

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Term Three - 2026



### Kia ora and welcome back to Term Three!

*Nau mai and welcome back to another awesome term!*

We hope you and your whānau had a relaxing and restful break, with plenty of quality time together. A big welcome back to all of our ākonga, especially the many new faces joining our syndicate. As Term Three is still a winter term, school will continue to finish at 2.35pm.

This term, we have our whānau school interviews. These are a wonderful opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, celebrate their learning and achievements from the first half of the year, and discuss their next learning steps.

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in Weeks Two and Three, beginning with a whakapiri where whānau are warmly invited to attend. The Book Fair is a fantastic opportunity to nurture and foster a love of reading with your child.

Tighten your laces and stretch those hamstrings—it is Cross Country time! This will be a major focus throughout the term, with School, Central, and Taranaki Cross Country events taking place. Alongside keeping our bodies active, our brains will also be put to the test as ākonga challenge themselves in the upcoming EPro8 engineering competition, developing their scientific thinking and problem-solving skills.

We have an exciting Pakiki unit planned for this term - "Living Things, Changing Worlds" In this unit, we will discover how living things survive, adapt and what happens when their habitats change.

Other core subject areas this term:

**Mathematics:** Developing multiplication and division strategies, understanding rational numbers (fractions/ decimals and percentages), before finishing the term by exploring measurement.

**Writing:** Developing our ability to persuade our audience through writing, with a focus on strengthening our sentence structures and using affixes to enhance our vocabulary and word knowledge.

**Reading:** Unpacking the structures of different text forms and developing comprehension by drawing conclusions using evidence from the text.

Kind regards,

Year 5/6 teachers

### Important Dates!

**Week 1** 20 - 24 July

\* Pōwhiri for new students and staff (Tues)

**Week 2** 27 - 31 July

\* Netball Final vs Oakura (Mon)

\* Rugby Finals vs. Vogeltown (Tues)

\* Whakapiri and Book Fair opens (Thurs)

\* Whānau Interviews (Thurs) School finishes 2pm

**Week 3** 3 - 7 July

\* Book Fair Ends (Wed)

\* Whānau Interviews (Thurs) School finishes 2pm

**Week 4** 10 - 14 August

**Week 5** 17 - 21 August

\* Epro8 Internal Competition (Wed)

**Week 6** 24 - 28 August

\* Kapa Haka Festival, War Memorial Hall (Wed)

\* School Cross Country (Fri)

\* Daffodil Day (Fri)

**Week 7** 31 - 4 September

\* Teacher Only Day (Mon)- School Closed

\* Epro8 Competition, SPS Hall (Tues - Thurs)

**Week 8** 7 - 11 September

\* Central Cross Country (Wed)

**Week 9** 14 - 18 September

\* Year 7 and 8 Wearable Arts Show (Wed/Thurs)

\* Golf Day (Thurs)

**Week 10** 21 - 25 September

\* Taranaki Cross Country (Wed)

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(Team Leader)

This term, we farewell Miss Lauren Giddy and thank her for her contribution to our syndicate. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours.

We also warmly welcome Miss Alyssa Coombe, who joins us midway through the term as the teacher of Room 6.