

Rm 11 NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2018

Welcome to the first Room 11 newsletter for 2018. This is an opportunity for parents to gain an insight into the rich learning environment that is part of the philosophy and spirit of Room 11, Pasadena Intermediate.

To the Y7's who are embarking on their journey with me, I welcome you and look forward to a fun filled, successful year. To the returning Y8's, I am excited to be with you again and I am confident we will continue the success attained in 2017 and step up to an even higher level of achievement.

Last year Rm 11 attained several milestones, not only in curriculum areas but also in other major areas: We had 10 students receiving their Honours! 2 students were awarded Principals awards (Molly and Callum). This year Rm 11 we will do our best to emulate this same success and foster their own great legacy!



Term 1 calendar

Tuesday 6th Feb Waitangi day-school closed
Thursday 8th Feb Meet the teacher BBQ
Tuesday 13th Feb Hiroshima exchange information evening 6pm
Thursday 15th Feb Homework club (then every Thursday 3.00-4.00pm)
Tuesday 20th Feb Camp information evening 6pm
Friday 23rd Feb Class /individual photos
Friday 2nd March School swimming sports
Tuesday 6th March Hiroshima exchange applications close
Thursday 8th March School duathlon
Monday 12th March- Friday 16th March School camp
Saturday 24th /Sunday 25th March Pasifika Parking
Friday 30th March to Tuesday 3rd April School closed for Easter
Wednesday 4th April Student led conferences (1.00-8.00pm)
Thursday 5th April Student led conferences (1.00-6.00pm)
Thursday 12th April School social
Friday 13th April School ends at 2pm

P.A.S.A. PEOPLE 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. We take logical risks.

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.



A little bit about me

First name: Jerome **Age:** 44

Born: Auckland, New Zealand **High School:** M.A.G.S

Qualifications: Bachelor of Science (BSc), Grad Diploma in teaching

Previous occupation: Operations Manager Gaming @ SkyCity Auckland

I have been a teacher for 9 years and everyday is a blessing. My mission is to ensure learning is fun, varied and relevant for our digitally minded youth of today. I am truly passionate about student achievement and expect students to work hard and celebrate success.

Homework expectations: approximately 30 minutes per week day (on average) Thanks for your support with this ☺

If you ever need to contact me please do not hesitate to do so either by text: 021 2501 656 or email jerome@pasadena.school.nz

Curriculum overview this term:

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

Students will understand:

- Relationships and identity 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 focusing 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 Wednesday and Friday

Cooking/Dance and Drama: This term, Yr 8s will attend cooking sessions while the Yr 7s participate in Dance and Drama lessons with Ms Donnelly.

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).

Te Reo: Te Reo lessons will be held fortnightly on Thursday with Anahera.