

YEAR 6 TEAM NEWSLETTER

Kia Ora everyone,

Welcome back to Term 3 of 2021!

The Year 6 students are full of energy and ready for a term of learning. We have many things happening this term, please read carefully below and remember to keep an eye out for any HERO communications.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 3

Week 1

29th July - Rippa Rugby POSTPONED

Week 2

3rd August - Rippa #1 Save a Day

Week 3

11th August - Basketball Super Cluster

12th August - Digital Technology ICAS

13th August - Murrays Bay Intermediate School Visit

Week 4

17th August - English ICAS

20th August - Book Battle NIS

20th August - Hockey Super Cluster

Week 6

2nd September - Rippa Rugby #2

31st August - APPA Choir Rehearsal

1st September - Maths ICAS

Teacher Only Day - September 3

Week 7

7th September - Rippa Rugby #2 Save a Day

Week 8

15-17 September - Year 5&6 CAMP Carey Park

Week 9

23rd September - Swimming Lessons

Week 10

27, 28, 29 & 30th September - Swimming Lessons

Learning for Term 3

Mathematics: We focus on a problem solving and inquiry maths approach. We encourage children to explain and share their strategies for solving problems as a way of enhancing their understanding of mathematical processes and ideas. They will be consolidating their number knowledge and place value understanding as well as building on their multiplication/division/fractions/decimals and percentages. Strand will be linked to Geometry.

Writing: The focus for the first part of the term will be informative/report writing and then later on in the term we will look at instructional writing. Students will also be learning about 'Functions' during our topic lessons and writing will be linked to this.

Reading: Each class will run its own instructional reading programme to meet the needs of the students. Where possible we link our reading to other work, particularly topic or inquiry work we are doing in class.

Inquiry: Our topic this term is 'Functions'. This is a science topic investigating how things work, looking especially at the physical world. We will cover simple machines and how they work together to make complex machines. Students will create their own functioning machine to show their understanding of this unit.

Sport

In Term 3, we will be learning winter ball skills.

- How to throw, kick, catch and control a ball with correct technique
- Work individually and with others to develop a skill
- Develop movement skills in challenging situations and describe how these challenges impact on themselves and others.
- Identify risks and their causes and describe safe practices to manage these.

CAMP - We will be having our Year 5/6 camp on the 15th to the 17th September. Thank you to those parents who made contact offering to be a parent helper. A list will be posted soon to confirm those who are going and which day/s they will be required. Please make sure you are getting notifications on HERO as communication for camp will be provided via this app.

SWIMMING LESSONS - During Week 9 and 10 we will be busing to AUT Millennium for swimming lessons. More information will be sent home closer to the time. There is no cost for the swimming lessons as this is covered by your activity fee.

EPRO8

The PTA have funded 8 new EPRO8 kits so the senior school is able to enter into the ePRO8 competitions in November. (This is a science and engineering challenge). The senior classes are busy learning how to work together so we can organise them into the best groups possible for the competition.

MURRAY'S BAY INTERMEDIATE - On Friday the 13th August, the Year 6 students will be busing to Murray's Bay Intermediate for an introduction visit. This will give the opportunity for students to see the school, learn what is on offer and ask any questions. If your child knows they are attending another intermediate school next year, they will not attend this visit.

MBIS enrolment interviews are running from Monday 23 August to Wednesday 25 August from 7.30am.

The Year 6 teachers are looking forward to an exciting, enjoyable and productive term. Please feel free to email your classroom teacher for any further information on the above.

Kind regards,

Year 6 Team
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