



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week Two Term One Friday 10 February 2017

“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”
– Marcel Proust

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2017 school year. It is so lovely to be back together and to see the enthusiasm of our teachers and students. We are all looking forward to a wonderful year together. Our focus for the year is “Taonga-Our Treasure”. We have four enduring understandings – these are the key ideas we want every child to know and understand by the end of the year.

We know we are gift to our whanau and community.

We understand the taonga of global treasures

We know and understand the richness of taonga in Aotearoa’s history.

God calls each of us to be a treasure to the world.

Our quote for the year is:

“For where your treasure is there will your heart be also”

We break our learning into a theme for each term:

Term One: Taonga – whanau and community

Term Two: Global Taonga

Term Three: Aotearoa History

Term Four: What treasure do I offer the world?

We look forward to sharing our learning with you throughout the year. The remainder of this newsletter gives you new year information and some reminders about our expectations for both parents and students.

Have a great weekend
Sue Jury

UNIFORMS:

It is our expectation that students wear the correct school uniform daily. If you are unsure of the requirements please ask the office. All students need to wear the correct blouses, school shirts, shorts and appropriate plain black shoes.

All students from Year 3-8 are required to have a PE/ Sports shirt. These are available from the school uniform shop.

Hats must be worn in Term One and Term Four. If your child does not have a hat they will be asked to sit in the shade and will be unable to play – NO HAT NO PLAY.

Jewellery permitted at school includes:

Plain stud earrings only
Any necklace items of cultural or religious significance – these must be worn under the polo shirt or blouse.
Watch

All hair shoulder length or longer needs to be tied up using a black or blue hairtie. Head bands must be blue or black and plain. (No bling)

Students are permitted to change shoes for play times however they must be in school shoes whilst in class. It is important that if your children are young they are able to take off and put on their shoes by themselves... Velcro is a junior teacher's best friend.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office.

Student Council 2017

Yesterday the Totara whanau attended their leadership conference. They learned about the expectation of leadership- what it is and what it is not, they explored the school vision and their role in helping to bring this about and they voted for their student council. This was announced this afternoon

Student Leaders – Tahlia Samuelu, Kelston Lemana

Student Liaisons – Margaret Angelo, Charles Watkins

Special Character Captains- Nethu Warnankula, Jayden Barry

Sports Captains- Kiri Burgess-Chase, Jack Su'a

Literacy Captains- Kriselle De Silva, Jordan de Vera

Cultural Captains- Dorothea Iputau, Tai Rhys Gale

House Captains

O'Halloran Amy Fryer

McGuire Aethan Tuisila

McGowan Hanna Hoffman

Kelly Lillie Bowden

Geraghty Josephina Lasini

Vice Captains

Fa'asipa Itula

Keisha Tairaroa

Josiah Tuita

Cole Edwards- Curtis

Harry Brosnahan

Staff 2017

Principal: Ms Jury

Rata Whanau:

Rata Tahī – Miss Braid – Year 2
Rata Rua – Ms Page (Whanau Leader) Foundation Class
Rata Toru – Ms Wolsey –Year 1/2
Reading Recovery- Mrs Wilson

Rimu Whanau:

Rimu Tahī – Ms Nikolao –DRS –Year 3/4
Rimu Rua – Ms van Driel – Year 3/4
Rimu Toru – Ms Soane (whanau leader) Year 3/4

Hinau Whanau:

Hinau Tahī –Mr McDonald –(Associate Principal/ Whanau Leader) Yr 5/6
Hinau Rua – Mrs Casley (Digital Leader) Year 5/6
Hinau Toru- Mrs Chard – Year 4/5

Totara Whanau:

Totara Tahī – Ms Auta (Cultural Leader) Year 7/8
Totara Rua- Ms Tuifao (Associate Principal, Whanau Leader) Yr 7/8
Totara Toru- Miss O'Grady –Year 7/8
Specialist Teacher – Mrs Randall Y3/4 and Yr 7/8

