



Room 12 Newsletter Term 1

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Welcome back – Term 1 is already here!

I hope that everyone has had a great break and are ready to tackle the term ahead.

My name is Kirsten Hudson and I will be teaching in room 12 this year. I have moved up from Wellington where I have been teaching at year 5 and 6 level for the last 4 years. Previous to teaching I attended university in America on a water polo scholarship. When I am not at school, you will most likely find me at the pool training or coaching water polo. My teaching philosophy is to create an environment where every student feels successful in their learning. I believe that student voice and agency is important to running an inclusive productive classroom and it will play a major role in our classroom over this coming term.

As we head into Term 1 we have a lot of exciting activities planned.

If you have any questions or queries about anything at all, please feel free to contact me at

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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 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 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.

Cooking/Dance and Drama: This term, Yr 8s will attend cooking sessions with myself, while the Yr 7s participate in 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. The students have specialisation on Wednesday with Ms Urry (Technology), Ms Donnelly (Music) and Mrs Elliot (Art).

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

P.A.S.A PEOPLE ARE...

Proud – We are proud, and show respect for ourselves, each other

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.

Upcoming Events

February

6 Waitangi day

8 Meet the teacher BBQ

13 Hiroshima exchange meeting

15 Homework club 3 - 4pm

20 Camp information evening

6pm

23 School Photos

27 Sports meeting

March

2 School swimming sports

2 Student council announced

5 HPV1 immunisation (yr 8s)

6 Hiroshima exchange

applications close

8 School duathlon

12 -16 School camp

21 HPV1 immunisation catch up

30 -3 April School closed –Easter

April

3 April School closed –Easter

4 Student led conferences

5 Student led conferences

12 School social (6.30-8.30pm)

13 School ends at 2pm

Reminders

Remember to name and wear correct uniform at all times.

Hats for Term 1

Homework is from Monday to Monday

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

PE and swimming togs must be at school every day.