



Room 7 Newsletter

Term 1, 2019

Classroom Curriculum

Living in Tairua, with such an exceptional environment surrounding us, it is important to integrate an environmental focus into our class curriculum. Demonstrating a connection to our local environment (and beyond) involves investigation, appreciation, exploration, critical thinking and making decisions on how to enhance, protect and manage the natural resources we have here.

Students will delve into an inquiry on marine protection and take steps to protect and enhance their local ocean environment. This term Room 7 will make a day trip to Cathedral Cove to snorkel at the Whanganui-a-hei Marine Reserve, to compare and assess the effects of a protected area on marine life.

This is an amazing chance for senior students to have a say on what they want for the future of their harbour and ocean. They will direct their own actions and decide how they can make a real difference to their world.

- **LITERACY:** This term we will have a focus on personal reading habits and creative writing skills. The class will also conduct a novel study which will carefully link to our survivor camp skills and personal integrity development.

Buddy Reading - Senior students will engage in a junior buddy programme to encourage and share the joy of reading.

- **NUMERACY:** We will concentrate on the mathematical concepts of Money and Financial Literacy, Orientation/Mapping, and integrated within our artwork we will also look at measurement.

- **TE REO MAORI:** Students will be investigating traditional maori koru designs to represent their own whanau and sharing their own personal mihi to an audience. Every fortnight each classroom will have a half hour Te Reo lesson with Matua George. Our class session is gam on Mondays.

- **SWIMMING:** Our robust swimming programme will incorporate a harbor swim this year and students will practice style, speed and stamina in preparation. Students will practice team problem solving through cooperative physical fitness challenges and Triathlon training will begin in Week 3.

- **VISUAL ART:** Students will design a personally significant logbook cover to represent their individuality, create personal interest wheels for display and experiment with pastel techniques on their family koru circle.

Tai-TECH - Fridays

Students will continue with the TAI -TECH programme with an exciting range of new options to choose from. This year students will be asked to make their selections for the full year and Term 1 sessions will start Friday of Week 3 (Block 1 & 2).

As stated in the School Newsletter, Mrs Ann Finn will be with Room 7 on Fridays in Block 3 & 4. During Block 3, Ann will share her strong knowledge and experience of the French Language and Culture. This is an exciting opportunity for seniors to learn a new language which has been widely proven to enhance cognitive abilities such as memory and intelligence at any age. AMAZING!

In Block 4 students will attend either a student led or whole school assembly (on rotation) in the afternoon.

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

*Whakatau mai, whakatau mai.
Kua tangata whenua kaoutou.*

A warm welcome to all students and their families to Room 7, 2019.

We have a wonderful bunch of Year 7/8 individuals working together in the classroom and already everyone is contributing and collaborating effectively. I am thrilled to return to teaching in the senior class and have enjoyed my time away with my 2 year old daughter Sienna.

In the senior class there is a strong focus on developing self management and productive learning habits. In this class newsletter I would like to share the systems we have in Room 7 to encourage students to do their best work and cultivate a positive classroom environment.

I would gladly meet with anyone if you have any queries you would like to discuss. Mornings, just before school starts is a very busy time in the classroom. However parents/caregivers are always welcome to pop by AFTER SCHOOL as I am regularly available in Room 7 and the room is free to chat. Alternatively you can email me to arrange an appointment time to suit. For messages to your child during the school day, please call the office.

With an exciting year ahead, full of meaningful challenges and experiences, I look forward to a rewarding year with your child.

Kind Regards,
Samantha Telfar

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
THIS TERM TO:

Tara, Gracie,
Neveah, Alex,
Sophy, Oscar,
Kaja and Ayla.



What's Happening:

YEAR 7/8 GIRLS SELF DEFENCE COURSE:



This course is run by Wahine Toa, who provide NZ schools with free self defence lessons for girls. A letter has gone home with all Year 7/8 girls with course details and dates. If you would like to know more about Wahine Toa, check out their website: www.wsdn.org.nz

* Later in the year, Year 7/8 boys will also have a chance to develop their self defence and personal skills with a professional martial arts instructor. There will be a strong focus on respect and self control associated with this skill set. Further details to follow.

