



Year 4 Team
2019

News Letter / Panui Term 1

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Welcome back to Tirimoana School 2019 & the Year 4 Team

We hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. The teachers are excited about being back and look forward to a very full year of teaching and learning. This being your child's first year in the Senior School we certainly hope it will be their very best!

This year we have new members to welcome to the Year 4 Team. Miss Caitlin Doyle is joining us from the Year 2 Team and Mr Ryan Hammond recently completed his teaching degree through Auckland University of Technology. He will be teaching in Rm 16. Mrs Margaret Carter will be taking on the role of Team Leader and Ms. Tracey Richardson is the Deputy Principal for senior school Y4-6.

During 2019 our overall theme for the year will be **"Think, Design, Create"**. The students will be asked to 'think, design & create' in many different learning contexts over the four terms.

Term One we will **"Create through Vibrant Memory"**. *This includes recognising origins, cultural identity, the place we live, our personal journey, who we are and the stories which have shaped us.* While we create in different ways to show our diversity & uniqueness we will weave in Tirimoana's Value Education: **C**.compassion **A**.acting-responsibly **R**.respect **E**.effort, each are unique qualities that enrich children's life skills encouraging independent & confident learners.

Other Curricular: **'Math'** statistical investigations, measurement, addition & subtraction strategies and word problems using different operations. **'Health & Physical Education'** design of cooperative team games, growth and self-development, athletic skills. **'The Arts & Languages'** visual art linked with inquiry focuses & design. Language opportunities offered by specialist teachers, Te Reo & Mandarin. **Te Reo - Rokohina Whanau-Seeking Family** Te Tuakiri o te Tangata- design family trees and stories that create self-identity. **'ICT'** word processing efficiency, design & publishing, research & inquiry, helping learners create. During Term One the Year 4 Team will also take part in a School Athletics Day, a Diversity Day parade & much more!



Homework: will be set regularly on a Monday and expected to be handed in on a Friday, to begin in week two. There will be a range of maintenance activities (spelling, reading, math) as well as occasional creative research units, which may be required to be worked on over more than one week.

Services: Senior School brings with it much more accountability, roles and responsibilities and so your child could be involved in several classroom duties and responsibilities, along with extra opportunities across the school - listen out carefully for these!

Parent / Whanau Support

Support at Tirimoana is always much appreciated. If you have any time during this very busy term then please let your child's class teacher know, the extra pair of hands makes light work.

In Term 1 we are always very thankful to those who might be able to share a special cultural experience or being a **"think, design, create"** year with a technology focus, we would love to hear from anyone with some interesting and unique 'maker' skills that might foster and encourage learning with our tamariki.

Otherwise we are always keen to hear from anyone who could come up regularly each week to give maintenance support for some of our learners - just listening to them read or recite math facts, for speed and accuracy.

Information: We try to keep parents up to date about what is happening in Year 4, so keep an eye out for further notices on the school app. Let us know early any changes to email addresses as teachers will use these from time to time.

Tena rawa koutou e kuhu ana ki tenei kapa.