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PERFORMING ARTS TERM 1 2018



Nau Mai, Haere Mai

My name is Maureen Donnelly and I come from a long line of singers, talkers and musicians, who left their homeland in Ireland, and spent 6 months on leaky boats to arrive at these shores. I have a lifelong passion for the Arts, particularly Music, and a great belief in their essential role in creating whole and healthy people and societies.



In Music the overarching theme is Who We Are. Students will work with others to create, play and perform a variety of items.

Essential concepts are connection and identity.

The students will understand how identity can be both developed and expressed using Music, and that making Music together creates a sense of belonging and connection.

The development of collaborative skills will also be an emphasis, both this term and throughout the year.

Over the course of this and next term, the Year 7 students will be coming to Dance and Drama.

Collaboration will also be highlighted in this programme, as they work together in groups and partnerships.

Goals will be to develop their dramatic skills and confidence, and to explore movement creatively, including choreographing and performing dance routines.

Music extension classes will be starting this term, the composition of these depending on the skills and interests of students. These are also a great opportunity for me to meet and get to know our new students, and their individual strengths in more depth. The Talent Quest will also provide an opportunity for students to showcase their abilities.

Warm regards,

Maureen Donnelly (maureen@pasadena.school.nz)



TECHNOLOGY

WELCOME TO TERM 1 2018

Kia Ora,

My name is Maddie Urry and I am excited to be joining the team here at Pasadena Intermediate. I have recently come back to New Zealand after three years away working on boats all over the world. I am very excited to be working with our students and to be back in the classroom.

I have a passion for object making and I enjoy exploring a variety of materials and media. I am open to new ideas and techniques. I love the ages and stages of intermediate students and feel that it is a vital part of their learning to be offered opportunities to question and challenge themselves in a safe environment.

This term in Technology our unit of inquiry is **Who We Are**.

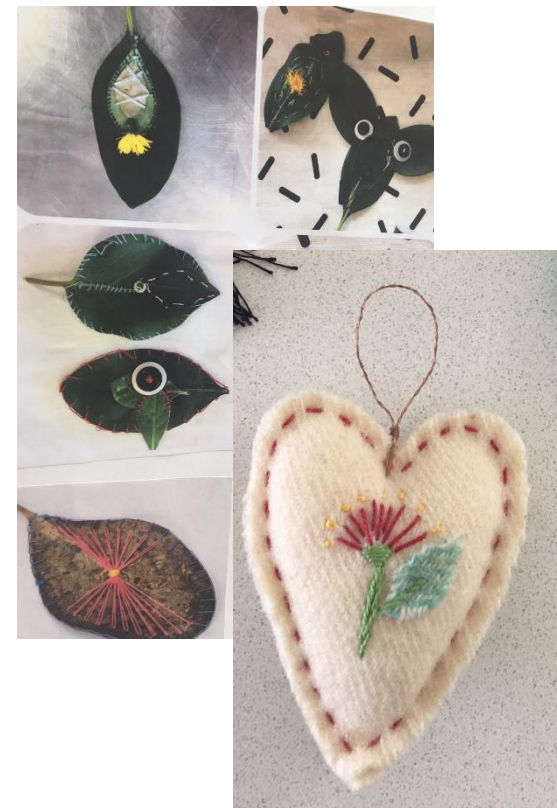
We will be exploring ideas about identity and how it connects with the community. Students will question a variety of objects and images in which reflects their own identity and build an understanding of how this connects to the school community. The students will then look at creating a piece using a range of soft and hard materials by applying their own skills within the technology design process.

Collaboration is Pasadena's focus for this year. I welcome members from our wider community who would like to be involved in assisting the students during their design and construction process. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to come and see what we do within the technology space.

I look forward to meeting you all at meet the teacher BBQ on Thursday 8th February.

Maddie Urry

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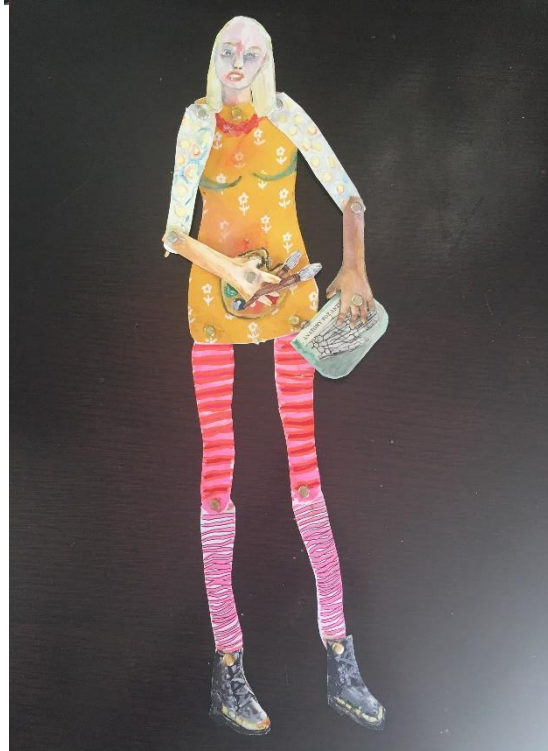


VISUAL ART TERM ONE



Working as the Visual Arts teacher at Pasadena, inspiring and being inspired by the wonderful students here, is a huge part of my life. My husband and two grown up children work in the Arts and we all share a love of creating things from ideas. The other love of my life is the outdoors and sailing. Minimising our impact on the environment is something I am passionate about.

This term we are looking at Who We Are. The emphasis will be exploring how Visual Art can help communities grow and respect individuals. Students will understand that Art can help us to express our identity to the community. They will learn that understanding differences creates a sense of belonging and connection.



Students will create an articulated character to express aspects about themselves to share with others in the form of a gif. This will involve collaboration and trust and help build a Pasa family.

Sharing ideas with family and friends is an important part of the process and your input to your child's creative process is important. Ask them what they are doing and why, and get them to share progress photos. You are welcome anytime in the Artroom and I always appreciate any help and feedback from you. Make an appointment to come to discuss your child's work at the student led conferences on April 4th and 5th.

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