



St Claudine Thévenet
School

Week One Term One Wednesday 31 January 2018

Wellness is the complete integration of body, mind, and spirit - the realization that everything we do, think, feel, and believe has an effect on our state of well-being.

Greg Anderson

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2018 school year. It is so lovely to be back together and to see the enthusiasm of our teachers and students. A very warm welcome to Mrs Kamo who joins the Rata whanau this year as a teacher in Rata Toru. Mrs Kamo has two children at our school and has been a member of the Board of Trustees. She is a wonderful asset to our junior school and we are looking forward to working with her.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year together. Our focus for the year is "Wellness". We have four enduring understandings/ beliefs – these are the key ideas we want every child to know and understand by the end of the year.

Tinana- I am healthy and take care of myself

Whakaaro – I am focussed and capable of greatness

Wairua – God is my ground and my centre

Tuhinga – I am fully human and fully alive

We break our learning into a theme for each term:

Term One: Personal Wellness

Term Two: Mental and emotional Wellness

Term Three: Spiritual Wellness

Term Four: Connection and contribution

AKO PAI- This is a new development within our curriculum and offers the chance for us to develop our Taonga Time of last year. Ako Pai (Better Learning) offers our students the opportunity to participate in activities related to many different learning areas. Students in Year 1/2/3/4 will be in the Rata Rimu Ako Pai led by Ms Page and students in 5/6/7/8 in the Hinau Totara Ako Pai led by Ms Tuifao. This is a great opportunity for our students to participate in activities outside their home room, focus on areas of special interest or excellence and experience a wider range of teaching styles. We believe this will enable our students to grow in adaptability and experience some wonderful new learning opportunities and environments. We will send home more information about this during the beginning weeks of term.

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.

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.

PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING

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 hair tie. 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.

Staff 2018

Principal: Ms Sue Jury

Office Manager- Mrs Liz Mumford
Bursar/ Principal PA – Mrs Leeanne Neville

Rata Whanau:

Rata Tahī – Miss Katie Braid – Year 1/2
Rata Rua – Ms Sandra Page (Associate Principal/Whanau Leader/ Ako Pai) Foundation Class
Rata Toru – Mrs Amy Kamo –Year 1/2
Reading Recovery- Mrs Wendy Wilson

Rimu Whanau:

Rimu Tahī – Ms Lusia Nikolao –DRS –Year 3/4
Rimu Rua – Ms Angelina van Driel – Year 3/4
Rimu Toru – Ms Malia Soane (Whanau leader) Year 2/3

Hinau Whanau:

Hinau Tahī –Mrs Alisa Wolsey Year 5/6
Hinau Rua – Mrs Jamie Casley (Whanau Leader/Digital Leader) Year 5/6
Hinau Toru- Mrs Sarah Chard – Year 4/5

Totara Whanau:

Totara Tahī – Ms Mary Auta (Cultural Leader) Year 7/8
Totara Rua- Ms Clara Tuifao (Associate Principal, Whanau Leader/ Ako Pai)
Totara Toru- Miss Georgia O'Grady –Year 7/8
Specialist Teacher – Mrs Lindsey Wyeth Years 3/5/8

Release teachers:

Mr Neil Mc Donald – Years 5/6/7/8
Mrs Lindsey Wyeth – Years 3/4
Mrs Wendy Wilson- Years 1/2

Learning Support Staff

Totara- Mrs Jo Hailwood
Hinau- Mrs Liana Clayton
Rimu- Ms Haylee Casley
Rata- Mrs Ekueta Leafa, Mrs Mel Fryer

Caretaker- Mr Marus Thomas

*Coming together
is a beginning;
keeping together
is progress;
working together
is success.
- Henry Ford*

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 2018

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. Our EOTC week will be held in Week 3 – Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February.

Our theme is Wellness. We have used this opportunity to plan for a wide variety of activities related to personal wellness... physical activities and healthy habits.

Each whanau (Rata, Rimu and Hinau has 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.

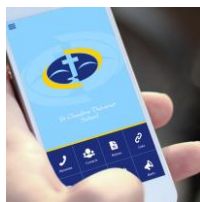
Below is a timetable of the out of school events:

Team/ Day	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
Rata Whanau		Jenkins Gym Petone Beach	Supermarket Shopping	Gums Loop Walk Water Aerobics Wainui Pool	Eat Right, Be Right Show
Rimu Whanau		Eastbourne Water Aerobics Body Structures		Jenkins Gym Petone Beach	Eat Right, Be Right Show
Hinau Whanau		Masterton Exchange St Patrick's School		Gums Loop Walk Fitness Circuits	
Totara Whanau	Senior Leadership Camp – El Rancho Waikanae				

Communication 2018 –

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 2018 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.