

# **TERM 2**

## **YEAR 6 TEAM NEWSLETTER**

Kia ora and a big welcome back to our Year 6 whanau!

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2**

#### **Week 1**

May 6 - Whakatau to welcome our new principal Mr Janes

#### **Week 2**

May 10 - Science in the Van in the hall (Year 3-6)

#### **Week 3**

May 19 - Young Ocean Explorers in the hall (Year 4-6)

#### **Week 5**

June 3 - School cross-country/fun run

#### **Week 6**

June 6 - Queens Birthday

#### **Week 7**

13th June - Cluster Cross Country

16th June - Cluster Rippa Rugby

#### **Week 8**

June 23 - Teacher Only Day

June 24 - Matariki - School Closed

#### **Week 9**

June 27: Teacher Only Day

Science Fair judging (Date TBC)

June 28 - Cluster Football

June 30 - Cluster Football Save Day

Speech Finals (TBC)

### **Learning for Term 2**

**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 learning multiplication, division, fractions and decimals. Our Term 2 strand is Measurement.

**Writing:** The focus for the first part of the term will be writing a persuasive speech. Students will be writing an informative or persuasive speech before moving on to instructional writing for their science fair inquiry. This will culminate in a science fair in Week 9. (The week starting the 27th of June) ( Date TBC )

**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 inquiry work we are doing in class.

**Inquiry:** Our topic this term is 'Changes in Matter'. This is a chemical and physical science strand. We will be rotating classes so students experience different teaching styles, while conducting a series of experiments. This will culminate in an independent science fair in Week 9.

## **Sport**

In Term 2, we will be learning winter sport skills.

- Pass, throw, kick, catch and control a ball with the 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.

We will be training for our school cross country which will be held on Monday, May 30th (Save day Friday, June 3rd). If your child is unable to participate in training or the actual day, they will need a note from home. Reminder to send your child with appropriate running shoes.

## **Reminders**

Everyone is enjoying the benefits of the Covid Protection Framework Orange Level. A reminder that masks are a personal choice and strongly recommended while we still have many community cases. If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform, including socks and shoes.

## **Homework**

We set weekly homework, including spelling, an expectation to read 20 mins each night for our independent readers. Some students will be sent home with readers each week. On Mondays, students are given mental maths activities to complete by Friday, which are then marked in class. At times there will be extra homework for special projects.

The Year 6 teachers value and appreciate everyone's ongoing support. We also look forward to working with our new principal, Nathan Janes. He has visited our classes this week and the students are excited to have a new principal. Please feel free to email your classroom teacher for any further information on the above.

Kind regards,

## **Year 6 Team**

Mel Mason (Team Leader)

Steve James

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