

# Room 8 Newsletter, Term 1, 2023

Kia ora Whānau. We have an exciting term ahead.



## Camp

We are super excited about our upcoming Camp at Tui Ridge Park on 20th-23rd March. Please put these dates on your calendar. This will be an opportunity for our Y7&8 students to connect and grow as a team and individuals. We will be sending out details about Camp and asking for parent support next week. Y5/6 & Y7/8 camps have ended in the same week and it will be an expensive time for many. Please feel free to make arrangements to pay this off over time with Susan at the office.

## Leadership Opportunities

We acknowledge the amazing group of Y7/8 students we have, many of whom have put themselves forward to be a house leader. As a response to this, we have created new roles which students can apply for, some of which are to lead a team of students in a range of areas to contribute to the school. Also, our election process of house leaders has changed.

Students votes = 50%

Teachers votes = 25% Interviews = 25%

Interviews will begin this week.

## Culture & Identity Topic

Our focus for Term 1 will be settling in to our new class dynamic, learning about ourselves as learners and what we need to be successful. The "Resilience Project" (more details overleaf) will be a pathway to this too, through teaching emotional literacy - understanding our feelings, gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. We will be celebrating our uniqueness as individuals, as a school and as a nation.

## Literacy

We will reassess where individuals are at with our knowledge of spelling patterns and get stuck into our structured literacy programme (Spelling). For Reading and Writing we will focus on the students developing stamina and reading and writing for enjoyment. Handwriting is also a focus across the school this year.

## Maths

Our focus for maths will be Statistics and strategies to add and subtract larger numbers/decimals. We are taking part in the NZ Census and the students will be able to have access to real life data.

## Physical Education

Swimming: We will be focusing on developing our swimming style, endurance and survival skills. Please make sure togs come to school every day so we can make the most of our school swimming pool.

## Music & Te Reo Māori

We are very lucky to have Stu Green coming into Room 8 every Tuesday to run music lessons with us. We will also have his expertise in our upcoming production in Term 2! We also are delighted to have the support of Whaea Preva Jackson to deliver our Te Reo Māori programmes and Aotearoa NZ Histories Curriculum.

## Important Dates for Term 1

### FEBRUARY

- Dental Caravan in
- 15th - R8 Technology
- 21st - ASB Get Wise Session
- 22nd - Meet the Teachers/Parents
- 23rd - Swim NZ Sessions
- 24th - School Swimming Sports

### MARCH

- 1st - R8 Technology
- 6th - Y7/8 Immunisations this week
- 2nd - East Group Swimming Sports
- 7th - Burn Bright (House leaders only)
- 10th - School Triathlon
- 14th - Y7/8 Franklin Swimming
- 16th - Girls Cricket Coaching
- 17th - School Photos
- 20th - 23rd - Y7/8 Tui Ridge Camp
- 24th - Learning to Orienteer day
- 29th - R8 Technology
- 31st - School Cultural Day/Open Day

### APRIL

- 6th - End of Term 1



## Communication

Keep an eye out for our weekly email on Friday with an update from our week and any information for the coming week. If you haven't already, please download the Skool Loop app to stay up to date with notices and information. If you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in touch via email. Remember to check Seesaw to keep updated on your child's learning. Ngā mihi nui, Tracey Weight [traceyw@mangatawhiri.school.nz](mailto:traceyw@mangatawhiri.school.nz)



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# THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

## WHAT IS IT?

As a response to the concern regarding mental health and wellbeing in our country, we have enrolled in a programme called "The Resilience Project" to teach our students positive mental health strategies to help them become happier and more resilient.

The Resilience Project is an evidence-based programme that has been used in Australia for a number of years with outstanding results. The programme involves (and benefits) students, teachers, and also parents. Each week, there is a particular focus for in-class learning and activities as well as at-home practice activities (if applicable).

This is an exciting addition to our learning and you will receive more information over the next few weeks in class emails and the school newsletter.

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**M**indfulness &  
**E**motional Literacy

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