



# St. John's Hill School

## Ruru Team Newsletter Term 4 2016

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

The Ruru Team would like to welcome you all back for Term 4 and thank parents for their ongoing support. We have appreciated your help and participation this year and hope you will be able to join us for athletics and some of the end of year activities we have in place.

### Hats/Summer Uniform

During this term the children will return to wearing their summer uniforms. In accordance with our "Shady Schools" policy, sunhats will need to be worn when outside. Please ensure that your child has their red hat named (along with all other items of clothing.) Sandals are to be worn with summer uniforms.



### Virtues Education

This term the team will focus on the virtues of **Thankfulness**. **Thankfulness** is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving and being. It is appreciating the little things which happen around you and within you every day. It is having a sense of wonder about the beauty of this world. It is being aware of the gifts in your life.



### Reporting to Parents

This term parents will receive a written report outlining their child's progress. Reports will be sent out during the last week of school. Reports will be against National Standards.



### Year 2/3 Stationery

As in previous years some classes will be need to purchase stationery. The list below gives basic requirements for year round use.

#### Stationery Items

Blue pen      Red Pen  
Pencil(s)      Rubber  
Ruler          Tissues  
Gluestick      Pencil Sharpener  
Coloured Pencils (quality)  
Whiteboard Marker (year 2)

### Mathematics

Classes will be revising the major topics of addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, proportions and ratios. This will involve the children focusing on improving their ability to recall all types of basic facts and the learning of strategies to solve a variety of problems. Both number knowledge and number strategy will be assessed this term. Please continue to encourage the use of online or other maths based activities at home.



### Art

Each class will be using a variety of art media. Construction and Christmas activities will be a focus of this term's programme. This will link in with our dinosaur unit around testing designs and creating models leading to a final product. A trip to the art gallery is being planned.

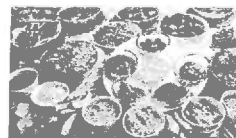


### Unit Studies

Our Term 4 unit study is around dinosaurs. The key concept is that, scientists ask questions about our world that leads to investigations so open-mindedness is important. Prior knowledge will generate questions and the children will gather relevant information. What can we find out about dinosaurs/palaeontologists. eg: habitat, extinction, periods, finding fossils, species etc.



The children are learning that we celebrate festivals in different ways as a lead up to our cultural food festival.



### Fitness/Phys Ed

Children will be involved in skills development that will prepare them for our school athletics day. Later on the focus will be on small ball skills that will concentrate on throwing, catching and fielding.

### Sport

For sports this term there will be a mix of athletics skills training and summer sports skills. Children will practise skills of running, jumping, and throwing. Our school Athletics Day will be held on Tuesday 15 November. Children will have received summer sports notices. Please support your child in knowing the team name, game time and when practices are. Also encourage and prompt your child to show respect for their team coach. Uniform is plain black shorts and SJHS sports polo.



### Ruru Team Outing

Planning is being finalised for our end of year outing. Parents will be notified about the specific details shortly.



Event	Date	Time
Te Manawa Museum Trip	Thursday 20 Oct Rms 9/10 Friday 21 Oct Rms 7/8	Leave 8.30am Return 2.00pm
School Athletics	Tuesday 15 November	9.15am start
Team Outing	Wednesday December 7	11.00- 1.30
End of Term	Thursday 15 December	12.00 pm