



# Trentham School

Learning and Succeeding Together

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Dear Parents & Caregivers

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all students and their families. I hope you all had a great break and managed to find the sun wherever you were. A special welcome to our new families. We had 26 new students starting with us today. There are many important documents accompanying this newsletter. Please read them all carefully and make the necessary returns.

This term's learning across the school will focus on the concept of 'Diversity'. Classes will revisit their understanding of the 'Trentham Kid' and learn about the people within their class and their school. Lots of great activities have been planned. We look forward to a year of exciting and challenging learning experiences for all your children.

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Please feel free to use email to communicate with any of us. It's often easier and quicker for us to reply via email than to get to a telephone.

## SCHOOL FOCUSES 2012

This year the staff will be working on 3 main areas:

**Writing** – continuing to provide quality teaching programmes that actively engage students and accelerate learning.

**Information & Communications Technology** – utilising a variety of ICT tools to enhance student writing, particularly Ultranet, our learning management system.

**National Standards** – implementing the standards, overall teacher judgements and reporting to parents.

**FAMILY PICNIC, Wednesday 15 February, 5.30 – 7.00pm**

**An opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher in a relaxed and informal way. Bring your fish and chips or picnic tea to the Brentwood Block and join in some games with the staff. See you there!**

**2012 TERM DATES**

**Term 1:** Thursday 2 February – Thursday 5 April

**Term 2:** Monday 23 April – Friday 29 June

**Term 3:** Monday 6 July – Friday 28 September

**Term 4:** Monday 15 October – Wednesday 19 December

Teacher Only Day: Friday 1 June

Waitangi Day: 6 February

Good Friday: 6 April

Queens Birthday: Monday 4 June

Labour Day: Monday 22 October

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter to parents informing you of our expectations and processes for dealing with absences this year. It is important you read it carefully. A reminder that our school day begins at 8.55am. Arriving late to school is not acceptable as this affects student's learning and interrupts teaching. Please make sure your child is here ready to start the day at this time.

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please ring the school office **before 9.15am** if your child is unable to attend school on any given day. We will follow up all unexplained absences with a phone call to you. This system ensures the safety of your child – please make it effective by notifying the school if your contact details ever change during the year. For safety reasons we do require explanations by phone to the office or teacher, or in writing. This system works well most of the time. Occasionally a message does not reach the office – please be positive with the office staff when that happens.

**STUDENT DETAILS**

Today your child will bring home a printout of all the contact details we currently have for them. Please note any changes on the form and return to school so we can update our database. Return the form even if the details are correct and no changes are required. If these details change during the year please advise the school office. We need to maintain up to date records for Ministry of Education returns as well as for your child's safety and communication purposes.

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION**

Also coming home today is a range of information which requires a permission form to be completed and returned to school. We are now only asking for permission once for all students. This means that we will not have to keep asking you for permission every year. The permission form will last for the duration of a child's time at Trentham School. Please read the information carefully and return the permission form asap.

**SUNSMART**

A reminder that we have a sun smart policy of "no hat, no play" for Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a sun hat at school so they are not restricted to shady areas when outside.

**HOME & SCHOOL**

Information about this group accompanies this newsletter. Please complete and return it to school. Our first meeting for the year will be held **on Tuesday 14 February at 3.15pm in the school staffroom**. We need lots of help planning our fundraising activities for this year. We hope to see many of you there so please make an effort to attend. Bring the children along if you need to.

## VALUE OF THE TERM

Our value for this term is honesty and truthfulness. Over the next ten weeks each class will consider our school definition – ‘Willingness not to steal, cheat, lie or be unfair.’

We will learn...

- why it is important to be honest and truthful
- how to be honest and truthful
- that honesty and untruthfulness can take various forms
- whom and what can be trusted
- that there are consequences for disobedience.

Please consider reinforcing our theme at home. Each week’s newsletter will contain a small suggestion or talking point that may help parents/caregivers follow up the discussion and actions taken at school.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

This year the breakfast club will be twice a week - every Tuesday and Thursday morning before school from 8.00 -8.30am. From 14 February, children can come to the hall for a breakfast of Weet-bix, toast and Milo. Everyone is welcome and it’s a great way to start the day ready for learning.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING

A reminder that all students must wear a swimming cap when in our school pool. These can be purchased from the office at a reduced cost of \$6.50 (RRP \$10). Please ensure your child has a cap before school swimming begins.

## YMCA AFTER SCHOOL CARE- onsite at Trentham School

Are you interested in an after school care centre based at Trentham School? YMCA runs after school cares, holiday programmes and camps for kids around the region. Interested? Let us know. Email: [wellingtonoscar@ymca.org.nz](mailto:wellingtonoscar@ymca.org.nz) Phone: 04 568 3252, Text 027 600 5496



## ASB SCHOOL BANKING

We continue to offer Trentham children School Banking. See the school office for an application form.

Once registered children will bring their School Banking deposit envelopes to school every Friday and deposit them in the special banking box that can be found outside the Office. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to teach your children how to save in their very own account. The amount deposited does not matter – anything from 10c per week is fine, we just want to encourage our children to learn the importance of saving. The accounts are free of fees.

Every child that registers for School Banking will receive a Goodie bag to help them with their banking. Please return your completed forms to the School Office.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Our school is moving to a completely new service called Luncheonline. The Luncheonline service is an internet based school lunch provider, where parents/caregivers can order their school lunch using the internet, and it will be delivered to our school.

This simple to use internet site allows parents/caregivers to register online and link to our school. You then need to transfer some money (\$20 minimum) to your account using either a credit card or bank account transfer, and you are ready to go.

Our school will be trialling this programme over term 1, **starting Tuesday 7th February**. This will allow our families to become familiar with the new internet lunch service. This lunch service will initially only be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We will be using Cafe Cibo as our supplier, with a menu selection that ensures healthy options and some treats are available.



So watch this space as Luncheonline will be running promotional and giveaways from time to time. For more information, view the menu and to open your account, visit [www.luncheonline.co.nz](http://www.luncheonline.co.nz).

**The winner of the 2011 Christmas Raffle was Number 323 Vince Tomillo. Congratulations!**  
**Thank you to all those who purchased tickets.**

| UPCOMING DATES |  |
|----------------|--|
| 7 February     | Juniors begin swimming                         |
| 14 February    | Home & School Meeting, 3.15pm in the staffroom |
| 15 February    | Family Picnic 5.30-7.00pm (p/p 22 Feb)         |
| 23 February    | BOT meeting 6.45pm                             |
| 27 February    | Middles begin swimming                         |
|                | Netball Meeting, 3.15pm in the staffroom       |
| 28 February    | Super 8 Cricket                                |
| 6 March        | Whanau Hui                                     |
| 14 March       | School Photos                                  |
| 19 March       | Seniors begin swimming                         |
| 20 March       | UV Ripa Rugby                                  |
| 22 March       | BOT meeting 6.45pm                             |
| 28-29 March    | 3 Way Conferences                              |
| 30 March       | Disco  |
| 3 April        | UV Swimming                                    |
| 5 April        | Last day of Term 1                             |

Kind regards

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**SportZone**  
**After School Football**  
**For Year 1-3 Kids**

Venue: **Trentham School**  
 Time: **3:15-4:15**  
 Term **1** **Week 3-9**

**Cost \$30**

Register Online at [www.SportZone.org.nz](http://www.SportZone.org.nz)  
 or fill in and return this form with payment to the school office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to SportZone



