightly syndicate rotations which include Kapa Haka, Singing, Dance and Physical Education will continue.

Health and Physical Education: Play.sport will continue to work with us again this term 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 activity. 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.

Home Learning: Home Learning at Trentham School is optional. Reading, Spelling and Basic Facts will be given to families who have opted in.

Colder Months: As we are heading into the colder months, please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed. Sensible footwear is important, especially during our daily fitness and sports. It would also be a good idea for your child to bring a change of clothes to school in case they get muddy or wet during their break times or physical education.

Team Assembly: Our Syndicate Assemblies will be held on Friday mornings fortnightly (odd weeks) at 9am in the Hall.

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. It is important that if your child has indicated they will be using their own device that it comes to school daily and fully charged.

EOTC Week Term 4 - 26-30 November ppt 3-7 December: We are holding an EOTC - Education Outside The Classroom week in Term 4. There will be a cost of up to \$20. Once we have confirmed our bookings for the week we will send out further information.

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 and seesaw posts to see what your child is learning.

Please feel free to email your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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