ROOM 7 DRUMMING WORKSHOP:

On Thursday 21st February all Room 7 students will participate in a highly rewarding drumming workshop run by Human Rhythms. This workshop encourages team work and communication in a unique and interactive way and it is SUPER FUN! Students need to meet at the Rugby Club for a 9am start. Students may leave from the club at 3pm to head home. Bring a full days lunch and drink please.

FIRST AID COURSE:

Seniors will participate in a Red Cross People Savers First Aid Course on Wednesday 27th February. Please ensure your child is at school for this very important opportunity.

THAMES VALLEY TRIATHLON:

All Room 7 students will be participating in the Thames Valley Primary Schools Triathlon on Thursday 28th March. The Triathlon is held at Cooks Beach and students may enter as a team or individual. Students may select their teams and what activity they will compete in; swim, bike or run. Trainings will be in school time and necessary gear will need to be brought to school each day. Entry forms and details will go out in the coming week.

Attire & Personal Hygiene

Room 7 students know they need to role model proper attire at Tairua School. Before they leave the house in the morning please remind them to dress appropriately for the day ahead.

- Sun hats are a must in Term 1 and sunscreen is available in the classroom.
- Tairua students need to dress appropriately for an active day. Shoulders and midriffs must be covered and it needs to be said that tight jeans and loose shoe laces are not ideal for daily fitness activities! 😊
- For health and safety reasons, long hair must be tied up and students may not wear jewellery or make up. Stud earrings are ok. Special family carvings and greenstone can be checked and cleared with Mr Finn. Thanks.
- If students have a watch at home they are encouraged to wear it at school. Seniors can help support our school timetable and model punctuality to others.
- Students must bring their togs and towel everyday. If students are unable to swim for health reasons, please ensure your child brings a note explaining when they will swim again. If students have forgotten their togs, we have some sanitized spares they may borrow from the office so they don't miss out!
- Students may bring a roll on deodorant to school for after physical activity however spray is absolutely not permitted at school please.

Leadership Opportunities

STUDENT LEADERS: This year we will have a comprehensive process for selecting students to lead our school, to ensure that a cohesive group of individuals with a range of necessary skills are elected. All Year 8 students will participate in a WILSS leadership course where students discuss and interpret leadership qualities and participate in various challenges that highlight problem solving and leadership skills. This is where those with extensive leadership potential have a chance to really shine.

The senior class has a vital role to play in nominating the peers they perceive are potential leaders for 2019. These nominees are then given the opportunity to promote their readiness for the position to all the classes. Every student at Tairua School is given the chance to vote for who they believe will lead our school best. Finally, those with the most votes present themselves to the teachers in the staffroom to discuss their suitability for the role before the selection is made by staff. We appreciate the enthusiasm from the community and assure everyone that the process for selection is thorough, fair and appropriate.

Citizenship in Room 7

In Room 7 there are many ways we celebrate students making positive choices about their work ethic, classroom conduct and organisation. Students are recognised for their individual efforts and also when working co operatively with others, to contribute to the productive learning environment in our class.



LEDGERS: This term to compliment our study on financial literacy, students will work towards earning and saving money and to ensure their ledger balance remains in credit. When students are not conducting themselves within the classroom treaty their ledger will incur a debit. Students will need to balance their ledgers weekly and get it signed by their parent and teacher. Students bank their earnings to later spend and bid on something special in our REWARD AUCTION at the end of the term.

CLASS MARBLE JAR: As a class, students work together to fill the marble jar and earn a 'free choice day'. When everyone is achieving the instructed goal, we earn a marble in the jar. The class will vote on what they would like the fun day to involve and a notice will go home once we have filled the jar.



