

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Term 2 - 2026



Kia ora and welcome back to Term 2!

Nau mai and welcome back to S.P.S.

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

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, hockey and chess. These exchanges are a great way for students to build teamwork, sportsmanship and school spirit while representing our kura.

ANZAC Day will be commemorated in Week One with our annual ANZAC assembly held in the school hall. School will be closed Monday 27th April to observe ANZAC Day.

Whānau Day (Take two) will also be held on Friday 1 May, where family are welcome to join us for the day and sample some hāngi prepared and cooked on our school grounds. Remember to get your token from the school office prior to Friday next week. If the weather isn't looking good we will postpone until Term 4.

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 in class **Week Eight** with syndicate finals **Week Nine** and school finals in **Week Ten**.

This term's Pākiki unit will be "**From Whakaahurangi and Beyond: A Space Journey**." In this unit, we will explore the significance of our town's name, *Whakaahurangi*, and investigate what exists beyond our world in space.

Other subject areas this term:

Mathematics: Number strategies, including addition and subtraction, as well as geometry and rational numbers (fractions and decimals).

Writing: Developing our ability to inform our audiences, while strengthening our spelling skills and deepening our understanding of syllables and contractions.

Reading: Building our skills in critically analysing and summarising information.

Kind regards,

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Important Dates!

Week 1 20-24 April

- * Pōwhiri for new students and staff (Tues)
- * Interschool Sports team trials (Wed)
- * ANZAC Assembly (Fri)

Week 2 27-1 May

- * ANZAC Day - School Closed (Mon)
- * Whānau Day - Postponement Date TBC (Fri)
- * Interschool Sports - Inglewood (Home) (Fri)

A reminder of what vegetables to bring for Whānau Day:

Room 5 - Kumara or Carrots

Room 6 - Potato

Room 7 - One piece of Pumpkin per tamariki

Room 8 - Kumara or Carrots

Week 3 4-8 May

- * Blake V-R experience (Wed)

Week 4 11-15 May

- * Pink Shirt Day (Fri)

Week 5 18-22 May

- * Rippa Rugby Tournament (Tues)
- * Interschool Sports - Bellblock (Away) (Fri)

Week 6 25-29 May

- * Interschool Sports - Fitzroy (Away)
- * Teacher Only Day - School Closed (Fri)

Week 7 1-5 June

- * King's Birthday - School Closed (Mon)
- * TET Theatre - Dress up Day (Fri)

Week 8 8-12 June

- * Class Speeches (All Week)
- * Interschool Sports - Puketapu (Home) (Fri)

Week 9 15-19 June

- * School Photos (Wed/Thurs)
- * Syndicate Speech Finals (TBC)

Week 10 22-26 June

- * School Speech Finals (Thurs)

Week 11 29-3 July

- * Reports sent home (Tues)