

29th January 2018, Week 1 Term 1

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Kia ora all,

Hope you had a wonderful festive season and made the most of the incredible summer weather!

January has almost disappeared and we are now back into the routine of learning with lots of challenges to come.

If you came to school for the community breakfast you will already know that things look a little different. We now have room for you to drop in for a visit and hopefully enjoy some student learning and sharing in our reception area. The break-out space between classrooms will be an ideal space for groups to focus and receive explicit teaching. The garden has gone crazy so please enjoy a lettuce! Vegetables and preserves will be on sale shortly.

Teaching & Learning

- Junior Room (Fantails, Year 0 to 3) = Lisa McCracken, who will be know as Miss Lisa.
- Senior Room (Kereru, Year 5 to 8) = Cheryl Marychurch (Whaea Cheryl) & Sue Rogers (Whaea Sue)
- Break-out space (Year 4 & 5) = Sue Rogers mornings.

Lisa will be teaching Fantails every day. Cheryl will be teaching Seniors three to four days a week. Sue will be teaching the middle school three to four mornings a week and completing principal tasks in the afternoon. Each class and year group will focus their learning on Reading, Writing and Maths in the morning, followed by Inquiry of focused curriculum areas in the afternoon.

Our overarching Inquiry theme that students will explore this year is 'Sustainability'.

Terms 1 and 2 = Sustaining Me (Health, Social Studies & Technology)

Terms 2 and 3 = Sustaining our environment (Science, Technology)

Terms 3 and 4 = Sustaining our culture & communities (Arts, Social Studies).

A community celebration and sharing of learning will occur at the end of each Inquiry.

We will be starting school 5 minutes earlier at 8:55am and have divided the morning into hourly sessions for Reading, Writing and Maths that will also incorporate Spelling, Phonics, Handwriting and Basic Facts.

Time	Daily Timetable
8:55 - 9:05	Roll and notices
9:05 - 10:10	Maths
10:10 - 10:30	Morning Tea
10:30 - 11:30	Writing/Reading
11:30 - 11:40	Fitness
11:40 - 12:40	Reading/Writing
12:40 - 13:40	Lunch
13:40 - 15:00	Seesaw Inquiry
15:00	School finishes - Bus

Students are expected to complete daily home learning:

- Reading - log book to be completed by teacher and parent.
- Spelling - 5 to 10 words tested on Wednesdays (A6 Notebook).
- Basic facts cards - tested on Wednesdays.
- Additional choice challenges - please see attached sheet.

Please support your child to complete and be organised with their log book, spelling book and basic facts cards.

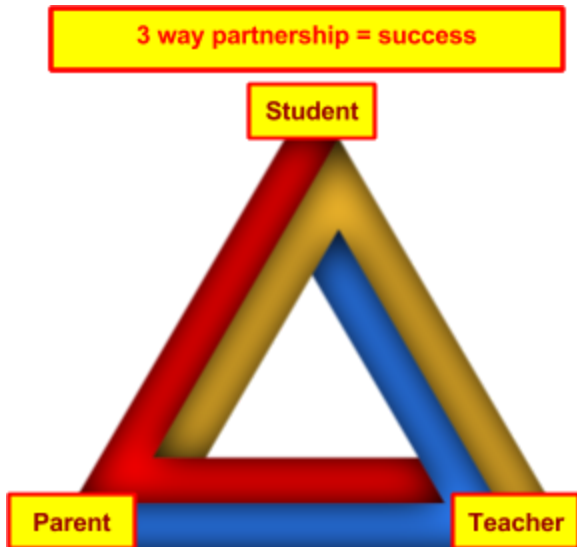


Water bottles need to be washed out every night to stop bacteria. In this heat we all need to hydrate.



Healthy food supports growth, learning and wellbeing. It also helps to reduce rubbish.

We are really excited about 2018's learning with our incredible students and supportive community. As your teaching staff we are dedicated professionals that aim to do the very best for each and every student.



Pre Schoolers

We will be starting a Transition to School session from Week 5 of this term. A weekly session of fun and learning activities on a Thursday morning from 12:00pm. Pre schoolers will be welcome to stay for lunch that concludes at 1:40pm.

Please tell anyone that you know in the area and ask them to give me a call to find out more.

School Library

We have a wonderful resource full of fabulous books that the students love. It is though often empty. If you know of a local community group that would like to use it to meet, chat, sew, knitwhatever the hobby maybe, please get in touch.

Remember the doors are always open, we love sharing the learning with you. So if you can drop in, please do, otherwise students will be sharing learning with you on Seesaw daily and they love a reply or comment.

Look forward to collaborating with you this year.

Yours truly
Sue Rogers

Principal

John Parsons - Hedgehope School -

Monday 12th February

John Parsons is an Internet Safety and Risk Assessment Consultant to schools providing specialist advice and direction on the safe use of Digital Communication Technology.

John was named and awarded a "Paul Harris Fellow" by Rotary International for his work in child protection online and in the community.

He works alongside Police, Children, Young Persons and their Families (CYF) and Health Professionals delivering training in child protection to attendees who come from a wide range of professions.

He delivers cyber safety workshops to students and parent/caregivers through school or community based initiatives.

John will be teaching our students in 3 different age groups on Monday 12th February. In the evening he will be working with & for our community. Whether you are a parent, grandparent or just interested community member please mark this evening as important in your diaries and come along. I am estimating the evening session will start at 6:30pm - I will confirm prior to the day.

Dates that we know so far:

- Swimming (Gore Aquatic Centre) Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February. Please see the attached letter.
- Athletics (Central at CSC) Thursday 8th March with postponement Friday 9th March
- Year 7&8 Technology (Winton School) Monday 9th April to Thursday 12th April
- A full term calendar will be sent out next week and also loaded onto our website.

