

Thursday 9 February 2023,

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Nau mai haere mai ki te tau hou! Welcome and Happy New Year! We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growth in our Year 5-6 team. Our teaching and support team for this year is;

Jayshri Dayal (Room 11 Classroom Teacher Year 5-6)

Janine Imrie (Room 12 Classroom Teacher Year 5-6)

Jessie Gregory (Room 13 Classroom Teacher Year 5-6, and Sports Coordinator)

Karen Millar (Classroom Support Year 5-6)

Hope Di Maio (Classroom Support Year 5-6)

Matt Finnigan (Associated Principal Year 5-8, Team Leader, Science and STEAM Teacher)

Organisation

Rooms 11-13 are separate learning spaces but as a team we plan our learning together, and there are several opportunities during the school week where we are all together or mix learning groups, such as fitness, team hui, Friday enrichment, and integrated learning. The Year 6's who are part of Room 14 will also join us for some of these learning experiences.

Thank you to all of you who have already named your child's lunchbox, school sunhat, and stationery. We realise there is a lot to get organised and really appreciate your support with this. This week some staff have been setting up BYOD devices and ensuring that all students have access to school devices to help with their learning for the year. Our goal is to have a healthy balance between device use and more traditional bookwork in our classes.

Curriculum

This term in the Year 5-6 Team we are focusing on building classroom culture for the first few weeks and ensuring that learners are clear about learning and behaviour expectations. Then we are moving on to an integrated learning unit named 'Kōkōkaha - Powered by Wind.' This unit will lean into Science, Technology, and The Arts. This unit will culminate in the students designing and creating their own wind powered art work. If you have any experience/knowledge in any of these areas and would like to share with us, then we would love to hear from you.



Home Learning involves two main components. Maths Whizz is a programme that all students have access to and can work on an individualised maths programme. All students are required to complete 3 progressions each week. They have some class time for this but will also need to work a little in their own time to achieve the progressions. At school we will be regularly recognising and celebrating student progress with Maths Whizz. The other component of home learning is the Steeple Rock challenges. Year 5 students are required to complete 9 challenges throughout the school year, and Year 6 students are required to complete 10. A special badge is awarded to students when they complete the challenges.

In addition, throughout the year students will be given opportunities to work on projects at home that will support and enhance their classroom learning.

3 Way Conferences (Learner - Teacher - Parent) - Monday 27 March

We are looking forward to establishing the 3 way parent, teacher, learner conferences this year. These will be short conferences where we will confirm the first set of learner goals for the year, check in on the start and ensure we are all heading in the right direction for the year.

The school operates differently this day, and your child is to only come to school for their interview time. Booking times will be available in the weeks prior to the conference.

The school library will be operating differently for Term 1 and Mrs Bamber will visit each class during the week to continue with her library programme. During this time students can issue and order books. Books can be returned in the returns slot before school, lunchtime and after school only.

We are looking forward to a great year and hope to see many of you at the **Family Picnic on Friday 17th February**, and also at the **Meet the Teacher Evening on Tuesday 28th February**.

Ngā mihi nui,
Year 5-6 Teaching Team