



St Johns Hill School Ruru Team Newsletter Term Four 2018

Welcome back to the last term of 2018. Another super busy term for students and teachers with end of year assessments and reporting to parents. Although the pressure is on this term, it is always a blessing to reflect on the teaching and learning from the year and acknowledge the growth and progress of our students.

Ruru Team Teachers

Room 5 Glen Howells Year 4

Room 6 Laura Malone-Belliss Year 4

Room 7 Vanessa Spence Year 3 and 4

Room 8 John Dale Year 3

Upcoming Events:

Thursday 18th October- National Shake-Out day

Wednesday 14th November- School Athletics

Friday 23rd November- Wheels/Multi- Foodbank

Friday 7th December- Mitre 10 Tough Kids

Monday 22nd October- Labour Day

Tuesday 20th November- NZ Playhouse production

Tuesday 27th November- Proposed Ruru Team Big Day Out

Friday 14th December- End of term 4

Key Competency:

The Ruru team's focus for term four is **Relating to Others**

Students:

- interact with other people in different contexts
- listen actively
- recognise different points of view
- negotiate
- share ideas
- are open to new learning and able to take different roles in different situations
- are aware of the effects that their words and actions have on others
- know when it is appropriate to compete and when it's important to cooperate

Virtues:

We will focus on the virtues of **Justice** and **Reliability**.

What is Justice?

"Justice is being fair in everything you do. It is seeing with your own eyes and not judging something or someone by what other people tell you. Being just is standing up for your rights and the rights of other people. It is taking responsibility if you make a mistake and making amends. Justice means that every person's rights are protected."

What is Reliability?

"Reliability means that others can depend on you to keep your commitments. Reliability is doing something that you have agreed to do in a predictable way, without forgetting or having to be reminded. When you practice reliability, you really care about doing what you said you would do. Other people can relax knowing it is in your reliable hands."

The Virtues Project

School Uniform

Term Four sees us changing to summer uniform. As a sun-smart school, school hats must be worn during morning tea and lunch breaks. We have a "No hat - No play" rule.

Girls- grey culottes and red polo top or school tunic. Black sandals.

Boys- grey school shorts and red polo top. Black sandals.

Due to health and safety reasons, jewellery is not to be worn with the exception of stud earrings. Hair ties and accessories are to be school colours (red, black or grey).

Stationery

At this time of year we find that resources need replenishing. Please ask your child if they are needing any resources topped up.

Curriculum Focus

Health and Physical Education:

Athletics- We will be practising on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 1:30-2:00 and Friday 11:00-12:00. Students will need a change of sports clothes and shoes (if preferred). We ask for your support with encouraging your child to participate. A note will be required from caregivers to be excused if students are ill or injured.

Arts:

Visual- Painting, drawing and construction

Dance- Jump Jam and Go Noodle

Drama- Plays and skits

Social Studies:

New Zealand- Our Past in the News

Important events and people that have shaped our country. Students will research an event or person at school and present their learning to their peers.

Although this is not homework, we welcome parent support with researching the chosen topic!