

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Term 2 - 2025



Kia ora and welcome to Term 2!

Just like that, one term has already flown by!

We made a wonderful start to the year. Many tamariki pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and took on new challenges. Last term, we had the exciting opportunity to visit *Americarna*, where we saw an impressive display of classic cars and enjoyed learning about their history. We also took time to honour ANZAC Day by making wreaths and reflecting on the importance of remembrance.

This term will be packed with entertainment once again! Our Winter Sports Exchanges are fast approaching, and we will be getting involved in Rippa Rugby. We will also be focusing on writing and presenting our speeches, giving students the chance to develop their confidence and public speaking skills.

We will be connecting with whānau through phone calls during Weeks 2 to 4 of this term. Mid-Year Learning Reports and IEP Reports will be sent home on Tuesday of week 8.

We are looking forward to another great term at SPS!

Kind regards,
Year 5/6 teachers



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Important Dates!

Week 1 28 - 2 May

- * Powhiri (Mon)
- * Year 5 / 6 Winter Sport Trials (Tues)

Week 2 5 - 9 May

Week 3 12 - 16 May

- * Rippa Rugby Session (Tues)
- * Pink Shirt Day

Week 4 19 - 23 May

Week 5 26 - 30 May

- * Fitzroy sports exchange
- * Rippa Rugby

Week 6 2 - 6 June

- * King's Birthday (Monday)
- * Syndicate Speech Finals (Thurs)

Week 7 9 - 13 June

- * School Speech Finals (Thurs)

Week 8 16 - 20 June

- * Matariki Public Holiday (Fri)

Week 9 23 - 27 June

- * Monday - Teacher Only Day, no school.

*All of our Winter Sports Exchanges will be completed this term. All dates for these fixtures are on the next page.
Rugby, Football, Netball, Chess.*

What are we covering in the classroom this term?

Economies	Multiplication/Division	Place Value	Addition/Subtraction
Times Tables	Poetry	Speeches	Narratives

How can you help at home?

We encourage all whānau to stay connected with their child's learning. Practising basic facts and times tables at home builds confidence and supports progress in more complex maths. Daily reading helps strengthen understanding and vocabulary. Take time to discuss new words and ideas. Exploring different kinds of texts – stories, news, instructions – will support your child's learning across all areas.

Sports !

This term, students will have the opportunity to take part in inter-school sports exchanges. Teams will be selected through trials held in Week One, with opportunities to play netball, football, rugby, and chess. These exchanges are a great way for students to build teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit while representing our kura.

- Week Four – vs Fitzroy (Home)
- Week Six – vs Puketapu (Away)
- Week Seven – vs Oakura (Home)
- Week Nine – vs Bell Block (Away)



Reminders!

We are back to shorter winter hours! School will be finishing at **2.35pm** again for Term Two and Three.

In Week Three we have **Pink Shirt Day**: Say no to bullying by supporting and wearing a pink shirt on the Friday. Gold Coin Donation

This term, students will be **writing and presenting their own speeches**.

This is a great opportunity to build confidence, develop persuasive language skills, and practise speaking clearly in front of others. Speeches will be presented on **Week Five** with syndicate finals **Week Six** and school finals on **Week Seven**.

Year 5/6 Inquiry Learning...

This term, our inquiry learning will focus on "Economies, Trade, and Digital Technology." Students will explore how people and communities buy, sell, and trade to meet their needs and wants. They will consider what makes a trade fair or unfair, and how digital technology plays a role in modern trading.

Later in the term, students will learn about the choices people make around spending, saving, and borrowing money. They will think about how these decisions can impact their lives now and in the future.

Are you on the School App?

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