

# Trentham School Te Roopu Patu Newsletter

Term 2 2019, April 29 - July 5



Trentham School

Empowered Learners for the Future

Kia ora koutou katoa!

Welcome back to Term 2 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 community.

The understanding is how people make decisions about access to and use of resources. Personal feelings, beliefs and actions contribute to creating healthy environments/spaces to belong to.

**Value of the Term:** Excellence - Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari taku toa he toa takitini.

My achievements are not mine alone, they are the achievements of many.

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

Trentham Learners-

- Are confident learners who try new things and persevere to achieve and excel
- Have a common understanding of high expectations and learning pathways
- Know where they are with their learning, their next steps and how to achieve them using appropriate tools
- Source knowledge to become creators of new knowledge and ideas

**Literacy:**

To inform, to report, bio, interviews, letters to the editor

- Factual, history of Upper Hutt, blogs, articles, Upper Hutt news
- Pretending we are reporters

**Numeracy:** Our focus will be on fractions and geometry, with links to all curriculum areas and events happening during the term. One of our connections will be using nets of 3D shapes and models to create our own maps of a community.

**The Arts:** Visual Art- collage

Students will choose from the following options... Artsplash/Dancesplash, Born To Move, Animation, Singing/Percussion, Visual Art or Drama. 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 dodging and tackling skills. 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.

We are looking forward to another busy term and we 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 that we can contact you easily.

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