

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Term 1 - 2025



### Kia ora and welcome to Term 4!

Nau mai and welcome back to a new school year.

We hope you and your whānau took time to relax and enjoy one another's company over the holidays! We have a busy and exciting learning term ahead. Pākiki topics will lead us to explore concepts around Te Tiriti o Waitangi as well as 'Enhancing our School Community'. Later on in the term we will dive into 'Digi Tech' learning about digital software and algorithms.

Our sporting opportunities this term include Top Team Day, Weet-bix Tryathlon and SPS Athletics Day.

Whānau Day will also be held on Wednesday 5th Feb, where whānau can come along to enjoy the day with us and sample some hangi prepared and cooked on our school grounds.

We begin the term in hot summer months. To ensure our tamariki feel comfortable at school, please make sure your child is prepared with a named drink bottle and hat, sunscreen, deodorant (if needed) and sun smart clothing.

This year there has been a change to our usual Year 5&6 camp. Due to ongoing renovations of Konini Lodge, we are not able to hold camp up our maugna. Instead, camp will be held at TOPEC towards the end of Term 3.

The beginning of the school year brings a lot of change for both students and staff. Although this is exciting for most, if you have any concerns about your child or questions about the upcoming year, please contact the classroom teacher directly.

Kind regards,  
Year 5/6 teachers



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(Team Leader)

### Important Dates!

#### **Week 1 27-31 Jan**

- \* Connection Hui (Mon)
- \* Pōwhiri for new students and staff (Tues)
- \* Top team Day (Fri)

#### **Week 2 3-7 Feb**

Kai for Whanau Day			
Rm 5	Rm 6	Rm 7	Rm 8
Kumara or Carrots	Potato	One piece of Pumpkin per tamariki	Kumara or Carrots

- \* Whānau Day (Wed)
- \* Waitangi Day (Thurs)

#### **Week 3 10-14 Feb**

#### **Week 4 17-21 Feb**

- \* Americarna (Fri)

#### **Week 5 24-28 Feb**

- \* Turnbull Cup Swimming (Wed)

#### **Week 6 3-7 March**

- \* Weet-bix Tryathlon (Wed)
- \* Teachers Only Day (Fri)

#### **Week 7 10-14 March**

- \* Taranaki Anniversary (Mon)

#### **Week 8 17-21 March**

#### **Week 9 24-28 March**

- \* School Athletics Day (Wed)

#### **Week 10 31 March-4 April**

#### **Week 11 7-11 April**

- \* ANZAC Assembly (Wed 2pm)