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Te Roopu Koru Newsletter Term 2, 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2 at Trentham School. We hope you all enjoyed a relaxing holiday and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for more exciting learning. We would like to welcome any new students and families to Trentham School and we hope that you enjoy being part of Te Roopu Koru.

A big welcome back to Diane McGimpsey who has returned to Room 9 after being on sabbatical leave in term 1. Diane will resume her role as Leader of Kiwi Hub.

Welcome also to Gina Smith who is teaching in Room 11 for the rest of the year.

Koru Syndicate now has nine 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. Please contact your child's class teacher if there is anything you want to discuss at any point.

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Kiwi Hub

Room 9 Diane McGimpsey, New Entrants (Hub Leader) d.mcgimpsey@trentham.school.nz

Room 11 Gena Smith, Year 1 g.smith@trentham.school.nz

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Weka Hub

Room 16 Gillian Wasley, Year 2 g.wasley@trentham.school.nz

Room 17 Rochelle Burns, Year 2 (Hub Leader) r.burns@trentham.school.nz

Room 18 Briar McPhail, Year 2 b.mcphail@trentham.school.nz

Tui Hub

Room 14 Heather Mawby, Year 3 (Hub Leader) h.mawby@trentham.school.nz

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Integrated Inquiry: This term our concept is **Enterprise** which we will develop through learning about Matariki with a focus on clever ways to use what we have got.

Matariki is the Māori name for the star cluster known as Pleiades. The full name is “Ngā mata a te Ariki Tawhirimātea – the eyes of the God Tawhirimātea”. It is also the name for the Māori New Year celebration. Celebrations begin on the first day of the new moon following the rising of the star cluster. The star cluster rises this year on June 15.

At the end of the term we are planning on having a school Matariki celebration where we will come to school early to view the stars, have a shared breakfast and have a day of activities. Mark Tuesday 26 June on your calendar.

As part of our studies around Matariki and as a follow up to our Tremendous Makeover, Koru Syndicate are visiting the Botanical Gardens in Wellington. More information will be sent out soon.

Tuesday 15 May - Weka Hub, Wednesday 16 May - Kiwi Hub, Thursday 17 May - Tui Hub

Don't forget to keep Saturday 12 May free to help with our Tremendous Makeover. Preparations have started on the area so everyone is getting very excited.

Value of the Term: Resilience - to be brave in challenging or difficult experiences; to persevere; to overcome fear; to have a go.

Our value is explicitly taught and modelled in all classrooms and Whanau Time every second Friday afternoon will also focus on this.

Trentham School Vision: GROW

Relationships/Whanaungatanga: This will be integrated into our Matariki learning.

The focus is on building confident learners who try new things and persevere to achieve and excel, have a growth mindset rather than a fixed mindset and work independently and collaboratively.

Health and PE

Health and Physical Education is a way for everyone to achieve and excel. This term we have a focus on developing movement skills while ensuring PE is connected with what is happening in the classroom.

- Develop a wide range of movement skills, using a variety of equipment and play environments.
- Demonstrate respect through sharing and co-operation in groups.
- Take individual and collective action to contribute to environments that can be enjoyed by all.

This term every class will have one Basketball skills lesson with Brendan from Basketball Wellington.

On Tuesdays, Te Roopu Koru will be supported by Chris from Play.Sport to learn new games and activities.

All students are expected to participate in all physical activities and require suitable clothing and footwear.

Home Learning

Although Home Learning is optional this year we are strongly encouraging all students to complete reading, spelling and basic facts. We will provide home learning but will not be following up or marking it.

Home learning is a great opportunity to spend some quality time with your child and to support his/her learning. It has a positive impact on progress and achievement levels.

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.

We look forward to working with you and your child this term.

Regards

Bernie Olliver, Jenni Nind, Heather Mawby, Anne-Marie Kay, Gillian Wasley, Briar McPhail, Rochelle Burns, Sandra Gordon, Gena Smith and Diane McGimpsey