

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Term Four - 2026



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

A reminder that school finishes at 2:55 pm each day.

#### Sun Safety

As the weather warms up, please ensure your child brings a **hat** and a **full water bottle** to school each day.

#### Swimming - Every Monday

Our syndicate will be swimming every Monday. Swimming is compulsory, so please ensure your child brings their togs and a towel. If your child is unable to swim, a note explaining the reason must be provided.

#### Year 6 Camp - 2021

Year 6 students, please ensure your camp forms are returned as soon as possible for our 2021 camp. Information for Year 5 camp will be sent home later this term.

#### Puanga Festival - Waitara

The Puanga Festival is being held in Waitara. This is a great opportunity to celebrate Māori culture, traditions and the significance of Puanga in our community. We will have two groups performing this year, our Teina roopu in the non-competitive section and Tuakana roopu in the competitive section.

#### Learning Focus for This Term

**Mathematics:** Students will explore statistics, number knowledge, financial literacy and measurement, with a focus on time.

**Writing:** Students will write to entertain and inform through moments in time, narratives, news reports, diaries, biographies and news articles, using figurative language and sensory details to engage readers.

**Reading:** Students will critically analyse texts and make connections to other texts, their own experiences and the world around them

**Pāhiki:** Students will explore significant natural and human-made events, including the Christchurch earthquake, Otago Gold Rush and Women's Suffrage in New Zealand.

**Health:** Students will learn about puberty, including the physical, emotional and social changes that occur as they grow and develop.

Nga mihinui,

Year 5/6 Teachers

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#### Important Dates!

##### Week 1 12-16 Oct

- \* Swimming begins for Years 5&6 (Mon)
- \* Pōwhiri 9:30am (Tues)

##### Week 2 19-23 Oct

- \* Swimming for Years 5&6 (Mon)

##### Week 3 26-30 Oct

- \* Labour day - School Closed (Mon)
- \* Puanga Festival - Taine (Non Competition) (Wed)
- \* Puanga Festival - Roopu (Competition) (Fri)

##### Week 4 2-6 Nov

- \* Swimming for Years 5&6 (Mon)
- \* Gumboot Friday (Fri)

##### Week 5 9-13 Nov

- \* Swimming for Years 5&6 (Mon)

##### Week 6 1 6-20 Nov

- \* Swimming for Years 5&6 (Mon)
- \* Camp helper Meeting for  
Years 7&8 Camp 2021 (Wed)  
9am, 3.15pm, 5.15pm
- \* Athletics Champs - Inglewood (Thurs)

##### Week 7 23-27 Nov

- \* Swimming for Years 5&6 (Mon)
- \* Camp helper Meeting for  
Years 7&8 Camp 2021 (Wed)  
9am, 3.15pm, 5.15pm
- \* Stratford Christmas Parade 6:30 pm (Fri)

##### Week 8 30 Nov-4 Dec

- \* Swimming for Years 5&6 (Mon)
- \* Road Patrol Training Year 6 (Tues)
- \* School Swimming Sports (Fri)

##### Week 9 7-11 Dec

- \* Swimming for Years 5&6 (Mon)
- \* Reports sent home (Tues)
- \* Year 5&6 Fun Day (Wed)
- \* Colour-Run Fundraiser (Fri)

##### Week 10 14-18 Dec

- \* Leavers Assembly 1:00pm (Tues)
- \* Final Assembly 11am (Wed)
- \* School finishes for the year 12 noon (Wed)