

23 April 2026

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Kia ora koutou. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Term 2  
Welcome to the new term with the Year 5-6 Team.

We would like to thank the Pedal Ready Team, from Greater Wellington, for their expert teaching of cycle safety and road/traffic awareness last term. The students were amazing, and one instructor told us that they have been the best group of students they have ever worked with. Ka Rawe!



***Health and Physical Education:*** This term we have swimming every Tuesday morning at Kilbirnie Pool. During the first session, students are graded by swimming instructors and then put into groups for the following sessions that cater to their ability level. Four of these sessions will be part of the new compulsory NZ Water Safety Programme.

Year 6 students will leave school at 9am and return by 11am.  
Year 5 students will leave school at 10am and return by 12pm.

Each session, students will have 25 mins of instruction time and 25 mins of free-play swimming. Some key information for swimming;

- Children with vomiting or diarrhoea must not participate in lessons, and must wait for 2 weeks before re-joining the swim programme.
- Students with long hair should wear a swim cap or have their hair tied back.
- If your child wants goggles these must be brought from home. They are not provided by the swim school.

Swimming begins on Tuesday 28th April, and will be every Tuesday morning for the remainder of Term 2.

We hope students are preparing for the school Cross Country on Thursday 30th April.

Integrated Studies: This term we are doing a case study on 'The Wahine Disaster 1968'. Students will be learning about this local disaster through newspaper clips, eye witness accounts, photographic records, and looking at how New Zealand responded in the aftermath. Students will use this study to investigate further into another disaster and response study of their own choice.

As part of our unit we are organising a class trip to the Wellington Museum (Maritime) on Queens Wharf and the newly refurbished Wellington Library.

The trip will be on Thursday, 7th May. For this trip to be possible, we will need parent helpers for the day. Please email your child's teacher if you are able to help us.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Ngā mihi,  
Year 5&6 Teaching Team