



# St John's Hill School

## Ruru Team Newsletter Term 3 2016

Teacher	Year	Room
Mrs Jennifer Thrasyvoulou	Yr 3	Room 7
Mr Keith Johnson	Yr 3	Room 8
Mrs Laura Malone-Belliss	Yr 2	Room 9
Ms Samantha White	Yr 2	Room 10

The Ruru Team would like to welcome you back for Term 3 and thank all parents for their ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you all here towards the end of August for our school's birthday celebration. This will give an opportunity for families to visit classrooms and to see various school groups in action.

### Winter Footwear

As in previous years, terms 2 and 3 are winter terms so children are asked to wear slippers or a second pair of socks, as shoes must be removed inside the classroom. Children are also expected to use the back doors to ensure that carpets remain clean.

The correct school uniform is expected to be worn at all times. For example: plain black shoes worn by all children and no visible leggings or thermals. Also shoes must be worn to and from school.



### Virtues Education

This term our team has a major focus on the virtues of **Detachment**. Detachment is experiencing your feelings without allowing your feelings to control you. It is choosing how you will act in a situation rather than just reacting. With detachment you are free to do only what you choose to do. Detachment is using thinking and feeling together, so you can make smart choices.



### Team Stationery/Tissues

As we recheck stationery items, parents will be notified during the term if anything else needs purchasing. Some children still need to bring along a **box of tissues** which will see them through this term. Some teachers have already sent home stationery requests.

#### Stationery Items

**Blue pen      Red Pen**  
**Pencil(s)    Rubber**  
**Ruler          Tissues**  
**Gluestick     Pencil Sharpener**  
**Coloured Pencils (quality)**

### Mathematics

This term the children will learn strategies involving skip counting and forwards and backwards sequences to solve multiplication, division and fractional problems. There is also the opportunity to keep practicing basic addition and subtraction facts as well as children learning their times tables during the term. Tables need to be learnt in this order: 10s, 5s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 6s, 8s, 9s, 7s.



### Art/Music

This term we have an integrated art theme. Some of the art will be around the Olympic Games with logos, calligraphy, and poster designs being created. The junior choir continues with Liz Newton. Also all classes have the opportunity to learn recorder tunes.



### Unit Studies

Our first term three unit study focuses on the upcoming Olympic Games. The children will be investigating their own class country before being involved in an Olympics day which also coincides with the school birthday. The children will be able to locate countries on a world map and discover the similarities and differences between cultures. They will also learn about the values and symbols behind the Olympic Games and also what personal best means.



(ex St John's Hill pupil Lucy van Dalen)

### Mid Year Conferences

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the conferences at the end of last term. Evaluation of your child's progress is ongoing through the year so all parents are most welcome to discuss any aspects of their child's learning with their teacher (by appointment).

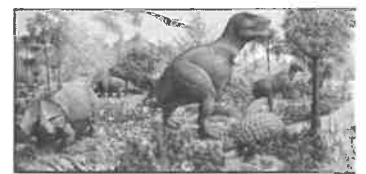
### Sport/Fitness

The children will have five weeks fitness and cross country practice commencing in week three. We suggest children bring correct footwear (or run in bare feet) and shorts to run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday practices. If your child cannot take part due to health reasons, please advise the class teacher with a note, otherwise it is assumed they are fit to take part.



### Dinosaur Exhibition Trip

Our team will be visiting the Te Manawa Museum in Palmerston North on October 20 and 21. The dinosaur exhibition come from the London Natural History Museum. There are life size dinosaur models and reproductions of fossil remains which are set in a jungle. We will be going by bus and have a notice outlining details prior to the end of term.



Event	Date	Time
School Olympics Day	Friday 12 August	9.00-11.00
School X Country	Friday 2 September	1.00-3.00
Back up day	Monday 5 September	1.00-3.00
School Photos	Wednesday 7 September	All day
Term 3 ends	Friday 23 September	3.00pm