



ROOM 8 NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, 2018



Kia Ora!

My name is **Suzanne Davies** and I will be working with the students in Room 8 this year.

My aim is to develop independent individuals who are ready to take on a changing society. I will provide the students with opportunities to take pride in themselves, becoming active both inside and outside of the classroom. They are learners that are safe in their surroundings, who strive to be successful achievers.



My hope is that I will be able to provide your student with a safe learning space that will help them develop not only academically but as an active 21st century citizen.

I know that we will be able to work together to ensure that every student achieves.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information at suzanne@pasadena.school.nz

Our unit of inquiry for the term is **Who We Are**. We will be looking into how the functioning of a community depends on individual actions.

The **students will understand:**

- Relationships and identity build over time
- Roles and responsibility creates a sense of belonging and connection
- There are a different ways to contribute in a community

Literacy: Reading and writing will be linked to our unit of inquiry. I take an integrated approach to Literacy which allows students to make connections between the processes of writing and reading. This term we will be focussing on identifying the main idea, understanding different text structures as well as using our prior knowledge to making connections within and across texts. We will also be constructing texts with a focus on organisation, expanding ideas and using a variety of structures.

Mathematics: We will be beginning the term with Measurement and Geometry followed by Number. Maths will be taught through an inquiry approach and will be integrated into our unit of inquiry.

Physical Education: The focus for this term is aquatics as well as small ball skills. P.E occurs twice a week on Monday and Wednesday.

Te Reo Maori: Te Reo lessons will be held fortnightly on Thursday with Anahera (Ani)

Cooking/Dance and Drama: In term 2 the Yr 8s will attend cooking with myself while the Yr 7s participate in Dance and Drama with Mrs Donnelly. In Term 4, the students will swap over.

Specialisation: Specialisation will also be integrated into our unit of inquiry. The students have specialisation on Tuesday with Ms Urry (Technology), Ms Donnelly (Music) and Mrs Elliot (Art).

Upcoming Events

February

- 6th – Waitangi Day – No School
- 8th – Meet the Teacher BBQ
- 13th – Hiroshima Exchange Info Evening @ 6pm
- 15th – Homework Club 3-4pm
- 20th – Camp Info Evening 6pm
- 23rd – Class & Individual Photos
- 27th – Pasa Sports Meeting 6pm

March

- 2nd – School Swimming Sports
- 2nd – Student Council Announced
- 5^h – HPV1 Immunisations (Y8)
- 6th – Hiroshima Exchange Applications Close
- 8th – School Duathlon
- 12th-16th – Camp @ Piha
- 21st – HPV Catch Ups
- 24th/25th – Pasifika Parking
- 30th – Easter Break begins

April

- 3rd – Last Day of Easter Break
- 4th – Student Led Conferences
- 5th – Netball Info Evening
- 12th – School Social
- 13th – Last Day of School – finish at 2:00pm

Reminders...

*Remember to name and wear correct uniform at all times.

MUST WEAR hats for Term 1.

*Homework will go home Monday through to the following Monday.

*Please remember to inform the school before 9am if child is absent.

*PE Uniform must be worn for PE lessons

AT PASA WE ARE...

PROUD

We are proud, and show respect for ourselves, each other and our school.

ACTIVE

We are active in our learning and our communities.

SAFE

We are safe in what we do and the choices we make.

ACHIEVERS

We are achievers who aim high and work towards our goals.