



Year 5-6 Term 2 Newsletter

Thursday 27 April,

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2 in the Year 5-6 team. We are excited about the learning that we have planned for this term, with a wonderful variety of activities in class and also using experts from the community to enrich our programmes.

Organisation

With the change in weather, students are no longer required to bring a sunhat to school but we do want to take the opportunity to remind families and students to bring a jacket to school each day. Not only is this vital if we need to evacuate the school but also for outside lessons and physical activities.

We were so impressed with the large proportion of our students that received a Green Tick certificate for Maths Whizz progressions in Term 1. A reminder that home learning in Year 5-6 is to complete 3 maths progressions, to read for 15 minutes each evening, and to complete and present the Steeple Rock challenges.

We have also been impressed with the high standard of book work and presentation and have noticed the pride students are taking with their work.

Physical Education

Other than Cross Country practises and Seatoun School Cross Country on Wednesday 3 May, our main focus for this term is Swimming. We are fortunate to have 8 instructed swimming sessions at Kilbirnie Pool. These sessions are during the school day and we travel to and from the pool by bus. There are variations with the day we swim due to community bookings but most of the sessions are on a Tuesday. On swim days the students need to come to school with swimming togs, towel, hair tie or cap (for anyone with long hair), goggles (optional). If your child has recently had diarrhoea or been unwell, then please could you email your child's teacher so that we know they won't be swimming.

Tuesday 2 May	(swim lesson time: 12noon - 1.30pm)
Tuesday 9 May	(swim lesson time: 12noon - 1.30pm)
Tuesday 23 May	(swim lesson time: 12noon - 1.30pm)
Tuesday 30 May	(swim lesson time: 12noon - 1.30pm)
Thursday 8 June	(swim lesson time: 12:30pm - 2pm)
Tuesday 13 June	(swim lesson time: 12noon - 1.30pm)

Wednesday 21 June	(swim lesson time: 9.30am - 10.30am)
Wednesday 28 June	(swim lesson time: 9.30am - 10.30am)

Term 2 Inquiry Unit ‘Ko Au, Ko Koe, Ko Tatou’

This term we will be teaching a health and social studies unit that will focus on the student as a learner, emotional regulation, and belonging. For te reo students will be asked to bring some photographs and ideas from home that will help them create a visual pepeha. This will be a poster they create in class showing some of their ancestry, people and places they feel connected to. Part of this term’s unit will also be looking at how we can Keep Ourselves Safe both online and in the home/community. To help us deliver some of these programmes we will be using the Life Education Van, St John First Aid, and Community Constable Aaron Dan. Later in the term we will be looking at the wider community and focusing on sustainability with Wellington City Council.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Kind regards,
Year 5-6 Teaching Team