

## Year 5/6 Term 3 2017 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Welcome back. The holidays were a refreshing break for all of us after a busy second term. The pupils are re-invigorated, happy to be back with their friends and keen to leap into the challenges of the new term. We look forward to welcoming Jannes Reinders (R6) and his family to our school this term.

### Topics we are covering this term:

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| <b>Writing</b>       | Personal recounts, instructional writing, note taking and making related to our topic, writing workshops (for punctuation, language features etc.) and report writing. |
| <b>Reading</b>       | Guided reading groups and reading related activities   |
| <b>Mathematics</b>   | Statistics, multiplication and division, geometry, algebraic patterns  |
| <b>Topic/Science</b> | Science experiments (rotating around the classrooms), body systems   |
| <b>Music</b>         | With Ms Butt - beats, rhythm, music genre etc  |
| <b>Physical Ed.</b>  | Hockey skills, cross country   |
| <b>Health</b>        | Healthy eating, cycle skills training  |
| <b>Language</b>      | Maori - word/s of the week, body parts, seasons, my home   |
| <b>Technology</b>    | Designing outdoor learning space   |

### Homework/Class Blog

Please encourage your child to complete their homework and make sure they return their homework book every Friday. If you have any concerns, please see your child's teacher. Thank you for your continuing support. To assist with homework, students will be making videos to share their learning which will be posted on class blogs throughout the term.

### Healthy Eating Programme

Students will be taking part in a 'What's for Lunch' programme which will be paid for by the activity fee. This programme covers topics such as the importance of vegetables, their nutritional value, exciting ways to cook vegetables and the process of how vegetables get from the paddock to the supermarket.

### Interschool Sports

The interschool sports games last term were enjoyed by all. The players were congratulated on their sportsmanship towards other schools and their commitment to the team.

A big thank you to Rod McQuaig, Jaynie McSweeney, Megan Holmes, Stefan Kiss and Michael Connelly who were excellent coaches, showing enthusiasm and commitment to their team players.

The rugby, A netball and football teams all won their semifinal games which is a fantastic effort. The interschool final games will be played on the 9th August—more details to follow.

Our Rippa Rugby Aces team will be busy training this term, with their coach Mike Van Prehn, for the national competition in Wellington on September 17th, 18th and 19th. Exciting times ahead.

### **Cross country**

Pupils will be taking part in regular cross country training in preparation for the school cross country event. Pupils will learn to set themselves S.M.A.R.T (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound) goals, record achievements and choose appropriate warm up and cool down exercises. Even if pupils are not competitive in running, this is a chance for each child to improve their individual level of fitness. Pupils will be encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and footwear for physical activity on a daily basis.

School Cross Country event at Corbett Park (1.5km) –Tuesday 29th Aug

Coastal Cross Country in Omata (1.5km) –Tuesday 12th September

Taranaki Cross Country in Hawera (2km) – To be confirmed - please check community calendar

### **People Savers Course**

During week 4, all students will be taking part in a first aid course specifically suited to Year 5 & 6 students.

### **Cycle Skills Training**

All students will be taking part in the Cycle Skills workshops which is provided by Sports Taranaki. Students will need to bring their own bike and helmet. If your child does not have a bike, one will be provided.

The timetable is as follows:

Monday 11 September and Wednesday 13 September - Room 6, 7 and 8 have one session each

Thursday 14 September - Room 6 only

Friday 15 September - Room 7 only

Monday 18 September - Room 8 only

The emphasis is on biking safely on the road. Trained instructors work with the students to ensure they fully understand the road rules and how to keep themselves safe.

### **Year 6 Information Evening**

On Tuesday 8th August there will be an information evening for our current Year 6 students and parents regarding what happens in the intermediate classes of Oakura School. This will be held in Room 11 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. All welcome. Also if parents would like to view our intermediate school in action, parents are welcome to pick up their Year 5 or 6 student from class any time after 1:30pm on the Tuesday 1st August to pop down to the senior block for a visit.

### **Clothing and footwear**

Pupils will be asked to remove their shoes at the classroom doors this term in order to keep the carpets clean. A significant amount of clothing is taken to lost property on a regular basis. Please ensure that your child's clothing and footwear is clearly named. It may be a good idea for children to have a change of clothing for after break times, in case they get really muddy.

### **Let's Go**

Thank you to those parents who have been supporting their children walking, biking, skating or scootering to school. It is great to see so many children travelling to school in an active and healthy way. Remember, if you live too far away you can drop your children off on South Road or behind the Four Square and they can walk from there. The main road crossing is supervised before and after school to help children cross. Pupils who walk, bike, skate, scooter or bus to school every day go into a prize draw which is drawn at our school assembly each week.

Thank you for your continuing support. We are all really enjoying the learning experiences in the Year 5 & 6 team.

Kind regards, Judy Zieltjes, James Willson and Megan Culver