

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

10 February, 2025

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai, haere mai ki te tau hou!

Welcome to the new year with the Year 5-6 Team. We are looking forward to an awesome year of learning and fun. It was great to meet many of you at our 'Meet the Teacher' day last Monday. This year there are three Year 5-6 classes in our teaching team for 2025.

Teaching Team

Room 10 Charles Daily

Room 11 Jayshri Dayal

Room 12 Janine Imrie

Matt Finnigan (STEAM class) and Senior School Associate Principal

Marion Hair (Music class)

Friday Enrichment

Every Friday afternoon our students are involved with our enrichment program. It is truly a highlight of the week for many students. This year your child will spend 4 weeks learning in each of the following curriculum areas;

- Cooking
- Soft Materials
- Printmaking (art)
- STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, maths)
- Research Skills / Debating
- Digital Storytelling / Drama
- Photography / Coding
- PE (pickleball)

Integrated unit - Kokokaha 'Powered by the Wind'

Our integrated unit for Term 1, will be about the science behind wind generation and how we can harness the wind. This unit has a STEAM focus and is done in conjunction with Worsler Bay Yacht Club [Beach and Boatwise programmes](#).

One thing we really value is parent involvement in the Year 5-6 team. There are a couple of opportunities within this unit for parent involvement.

- Sailing
 - Room 10 Monday 3/3/25
 - Room 12 Tuesday 4/3/25
 - Room 13 Wednesday 5/3/25
- Festival of Wind
 - Thursday 3/4/25

Health & Physical Education

During Weeks 2&3 our students will be participating in Pedal Ready. This is from Monday 10 Feb - Tuesday 18 Feb. It is a bike safety program run by Wellington Regional Council. Please make sure your child has a well-maintained bike and helmet that can be used for the unit. Let us know if you need to borrow equipment for your child, as Pedal Ready do have bikes that can be borrowed.

<https://www.pedalready.org.nz/>



Home Learning

In the Year 5-6 team the Steeple Rock badge is an important component of home learning. The students have a booklet with all the information and challenges explained.

The Challenges are the same for both class year levels. However, the minimum number of Challenges differs

- Y5 must complete a minimum of 9 challenges
- Y6 must complete a minimum of 10 challenges

We expect that all students establish a habit of reading 10-15 mins each school night. This could be either independent student reading or it could be the parent reading to the child.

Note: Some incidental home learning tasks may be assigned, especially linked to our integrated unit for the term.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 25 February - Meet the Teacher Evening

This is an opportunity to hear how we teach and organise the learning in the Year 5-6 team, and we discuss some topics and themes covered over the year. This will be similar to the presentation given in December last year.

Friday 7 March - Year 5-6 Hui (shared with the senior team)

3 Way Conferences (Learner - Teacher - Parent) - Thursday 20 and Friday 21 March

We are looking forward to 3-way parent, teacher, and learner conferences closer to the end of this term. 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 on Friday 21 March, and your child is to only come to school for their interview time. Booking times will be available in the weeks before the conference.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous year.

Ngā mihi,

Year 5&6 Teaching Team