

Year 5-6 Term 3 Newsletter

Thursday 20 July,

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3 in the Year 5-6 team. We are looking forward to another action packed term. But, firstly we do want to acknowledge the fantastic learning that happened last term with swimming lessons, a first aid course, sustainability lessons, visual pepeha, Keeping Ourselves Safe, and also seeing so many of our students presenting at our Year 5-6 Community Hui.

Term 3 Information

Inquiry: This term we have our whole school focus on performing arts with ‘Seussical the Musical.’ Alongside the production we will continue learning about sustainability through the lens of the Dr Seuss’ book, The Lorax. This will have a Social Studies curriculum focus.



Year 5-6 students learning about sustainability



Numeracy: Basic Facts will also be a focus this term. In class we will be testing and plotting our progress each week. There are a number of ways that you can help your child practise their multiplication and division of basic facts. MathsWhizz can be accessed from home and your child can work on their progressions. Also websites like <https://www.yesikan.nz/> are a good way students can practise and also mark their answers.

Literacy: This term in class we are going to be increasing the students' writing mileage in their work books. We aim to increase both the quantity and the fluency of their writing. Another way you can support from home is for your child to access their Writer's Toolbox account and have a go with the daily challenge.

Note- students should aim for 75% writing strength.

<https://www.writerstoolbox.com/>

The first half of this term our students will be choosing a poem to learn/memorise and then to present the poem to their class. The chosen poem needs to be at least 20 seconds when presented. We will have lots of practice speaking to small audiences, and learning important oral presentation skills.

Towards the end of Week 5, we will have a team hui where some representatives from each class will present their poems to the whole team. We will then select some students to present at the Speech and Poetry evening on Thursday 24th August.

Physical Education: This term we will be doing Fitness Boot Camp 3 times a week, and will be learning important large ball skills for team sports.

Swimming Sports: We also have our school swimming sports on Tuesday August 1 (Week 3). The students are able to enter competitive races (students compete for places in Eastern Zones) or Splash and Dash events (for those less confident). Entries for this are being made this week. Check with your child which events they have entered.



Friday Buddy Reading

Other Events: On Friday 1st September the Year 5-6 team (along with Year 7-8) will be hosting the community hui.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Ngā mihi,
Year 5-6 Teaching Team