Release teachers:

Mr Grace – Yr 5/6 and 7/8
Mrs Jordan- Foundation/ Year 3/4
Mrs Wilson – Year 2 and Yr 7/8

Learning Support Staff

Totara- Mrs Fryer, Mrs Hailwood
Hinau- Mrs Ballantyne
Rimu- Ms Casley
Rata- Mrs Clayton

Office Manager- Mrs Mumford
Bursar/ Principal PA – Mrs Neville
Caretaker- Mr Kinnersley

Our school – Our vision

To be a school community where parents and whanau are actively engaged in their child's learning journey. A place where every member of the community strives for excellence as is God's will for us all.

Our Values

Respect:

In our school community we understand that each of us is a unique creation made in the image and likeness of God. Each of us is lovable, capable and valuable.

Integrity:

In our community we will act with, honesty, responsibility and be accountable and ethical in accordance with the model of Jesus.

Compassion:

In our community we choose to stand on the side of those who are most at risk of being hurt. We commit to being helpful and showing that we truly care. Compassion moves us beyond just "feeling" the pain of another, it moves us to action.

Service:

In our community we are called to serve one another, humbly and unselfishly. Jesus gave us an example when he washed the feet of his disciples (Jn. 13:4-17). We are called to serve the poor and the powerless.

Our Learning Philosophy

We believe learning is a process of growth and change where each person brings their unique gifts to the community.

As facilitators of learning, we believe learning to be

- Authentic
- Equitable
- Culturally Connected
- Engaging
- Spontaneous
- Ever evolving

Curriculum Statement

Discovery: (Rata)

A discovery curriculum promotes learning through exploration, meets social, cognitive and co-operative needs of the individual.

Integrated: (Rimu)

An integrated curriculum involves the teaching of a diverse range of learning experiences and skills which enable the students to begin to select activities and pursue these independently and co-operatively.

Co-operative: (Hinaiu)

A co-operative curriculum enables students to work together to develop learning skills and participate in varying groups through a wide range of learning experiences.

Self-Directed: (Totara)

A self-directed curriculum enables students to plan what they learn, when they learn and how they learn. It is a focus on the process of learning.

EOTC 2017

Last year we experienced a very positive start to our year when we participated in our Education outside the classroom week. It was a great chance for teachers to get to know their students in a more relaxed setting and to meet so many parents so early in the year.

We have made a decision to do the same this year.... Our EOTC week will be held in Week 4 – Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February.

Our theme is the taonga of our community. We have used this opportunity to plan for the teaching of water safety so as to make our students aware of the danger of water in a range of settings. You will have seen on the news the tragic deaths by drowning.... Most of these do not happen in the local swimming pool but rather at the beaches and rivers that make our community so beautiful. Our focus is to teach our students how to make decisions which will keep them safe while at the beach, river or parks.

Each whanau have planned two out of school trips and they will fill you in with more detail next week. I know they will also be looking for parental support.... If you can help that would be great. A reminder that we cannot take parents and pre-schoolers so keep this in mind if you offer your help.

Below is a timetable of the out of school events:

Team/ Day	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
Rata Whanau	Avalon Park	School Athletics		Marine Education Island Bay	
Rimu Whanau			Avalon Park		Marine Education Island Bay
Hinau Whanau			Petone Beach Explore		Richard Prouse Park
Totara Whanau	Sea and Surf Worser Bay			Richard Prouse Park	

This water focus will be instead of swimming at the end of the year. The cost for outdoor education for the week – both in school and out of school activities is \$30 per student. This will be on the account and your statement will be sent out next week.

Communication 2017 –

We want to communicate well with parents and whanau and know that we have to do this in a range of ways..... Our most preferred forms of communication are digital as they do not require us to use so much paper....

Our school App – this is downloadable from the app store – if you already have the app you will need to update this for 2017 as there are new room names and teachers



We post updates and messages on our school Facebook page along with celebrating special events our students and staff are involved in.