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Team Roto Newsletter – Term 3, 2019

Term Three

Kia ora koutou whanau

Welcome to Term 3. We hope you took some time to relax in the holidays. It is going to be a busy term with a lot to cover in 10 weeks. Welcome especially to teacher, Miss Simmonds, whose introduction we include below.

Kia ora koutou, ko Rachel Simmonds tōku ingoa. I am looking forward to joining Team Roto and the Russley School community. My partner Ben and I have two sons, Liam (16 years) and Luke (11 years). Our whānau interests include jet skiing, rugby, camping, exercise and dinners out. On a professional note, I have experience working in Innovative Learning Environments in Years 3-6. My curriculum passions include te reo Māori, Arts, Inquiry/Social Sciences, Writing and ICT. Recently, I undertook the Kā Poupu Reo o Tahu course, which has developed my cultural knowledge in regards to language learning and Ngāi Tahu tikanga. I am excited to get to know you throughout the term. Feel free to pop in and say hello!

Our Learning Programme

Our learning programme will continue to place emphasis on the key learning areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Major units of work will be integrated across these curriculum areas to ensure that our students gain from deeper and more meaningful learning experiences.

Art

Visual art is our main inquiry focus for this term. Our learners will learn to view artwork and find out - how and why was the artwork made? They will create different pieces by practising using a variety of materials and tools and respond by looking at others work and discussing their thoughts.



Physical Education/Health

Swimming is the main focus of PE in weeks 7 and 8, as well as invasion games using large ball skills. During term 3 we will be introducing the book "My Marvellous Me" where we will be learning about how we can be the best person we can be. Looking at the topics of gratitude, character strengths and kindness.

Speeches

During Term 3 each student in Team Roto will write and present a speech. The children will be learning about how to do this during the first part of the term, in class. A booklet will go home in week 2 or 3 outlining the work covered in class. Children will need the speech written, practised and ready to present by **Week 6** for the in-class competition.

Financial Literacy

During Week 3 we have a financial literacy topic including concepts such as: where money comes from, debit cards, earning money through chores or pocket money, how to save through spending and comparative shopping.

Interchange (working with teachers across Team Roto)

Music - Glockenspiel

Science - Chemistry

Technology - Sewing

Tikanga/Te Reo Māori - Language and Culture



Important Dates:

Speeches - Week 6 (in-class during week)

Swimming - Weeks 7 and 8 (2-13 September) \$66 to be paid before starting

Art Attack Expo - Tuesday 24th September

Headphones

In Team Roto we leverage technology to engage, motivate and support our learners. It would be helpful if all children could have (named) headphones. Thanks for your ongoing support with this.

Uniform



Please ensure your child has suitable layers to keep them comfortable and warm. They are expected to have lunch and/or play outside if it is dry, even when it is cold. If your child wishes to play football on the grass area at lunchtime, we ask that they bring a spare pair of tracksuit pants to change into. This will prevent mud being dragged into classrooms. We encourage children to bring slippers for the classroom as we take our shoes off to keep our learning space clean.

Please don't hesitate to ask if you require information or have anything important you would like us to know to support your child and their learning. You can contact your classroom teacher by email at the addresses below.



Kia pai tō koutou rā

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