



Year 3&4 Team Newsletter Term 1 2019



Welcome back to the start of a busy and exciting term. The team this year is Crystal Hewett in SM9, Julie Kelleher in SM10 and Aimee Newport in SJ15.

Big News:

SM9 and SM10 will be shifting into the brand new classrooms in the next few weeks! This space will also be used by SJ15 and will become the centre of our learning for the whole team. We can't wait to get in there!



Taonga:

Our overarching theme for the year is Taonga (special gifts/treasures). We will be linking our learning across the curriculum into developing knowledge and understanding around:

- We know we are a gift to our whanau and community.
- We know and understand the richness of taonga in Aotearoa's history.
- We understand the gift of global treasures.
- God calls each of us to be a treasure to the world.

In the first few weeks there will be a focus on us getting to know your child, what makes them special, what their gifts/taonga are and how their family and culture impact on who they are. If there are any particular taonga/gifts you would be able to share with our tamariki please let your child's teacher know.

Introducing The St Pats Way:

As a staff we have been working hard to develop a set of 3 overall behaviour expectations that will help our tamariki understand that we are all Taonga and that we need to look after ourselves and others. We will be developing and growing our use of these throughout the year.

- **Kia Whakaute** is showing respect, appreciating and treasuring.
- **Kia Manaaki** is supporting, caring, protecting and being generous.
- **Kia Nanalore** is striving to be our best, reaching for our goals and being resilient.



Literacy/Numeracy:

Developing a Growth Mindset and using that language in our learning will be the focus of our Literacy and Numeracy programmes this term. Key ideas of having a Growth Mindset are:

- Mistakes are okay, failures can lead to success. Mistakes help me grow.
- I might not know it YET, but I will get there. I can train my brain to do it.

New Zealand Read Aloud: In Week 4 we will be starting to read a NZ book with about 18 other classes from around NZ! We connect online to share our work, ideas and questions. We are also hoping to connect with the author. We use Edmodo to do this. If you are interested in following what we are up to then ask your child to log on at home and you can create a parent account.

Religious Education:

We will start by exploring Prayer and establishing class routines for this. This will lead into the Church strand as we have so many opportunities in Term 1 and leading into Lent/Easter to go to church and connect this learning. Our theme of Taonga will be strongly linked to developing and growing our relationship with God.

Sport:

Our team PE focus will be on Athletics.

Sports available to the Year 3&4's this term are:

Sport	Teacher in Charge
Netball	Miss Hewett
Hockey	Miss Hewett/ Mrs Kelleher
Cricket	Mr Wypych
Basketball	Mrs Newport



Permission slips will need to be returned by Friday 8th February to the teacher in charge as teams need to be registered and play starts early in the term. Please note that we are in need for parents to help coach for these sports to go ahead. Don't forget Weetbix Tryathlon Tuesday 12th February and also more information will come out next week for Tough Guy & Gal challenge in March.



PE Gear:

The Year 3's have a term to get PE gear purchased. We expect all our children to have the St Pats sports uniform. Sneakers are optional and often depending on what we are learning.

Homework:

We are working on making this less stressful and more enjoyable for all! We have a reading calendar where the children aim to read at least 20 nights in the month. There are collectors cards and certificates up for grabs. We will regularly send home a maths game to focus on basic facts. There are also some great games on the team blog. There will be further detail and ideas in the front of the homework books when they come home in Week 2.

Team Blog:

<http://sm13stpats.blogspot.com/> Please check out the team blog. We will update this with news and share our learning experiences with you. You will also find useful links. We would love to see more parents commenting this year. If you need any help with the tech stuff please see Miss Hewett.

Library:

SM9: Thursday

SM10: Tuesday

SJ15: Wednesday

Please ensure your child's books are in their BOOK BAG that day.

Stationery:

You are welcome to take books home to be covered. If you take them during the week can you try and return them the next day, otherwise take them over the weekend.

We are looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know your child.

Ngā mihi.

Crystal Hewett, Aimee Newport and Julie Kelleher

