

Team 4 Newsletter Term 1, 2018



We welcome all new and returning students to Team 4, Marian School. In week 2 we head to Ngaruawahia Christian Camp and this is a fantastic way to develop team spirit and foster positive relationships in Team 4. It promises to be a lot of fun! Please read the final camp newsletter and gear list, for all detailed information.

We are waiting on the final few health forms and payment of the camp fee. We do require this to all be into your child's teacher no later than the end of week one. If you need an extra copy of the camp forms and gear list please access them online. Go to www.marian.school.nz, click on classroom pages/Senior Team/ Team 4 newsletters.

Roles and Responsibilities in Team 4

Team Time: In order to develop skills and build a strong learning community all senior students belong, and contribute, to at least one committee, group or club. These range from Librarians to House Leaders, to being on the Enviro Team. House captains will be elected at camp and all students will select their 'Team Time' activity in week three of this term.

Interest Activities: There is a wide range of optional activities for Team 4 students to engage in, from Kapa Haka, to Rock Bands and Art Groups. The sign-up sheets are in the atrium for the first two weeks of school. We encourage everyone in Team 4 to challenge themselves and join something.

Communication in Team 4

We like to get to know you as parents and welcome you to come in and see us. If you have a question or concern, email it through or phone us. The contact email addresses for all classroom teachers are on the school website. Click on Classroom Pages/ Senior Team/ About Team 4.

At the beginning of each term you can expect a team newsletter, outlining our Team focus areas and upcoming events. There is a weekly school newsletter sent out every Wednesday, along with sport's notices once the sports season is up and running. The school website is where we share Team learning and load copies of current newsletters (just in case you require another copy). Please support your child to develop their self- management skills throughout the year. This is a real focus for us in Team 4, particularly when establishing routines in Term One. Talk to them about what they need to have organised day-day.

Learning Discussions will take place in Week 7, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March. We expect all parents to attend, with their child, to discuss and agree on the next learning steps with their teacher.

Homework

Every student will be expected to complete a minimum of 60 minutes per week, of revision tasks on MathsWhizz, an online resource.

At times your child will need to complete class work, research, or publish work at home. Students will have access to Google docs, allowing a seamless transition with work between home and school.

Reading is equally important in the senior school. For that reason we promote that all students read for at least 20 minutes each evening as part of their routine. Please encourage this.

Swimming

All students will have 6 swimming lessons at Hamilton Boys' High Pool, kindly funded by the Field of Dreams Trust. The lessons will start in week 3, on Thursday afternoons, and we expect every student to participate. A note will be required if a student needs to be excused for health reasons. Team 3/4 swimming Sports will take place at HBHS Pool in Week 5.

Learning for Term One: 'I am, We are'

Value: Honesty

ACTS (Learner Disposition): Self-manager

Literacy:

Our focus will be on letter writing and personal experience writing. Eg: letters to the teacher, camp letters, journaling, new and shared experiences. Some students will be selected to attend a writers' workshop. We will also be reading own novels, researching about the Caritas unit, cultural stories and guided reading based on shared texts. Students will need to access prior knowledge and think critically about genre and audience. Literature Quiz teams will be selected and will train throughout Term One in preparation for an inter-school competition.



Mathematics: All students will receive 4 maths lessons a week. The main focus of Term 1 will be number & problem solving. Class teachers will pair teach, to provide groups of students with challenging, interesting activities and tutorials to address their learning needs.

Health/PE:

Swimming and small ball skills are our focus as a team in term one. Team sport is held every Friday afternoon and all students need the correct PE gear at this time, including sunhats.

RE: We will be learning about prayer and the Caritas Unit for Lent. It is based on Timor-Leste this year.

Social Science: An Inquiry based on exploring the concept of 'I am, We are'. We will look specifically at understanding who we are through leadership roles and how we belong and contribute to the wider community.

Arts: Classroom teachers will integrate a range of visual arts into their classroom programmes that relate to the learning around 'I am, We are'.

Techarts Programme: This begins at St John's in week 3. Subjects include graphics, materials technology, food technology, art, and information technology. Buses depart at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is at school and ready!

Tuesdays @ 8.45 am: Rooms 17, 19, 21

Fridays @ 8.45 am: Rooms 18, 20, 22

Important Dates for your Calendars

Meeting for Camp Parent Helpers: Thursday 1st February, in the Atrium, 5.30pm. (approx. 1 hour)

School Masses: Week 1 Thurs 1st Feb, 9.00am. Please provide a can or packet of food each Mass for the needy within our community. Everyone welcome to join us.

Week 1 Beginning of the Year Mass, 1st Feb, 9.15am.

Week 3 Ash Wednesday Mass, 14th Feb 9.15am

Week 7 Solidarity Day mass, Thurs 15th March (TBC)

Week 9 Easter Liturgy (again time and date TBC)

Week 11 Final Mass for Term 1, Thurs 12th April, 9am.

Camp: 8.30am, Wed Feb 7th- 3pm, Fri 9th Feb, Ngaruawahia Christian Camp..

Team 4 Immunisation Meeting: Information meeting Wednesday, Feb 13th, in the Atrium - parents welcome. Students will bring home information. 1.30pm- Year 7, 2pm- Year 8

Techarts @ St Johns: Starts Tuesday, Week 3

Team Time Service Activities Start: Week 4, 1.30-2.15pm weekly.

Swimming: Lessons at HBHS pools, Thursday afternoons from week 4. Bring togs and towel. Team 4 Swimming Sports, 1st of March at HBHS Pool

CIS Swimming, Tuesday 27th February, TBC, at Hamilton Boys High

WFPSA Swimming, Friday 23rd March, at St Peter's Cambridge.

Learning Discussions Week 7 – Tues 13th and Wed 14th March, for students and parents to attend.

Full School Gold Card Assembly on Last Day of Term One: Thursday 13th April, 1.30pm. Room 17 to present item here. Reports & Portfolios home.

Team Disco: TBC

Thank you, in advance, for the support you provide to team 4 teachers and students. Special thanks to all camp parents.