

Room 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

My name is James Bonnar and I am thrilled to say I am your child's teacher this year. I graduated as a teacher last year and am incredibly excited to start at Pasadena and take on 2018 with you. As a teacher, I believe that learning is more successfully accomplished when a student finds enjoyment in the classroom and it is my aim for this year that your child learns while having a fun and positive school experience. My classrooms have always been safe environments where students are listened to and respected and that is no different here at Pasadena. After meeting with the class last year at orientation day I have a strong feeling that this year will be a huge success.

Class newsletters are sent home at the beginning of each term. The purpose of them is to keep you informed about our class programme and what is happening at Pasadena Intermediate. If you have any queries or questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me on james@pasadena.school.nz

Kind Regards,

James Bonnar



Our Term 1 Programme

Our unit of inquiry for the term is **Who We Are**.

We will be looking into how the functioning of a community depends on individual actions

The **students will understand**:

- Relationships and identify build over time
- Roles and responsibility creates a sense of belonging and connection
- There are different ways to contribute in a community

Literacy: Reading and writing will be closely linked to our unit of inquiry. I take an integrated approach to Literacy which allows students to make connections between the processes of writing and reading. This term we will be focussing on identifying the main idea, understanding different text structures as well as using our prior knowledge to making connections within and across texts. We will also be constructing texts with a focus on organisation, expanding ideas and using a variety of structures.

Mathematics: We will be beginning the term with Measurement and Geometry followed by Number. Maths will be taught through an inquiry approach and will be integrated into our unit of inquiry

Physical Education: The focus for this term is aquatics as well as small ball skills. P.E occurs twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday.

Cooking/Dance and Drama: Yr 8s will attend cooking sessions with myself in term 2, while the Yr 7s participate in Dance and Drama lessons with Ms Donnelly. In Term 4, the students swap over.

Specialisation: Specialisation will also be integrated into our unit of inquiry. The students have specialisation on Wednesday with Ms Urry (Technology), Ms Donnelly (Music) and Mrs Elliot (Art).

Te Reo: Te Reo lessons will be held fortnightly on Thursday with Anahera (Ani)

Calendar

Tuesday 6th Feb: Waitangi day - school closed

Thursday 8th Feb: Meet the teacher BBQ

Tuesday 13th Feb: Hiroshima exchange information evening - 6pm

Thursday 15th Feb: Homework club (then every Thursday of term) 3.00-4.00pm

Tuesday 20th Feb: Camp information evening - 6pm

Friday 23rd Feb: Class and individual photos

Tuesday 27th Feb: Sports meeting

Friday 2nd March: School swimming sports

Friday 2nd March: Student council announced

Monday 5th March: HPV1 immunisation (year 8s)

Tuesday 6th March: Hiroshima exchange applications close

Thursday 8th March: School duathlon

Monday 12th March – Friday 16th March: School camp