

# Room 2 Newsletter

## TERM 1, 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome, or welcome back, to Pasadena Intermediate. I am really looking forward to being your child's teacher this year. I am fully committed to ensuring that all our children have a wonderful year.

As a parent myself, I want to know that my children feel safe, valued and respected at school. I want them to be stimulated, be challenged, and to be given every opportunity to achieve all their goals for the year. As a teacher, I'll be doing all I can to create that environment for your child too.

I'm keen to keep you up-to-date with what's going on in Room 2 throughout the year. However, if you do ever want to get in touch to ask any questions or to discuss anything, please drop me an email at [owen@pasadena.school.nz](mailto:owen@pasadena.school.nz). I'd love to hear from you. I look forward to meeting you all.

Kind regards,  
Owen Tumulty

This is my first year at Pasadena. I have previously taught at schools in South and West Auckland. I'm delighted to now be working at a school in my own community. I live in Westmere with my wife Janet and my children, Conor and Jessie, who are in Year 11 and Year 9, respectively, at Western Springs College.

### TERM 1 PROGRAMME

Our unit of inquiry for the term is *Who We Are*.

We will be looking into how *the functioning of a community depends individuals and their actions*.

The students will understand that:

- *Relationships and identities build over time.*
- *Roles and responsibilities create a sense of belonging and connection.*
- *There are different ways to contribute within a community.*

**Literacy:** Reading and writing will be closely linked to our unit of inquiry. This term we will be focussing on identifying the main idea within texts, understanding different text structures, as well as using our prior knowledge to make connections within and across texts. We will also be constructing texts with a focus on organisation and expanding ideas in our writing.

**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 Mondays and Wednesdays.

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

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

**Cooking, Dance and Drama:** Year 8 students will attend cooking sessions with me in Term 2, while the Year 7 students will participate in Dance and Drama with Ms Donnelly. In Term 4, the students swap over.



### Calendar

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Waitangi day - school closed

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Meet the teacher BBQ

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Hiroshima exchange information evening - 6pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Homework club (then every Thursday of term) 3.00-4.00pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Camp information evening - 6pm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Class and individual photos

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Sports meeting

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** School swimming sports

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Student council announced

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March:** HPV1 immunisation (year 8s)

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Hiroshima exchange applications close

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** School duathlon

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** School camp

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** HPV1 immunisation catch-up

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Pasifika parking

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** School closed for Easter

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Student-led conferences (1.00-8.00pm)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April:** Student-led conferences (1.00-6.00pm)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April:** School social (6.30-8.30pm)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** School ends at 2pm