



Room 5 Newsletter Term 1 2018

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Welcome to a new school year! 2018 is here already and that means back to school and ready to learn.

I am Suriya Wilson, the Room 5 teacher. I am new to Pasadena Intermediate having previously worked at a high school for the last ten years, so I am as eager to work alongside students in this transition from primary school to secondary as I am sure the students will be these next two years in the next steps of their education.

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

Literacy: Reading and writing will be closely 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.

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

Cooking/Dance and Drama: Students will attend cooking sessions with myself in Term 2, or Dance and Drama lessons with Ms Donnelly. In Term 3, the students swap over.

Specialisation: Specialisation will also be integrated into our unit of inquiry. Subjects are: Technology, Music and Art.

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

February

6th Waitangi day-school closed

8th Meet the teacher BBQ

13th Hiroshima exchange information evening 6pm

15th Homework club (then every Thursday of term) 3.00-4.00pm

20th Camp information evening 6pm

23rd Class and individual photos

27th Sports meeting

March

2nd School swimming sports

2nd Student council announced

5th HPV1 immunisation (yr 8s)

6th Hiroshima exchange applications close

8th School duathlon

12th - 16th March School camp

21st HPV1 immunisation catch up

24th/ 25th March Pasifika Parking

30th March to Tuesday 3rd April School closed for Easter

April

4th Student led conferences (1.00-8.00pm)

5th Student led conferences (1.00-6.00pm)

12th School social (6.30-8.30pm)

13th School ends at 2pm

We will be using the school values to frame our learning:

P.A.S.A students are

Proud	Active	Safe	Achievers
We are proud, and show respect for ourselves, each other and our school.	We are active in our learning and our communities.	We are safe in what we do and the choices we make.	We are achievers who aim high and work towards our goals.

Reminders • PE gear must be at school every day. • Homework is half an hour per night. This will be a mixture of maths, literacy and unit of inquiry work. • All items of uniforms are to be labelled including shoes. • Full school uniform must be worn to and from school at all times.
Absences • Please remember to inform the school before 9.00am to report your child's absence and to send a written note with your child when they return to school.

If you have any queries or questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me on suriya@pasadena.school.nz. See you all at the "Meet the Teacher" picnic!