

Year 5/6 Term 2 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Welcome back. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable time over the holidays. Term 1 proved a huge success and we are looking forward to a busy, exciting and creative 10 weeks this term. A big welcome to our new students - Tiani Kensington in Room 7 and Eliyah Shlosberg in Room 8. We look forward to getting to know you and having you as part of our Year 5 & 6 team.

Topics we are covering this term:

Writing	Personal recounts, narrative, poetry, persuasive and procedural writing
Reading	Guided reading groups and reading related activities
Mathematics	Fractions, ratios and proportions, multiplication, movement and position
Topic/Science	Our inquiry is based on Leisure and Pleasure
Music	Room 7—recorder, Room 8— music genre, Room 6—singing (students to rotate around each classroom)
Physical Ed	Hockey skills, daily fitness, Skills for Life
Health	Keeping Ourselves Safe, Life Ed bus
Language	Maori - food, commands, my home, sports words

Homework

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.

Life Education

This term the Life Education truck will be visiting Oakura School. The year 5/6 students will be learning about social relationships. Parents are welcome to look through the mobile classroom.

ICT/Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

We are continuing to develop our ICT skills as tools in the investigative process as well as supporting other areas of the curriculum. Classes are enjoying the use of the chrome books that the FOOS committee purchased several years ago. However there are only a limited number of school devices, so please encourage your child to bring their own device to school every day, fully charged. We would like you to encourage your child to work at home on their Maths Whizz accounts to support their maths learning.

Topic/Science

This term we are focussing on Leisure and Pleasure. This topic will include playground design, the benefits of playing sports and how to keep ourselves healthy.

Year 6 Amazing Race

Year 6 pupils will be taking part in an Amazing Race event on Thursday 16 June. More information on this event will be given out closer to the time.

Interschool Sports

The interschool sports events will be held throughout this term. We are fortunate to have excellent coaches for our teams. Mike Van Prehn is coaching the rugby team. Megan Holmes and Jaynie McSweeney will be coaching the netball teams while Michael Connelly and Stefan Kiss will be coaching the soccer team. Trials were undertaken last term to make team selections. It was noted by staff members involved that there was a high level of skill amongst the pupils who trialled and the final team selection was not an easy decision.

Interschool dates, times and venues:

Saint Joseph's School - 19th May (week 3) @ 12:30pm **HOME**

Saint John Bosco - 26th May (week 4) @ 12:30pm **AWAY**

Frankley School - 2nd June (week 5) @ 12:30pm **HOME**

Coastal Taranaki School - 27th June (week 9) @ 12:30pm **AWAY**

For the games that we host (home games), we request that those children playing in the teams bring a plate of afternoon tea to share with the visitors on that day. To ensure a spread of choice, we would like the netball players to provide sweet items and the soccer and rugby players to provide savoury items.

Not all children are involved in the teams but we will all be supporting those who are playing during the home games. Family members and friends are welcome to come and support the pupils too.

Road Patrol training

Year 6 students will take part in road patrol training run by our local police education officer, Anna Duncan. These students will then carry out crossing duty over the remainder of this term and term 3.

Sign Language

Sign language week is the 8th to 14th May. Our students will take part in a taster sign language course.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have any issues you wish to discuss as we value and appreciate communication with our school families.

Kind regards,

Judy Zieltjes, James Willson and Megan Culver