

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Term 4 - 2024



Kia ora and welcome to Term 4!

... And just like that, we have arrived at the final term of the year!

I hope whānau took time to relax and recharge over the holidays! Students had a busy Term 3! We did some engaging learning around the Earth's Subsystems. We had a very successful school Cross Country with a high level of attendance! Students ran their hardest to earn house points! Our top runners represented our school at Central and the Taranaki Champs. Our Rugby and Netball teams were successful in their respected finals. Our EPRO8 Teams performed admirably in their events also.

This term we have swimming starting up! It is important students attend as many sessions as possible. We are lucky to have such a great resource of swim coaches so close to school!

We look forward to another action packed term!

Kind regards,

Year 5/6 teachers



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(Team Leader)

Important Dates!

Week 1 14 - 18 Oct

- * Powhiri for new Whānau
- * Class swimming starts (Wed)

Week 2 21 - 25 Oct

- * IEPs
- * Class Swimming (Wed)

Week 3 28 - 1 Oct

- * Labour Day (Mon)
- * IEPs
- * Class Swimming (Wed)
- * Puanga Festival (Wed/Thurs)

Week 4 4 - 8 Nov

- * Yr 7/8 Production (Wed/Thur)
- * Class Swimming (Wed)

Week 5 11 - 15 Nov

- * Class Swimming (Wed)

Week 6 18 - 22 Nov

- * Class Swimming (Wed)

Week 7 25 - 29 Nov

- * Class Swimming (Wed)

Week 8 2 - 6 Dec

- * Reports to go home
- * Class Swimming (Wed)
- * Road Patrol Training (Yr6s)
- * Swimming Sports (Fri)
- * Christmas Parade

Week 9 9 - 13 Dec

- * Road Patrol training (Yr6s)
- * Last Swimming (Wed)
- * Leavers Assembly 1pm
- * Last Day of School (Half day Friday)

What are we covering in the classroom this term?

Game Based PE Shapes Angles Natural Disasters Add/Sub
Story Books Research Skills Music Swimming

How can you help at home?

We encourage all whānau to simply talk to their children about their learning. Practicing *times tables* and basic facts at home will benefit your children greatly! These tools will help them to unlock larger mathematical strategies. Daily reading is a great way to increase reading mileage. Discuss tricky and unfamiliar words that might pop up. Reading a range of text types – books, current events, recipes – will be of great benefit also.

Swimming!

This term we have our swimming lessons at Wai o Rua, Stratford Aquatic Centre. The Year 5/6 Syndicate will be swimming every Wednesday.

It is a requirement that all students participate in swimming lessons. Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or they are unable to swim at any stage.



Reminders!

We are back to longer hours! School will be finishing at **2.55pm** again for the rest of the year.

School hats! Terms 1 & 4 require all students to have a hat at school. Please ensure students have one that is named. As the weather warms up, bringing a **water bottle** to school is also essential.

Last term, we had many students arriving at school very early in the morning, and in some cases before staff. We ask that students arrive **no earlier than 8.15am** to school.

Year 5/6 Inquiry Learning...

Last term, students learned about the Earth's Subsystems.

Biosphere – Geosphere – Atmosphere – Hydrosphere

This term we will be learning about how our Earth's Subsystems are impacted by both human actions and natural occurrences.

Are you on the School App?

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