



# Room 10

February 2018



## Class Information Booklet



### Weekly Events

#### Library

11:00 Wednesdays

#### Year 4 Sport

2:15 Mondays

#### Home Learning

Handed out on  
alternate Mondays,  
due alternate Fridays

## Welcome!

Welcome to Room 10 for 2018! My name is Rachel Ogilvy and I will be your child's teacher for Year 4. This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year teaching at Kohia Terrace and I am excited about getting to know you and your child over the year. I am honoured to work with you to help your child grow and succeed in their learning.

In Room 10, we want to promote active learning. This means equipping students with the tools they need to understand how they learn, assess their learning and identify their next steps. To help make this possible, there will be opportunities for students to track their own progress across different subjects, and the chance for them to opt into teacher-run workshops that address areas that need improvement. I'm looking forward to showing you more about this shortly.



## About Me

I have been teaching for 13 years. Along with Kohia Terrace, I've also taught at Hillsborough Primary and Mount Roskill Intermediate. Like many of you, I am a working parent and have 3 kids aged 14, 9 and 5 years old. In my spare time I love to read, cook and go to the gym. My favourite subjects to teach are Maths and Art.



Lexi



Zach



Casey

## Parent Help

We are always looking for parent help! If you are free to help in anyway in the classroom or around the school please let me know.

We have a few gaps on our road patrol roster that desperately need filling, and I would also love any help with classroom admin.

A big thank you to those parents who have offered to help with swimming already.

# Learning

## At Home

Home Learning activities go home on alternate Mondays (even weeks) and the students have 2 weeks to complete the activities. There are always Reading, Spelling and Basic Facts components.

When Reading, students need to read for 30 minutes and fill in a reading log. Spelling requires students to learn a rule and practice spelling 10 words using the look/say/cover/write/check method for a test later in the week. For Maths, students will be practicing a skill on Mathletics (when it is set up) and completing a basic facts exercise.

The other activities usually have a theme or life-skill focus, and are designed to fit in with a busy schedule. Examples of these tasks may require students to help cook a family meal and describe what they did, or watch some of the news and explain one current event.

## At School

In Room 10, students will be working on Literacy and Maths for at least an hour each day.

Maths is generally taught from 9:30 to 10:30 each morning, with a later session on Fridays.

Literacy, comprised of Reading and Writing, will be taught in the "Literacy Block" from 10:50 to 12:30. Writing will also often be integrated into the Theme work.

Theme is taught in the afternoons. This term we are investigating how to be a good citizen... in our family, school, community, country and the world. This afternoon block is flexible, and we will integrate Science, Technology, Social Studies, Visual and Performing Arts into our Theme learning.

## Reminders

- 1 Remember that your child needs to bring a hat to protect them from the sun when they are outside.
- 2 Please ensure that all articles of clothing are named, including shoes, as we have a large amount of lost property.
- 3 Swimming times are as follows:

Monday 19th Feb  
9:45am

Tuesday 20th Feb 11am

Wed 21st Feb 11:45am

Thursday 22nd Feb  
11am

Friday 23rd Feb 11am

Tuesday 27th Feb  
9:45am

Thursday 1st March  
9:45am

Tuesday 6th March  
9:45am

Wed 7th March 11:45am

Thursday 8th March  
2:15pm

# Year 4 Sleepover

This year Room 10 and Room 11 will be visiting a Marae and having a sleepover at school. This is a great introduction to school camp. More information to come later in the year.



## Admin

Mrs Thurman

On Thursdays I will be out of the classroom on Senior Teacher release and Sally Thurman will be teaching. This is because I am working as the team leader for Harakeke this year. Sally and I will work together to make sure our programmes are complimentary.

## Digital Learning

Students will use their own usernames and passwords to access google drive and gmail. This is only to be used for educational purposes. Other digital learning programmes include Mathletics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs.

## Communication

I'll be emailing every fortnight to let you know what's happening in the class. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me, or to pop into the classroom from 8:15 onwards in the morning. If you need to chat for a bit longer than a few minutes, let me know and we can set aside an appointment time after school one day.



It's been lovely to meet you all and I am looking forward to getting to know you and your child better this year! Please do email or drop in if there is anything you'd like to chat about.  
Thanks, Rachel