

# Senior Team 2017

## 'Aroha'

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**be.**  
the difference

*Pip Berquist*



The background of the slide features a dark, slightly blurred image of a library with tall bookshelves filled with books. Overlaid on this background is a large, semi-transparent red circle. The text is centered within this red circle.

# **Innovative Learning Environment ( ILE) Aroha Team 2017**

# What are Collaborative Teaching Spaces? (ILE's)

Innovative Learning Environments (ILE's) is the term that is most commonly used around NZ (and the world) to refer to learning environments that reflect the skills, attitudes and dispositions that children will need to function successfully in our globally connected world.



# What are ILE's

People refer to ILE's in a range of different ways, but often mean the same thing...

- Modern Learning Pedagogy
- Future Focused
- Collaborative Learning Spaces
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

# Traditional Classrooms / Schools

Teacher (all knowing!)

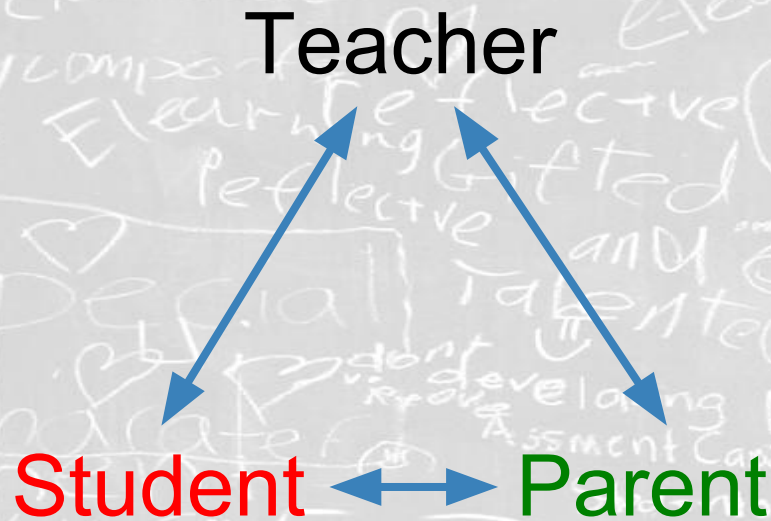


Student

Parent



# Shift in how learning happens!



Idea adapted from Ngatea Primary School

# Our world has changed, it's not changing!

- Schools used to be about preparing children to be able to work independently, and comply!
- The world is now looking for those who can work collaboratively, ask questions and solve problems.





# Key Points of an ILE

**Agency** – students having choice as to when and how they learn

**Ubiquity** – the seamlessness of education, not confined to the 4 walls of the class or within the hours school is open

**Connectedness** – being connected to a global community where the ability to access information readily, collaborate and share ideas / learning is the norm

# Some of the key benefits for children - why

- Greater autonomy and self awareness of own learning
- More frequent interactions with a variety of teachers
- Able to better differentiate learning needs within the class
- Increased collaboration with peers / teachers
- More detailed analysis of children's needs through multiple teachers talking about and considering current needs and next steps for every child
- More focused interventions in class due to awareness of needs and ability to work in a way that meets those needs
- More opportunities for children to work in a setting that suits them due to more spaces within the class
- Increased motivation through authenticity

# Aroha Hubs



- Students work in a Hub with between 2 to 4 teachers.
- ‘Aroha Tahi’ is the old Room 8 and 9.
- ‘Aroha Rua’ is the old Room 6 and 7.
- Each student has a Whanau teacher, but this is simply a point of contact for students and parents.
- As teachers, we work closely to plan and organise learning for all students in the Hub.

# Questions that parents often ask..

Q. Will it be more noisy?

A. No. In actual fact these spaces are often less noisy than traditional classes. Because of the different spaces around a class (silent spaces, collaboration spaces, workshop spaces, tutorial spaces, creative spaces) those that want to work in silence move themselves to those silent spaces which all children respect.

# Questions that parents often ask..

Q. Will my child still have a teacher I can go and talk to?

A. Yes – every child has a whanau teacher. This whanau teacher is a parent's first contact re social issues, notices return, etc. Learning progress involves all teachers in the Hub, as they teach and make/record observations.



