

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Term 1 - 2026



Kia ora and welcome to Term 1!

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! A big welcome back to our ākongā.

Opportunities to visit your child's classroom will be happening in week 1. We will be holding an 'Open-Classroom' afternoon where you can pop in to meet the classroom teacher and learn about how the Year 5&6 syndicate will run this year.

Whānau Day will also be held on Friday 27th March where family are welcome to join us for the day and sample some hāngi prepared and cooked on our school grounds.

Our Year 5&6 camp will be taking place at Vertical Horizons in Inglewood this term. We will be away as a syndicate from Wednesday 23rd February to Friday 27th February. There will be lots of information coming your way regarding this so please check for notices in your child's bag and on the Seesaw App.

Our sporting opportunities this term include Top Team Day, Turnbull Cup, Weet-bix Tryathlon and SPS Athletics Day. Pākiki topics will lead us to explore concepts around our families migration to New Zealand.

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.

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

Important Dates!

Week 1 2-6 Feb

- * Pōwhiri for new students and staff (Mon)
- * Open Classrooms (Wed 3pm)
- * Top team Day (Thurs)
- * Waitangi day - School Closed (Fri)

Week 2 9-13 Feb

- * Turnbull Cup (Wed)
- * Home & School Fun Day (Sun 10-2pm)

Week 3 16-20 Feb

- * Camp Meeting (Mon 4:30pm)

Week 4 23-27 Feb

- * Camp (Wed-Fri)

Week 5 2-6 March

- * Teacher Only Day - School Closed (Fri)

Week 6 2-13 March

- * Taranaki Anniversary - School Closed (Mon)
- * Tryathlon (Fri)

Week 7 16-20 March

- * Athletics Day

Week 8 23-27 March

- * Whānau Day (Fri)

Kai for Whānau Day

Rm 5	Rm 6	Rm 7	Rm 8
Kumara or Carrots	Potato	One piece of Pumpkin per tamariki	Kumara or Carrots

Week 9 24-28 March

- * Student Led Conferences (Wed)
- * Good Friday - School Closed (Fri)

Teacher contact details...

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