Camp Stuff

For this local camp students will plan and organise their own menu, equipment list, shelter and other necessities needed to survive in the bush. Students will work in groups to ensure everything is accounted for and will take full responsibility for their own preparation. Within the bush environment students will tackle cooperative challenges and survival skills. We will also be participating in a Coromandel Amazing Race where students will have many opportunities to engage in exciting experiences around our Peninsula. We will need parent volunteers and if you have any specific bush skills or 'know-how' appropriate for this camp, please let me know. The camp will be at the beginning of Term 2 and will be contingent on weather conditions. Date T.B.C.

Logbooks

Room 7 students have been gifted a Logbook which will be used to assist senior students develop independent self management skills. They are also a very useful tool for communication between parents/caregivers and the class teacher. Students are required to have these at school everyday to write in reminders, events and commitments.

Please check your child's logbook regularly for notes and details of the week ahead. Messages you wish to pass on, can be written in your child's logbook.

Stationery

Thank you to everyone who has already paid at the office for their box of stationery books. It would be very helpful if students could have all their gear ready before the end of this week please. Everyone in Room 7 needs to bring their own pencil case which they may leave in their desk tote tray for everyday use.

Pencil Case Basic Necessities:

Glue stick	HB pencils (several is useful)
Red pen	Eraser
Blue or black pen	Pencil sharpener
30cm ruler	Set of coloured pencils

Class Schedule

Below is an outline of our Term 1 weekly schedule in the senior class. Understandably in a busy school environment, flexibility and compromise is required to incorporate school events and activities and the daily plan may need to adjust at times to suit. Student focus and drive in particular learning areas will often determine what we study and our class "SPARK BOARD" invites students to suggest topics or questions they would like to investigate further. Students know the school day starts at 8.50am and they need to be at their desk ready with their equipment. Notices, forms and payments etc can be dropped off at the office before class begins. Thank you for all your help and cooperation as new administration requirements are regularly added and adjusted as our wonderful school grows and grows.

PLEASE BRING:

LONG ART SHIRT

Students have been asked to bring a long painting shirt to school that they can leave in class for the year. We have many art projects during the year and something to protect their daily clothes is useful.

DRINK BOTTLE

Students in Room 7 are asked to have a drink bottle in the classroom everyday. They may leave it on their desk so it is always available.

NEWSPAPERS

If you have any spare newspapers at home, we would very much appreciate them. We are in dire need of a stack for all our upcoming art projects and would like to take care of all our new furniture in the senior block. Thank you.

ICE CREAM CONTAINERS

We are also on the hunt for some clean 2 litre ice cream containers. With or without lids is fine. Anything you can source would be fantastic.

POLICE VETTING

For all upcoming trips, camps etc all accompanying parents need to have a valid police vet completed.

As it takes so long to get these processed, it is really important to have these done early in the year so events can be arranged in time.

Some are up for expiry soon so please fill in the form attached and bring into the school office for renewal.

If you would like to assist with transport for any event or trip this year please complete this form as soon as possible and personally hand into Gilly for processing. Thank you so much.

Weekly Timetable	Term 1, 2019	Room 7 KAURI	Tairua School	Samantha Telfar	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50	9 - 9.30am Te Reo with Matua George (fortnightly)				
BLOCK 1	SWIMMING	SWIMMING	SWIMMING	SWIMMING	TAI TECH
10.00 - 10.20am	Morning Tea/Milk				
10.20am	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	TAI TECH
BLOCK 2					
11.20-11.40am	BREAK				
11.40am	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	Mathematics	French with Mrs Finn
BLOCK 3					
12.40 - 1.30pm	LUNCH				
1.30pm	Buddy Reading with Rm 2	Buddy Reading with Rm 2	Buddy Reading with Rm 2	Buddy Reading with Rm 2	Duties/TIDY UP
BLOCK 4	Spark Board Inquiry	Spark Board Inquiry	Spark Board Inquiry	Spark Board Inquiry	2.15pm ASSEMBLY (student led / school alternate weeks)
2.50 — 3.00pm	Duties/Notices/Tidy up	Duties/Notices/Tidy up	Duties/Notices/Tidy up	Duties/Notices/Tidy up	