# Questions that parents often ask..

Q. Who will be teaching my child?

A. Four teachers will be. All teachers will take professional responsibility for the achievement of every child and every day talk about what they are learning and next steps for the children they work with. While at times the class can utilize a teacher's strengths, all teachers will teach every child at different times.

# Questions that parents often ask..

Q. Can my child get lost or fall through the cracks in this space?

A. No, there is still a huge amount of structure, group work and planning for every child to ensure that everyone is being challenged. In actual fact, we expect the children to be able to touch base more often with a teacher through the day.

# Some of the opportunities we want to explore

- Authentic learning contexts extended – children having more autonomy to integrate their own interests / identified needs into their learning to create solutions that make a difference in our community.
- Children teaching other children – some workshops could be organised by the students (When students teach others, everyone benefits.)

# Home Learning Expectations

- It will be set in Week 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10
- Every Senior class will complete the same work
- Spelling- choose minimum of 10 to learn- Essential List
- Students will have 2 weeks to complete tasks
- Home learning will be can be viewed in the student's Google Drive- Home Learning Folder/Aroha site
- Home Learning Dragon Maths book

# Aroha Home Learning Term 1 Week 2-4 2017

Home Learning will be sent out every fortnight to the whole Senior Team. Reading should be a minimum of **20 minutes every night**. In R.E. we hope to engage your whole family. Please bring your swimming togs on your swimming days also.

## Spelling Words Week 2-4

Learn the **essential spelling list words**. A copy will be put in your drive. Remember LOOK - SAY - COVER - WRITE



## Reading

You have to read for twenty minutes each night.

Get your parents to listen to you and then ask you questions about the passage you read to them. That way you'll know whether they have been listening:)

If your parents read to you, they still have to ask you questions to check whether you have been listening.

## Maths

Work through your **Dragon Maths book** and mark at home with your parents.

A good place to start is Addition/subtraction or Place Value tasks. Look at the contents to find the correct page and mark this at home

Here is a link to the **online Maths Dictionary** site that you will find helpful also- <http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

## R.E.

Discuss the scripture we are reflecting on in class with your family.

**Luke 11:1-13 (NIV)**

[Teach us how to pray](#)

**Dates to remember:**

**ASH Wednesday @ 9.30am 1 March 2017 in BAMJC**



# Behaviour Expectations

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- **High expectations** of all our senior students - encompassing our core school values.
- Focus on specific positive feedback for appropriate behaviour/actions.
- PB4L - teach school wide behaviour expectations.
- Create a supportive and orderly environment within our school.

# Senior School Routines

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- Communication - A learning Partnership
- Healthy Lunches- Litter-free lunch boxes
- Sunsmart policy - No hat, no play
- Swimming - compulsory unless note provided
- Classrooms open from 8:30am
- Manage own belongings, notices, togs etc

# I.C.T in the Senior Team

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- Chrome Books: 1:1 Devices for all students.
- Digital Citizenship taught - keep students safe in an online environment.
- Earbuds/head phones recommended for personal learning.
- Hapara: All students have a school email address and use this to sign into their google accounts.
- Google Classroom.

# Year 6 Leaders

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- Liturgical Leaders
- Student Librarians
- House Captains
- Peer Mediators
- P.E. Shed Monitors
- P.E. Shed Boss
- Communication Ambassadors
- Tech Angels
- Movie Makers
- Dynamos
- Environmental Leaders
- Student Council

# 2017 Dates- EOTC activities

## **Term 1-**

Waimarino - basic kayaking skills instruction, games on the water and adventure park - Approximate cost - \$24.00

## **Term 2-**

Young Leaders Day ( Rotorua) - Optional for Year 6 students - Approximate cost \$50.00

Art Gallery visit - \$4.00

Cycle Safety- No cost

Camp parents - selection

## **Term 3-**

Waterline Programme - Tauranga City Council- No cost

Art Gallery visit- \$4.00

## **Term 4**

Camp - Totara Springs Christian Camp - Approximate cost of \$160-\$180

Kids for Kids Concert- Monday 27th November - \$5.00 each

A notice with this information and proposed costs is on our Aroha Website.



# Aroha Website

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## Aroha Site

Information about all things Aroha. Home learning, notices, photos, links to support learning at home. Please check here regularly, especially if you have a question.