

# YEAR FIVE SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER



Kia ora Whānau, and Welcome to 2021. We hope you and your Whānau have had a relaxing break. We are excited to welcome you and your family into our Year 5 team. Year 5 can be a big step up for children as they are learning to manage many things such as themselves, their belongings and their friendships. It is our job to help make this as smooth a transition as possible for them. We believe as a team that our Konini values are strong and will prepare our students well for the future so we embed them into every aspect of our classroom.

## MEET THE TEAM

### Room 12 - Shannon Roberts

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Kia Ora whanau! I am very excited to join the Year 5 team for 2021. Last year I taught Year 4 so I am thrilled to continue on with the children's learning journey. I have been teaching for the past 7 years at various schools and levels and have found a real passion for teaching seniors. In my spare time, I love to cook, go on bush walks and go paddle boarding as often as I can. Please feel free to pop into the classroom for catch ups and chats and if you have any questions or do not hesitate to ask. I look forward to all the amazing things this year has in store for us all.

### ROOM 15 - Vanessa Fowles

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Kia ora, my name is Vanessa Fowles. For the past three years I have enjoyed teaching at Intermediate Schools across Auckland. I am thrilled to be joining the Konini whānau this year in Room 15. In my spare time I enjoy playing violin, creating recipes, gardening, arts and crafts. Last year, my partner and I made the great decision to move to West Auckland, where we now live in Glen Eden with our adored Ragdoll cat, Mochi. My door is always open for you to come and chat, and please don't hesitate to email me any questions or concerns you may have. I really look forward to getting to know your children and whānau this year, and I am excited for all of the learning experiences we will share together.

### Room 20 - Rachel Johnson (Year 5 Team Leader)

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Kia ora whānau, my name is Rachel Johnson and I teach in Room 20. I have been teaching for about 18 years at various levels but have been teaching in the Senior School at Konini for the past 2 years. I live in New Lynn with my husband and our 6 year old daughter, who is also part of our Konini Whanau and our two elderly but energetic dogs. I love gardening, cooking and spending time with my extended family and friends. Please feel free to pop in if you have any questions or concerns or even just to say kia ora. As a Year 5 team we are excited about what 2021 holds for us and look forward to sharing our journey with you.

## TERM ONE INQUIRY

### Whiria te tāngata Weave the people together.

All people have their own special talents and abilities. This term we will discover what our own special talents are as an individual and a class. This term we will focus on Whanaungatanga. Whanaungatanga is about relationships, kinship and a sense of family. It is one of our guiding Values at Konini School. This term we will discover the meaning of Whanaungatanga, what Tuakana/Teina is and how can we nurture Whanaungatanga at Konini?

## LEARNING PROGRAMMES

At the beginning of the year it is vital for us to establish routines and begin building strong relationships with each other so our learning will be successful. Students will receive stationery in week one and will begin to learn about expectations of book work and how to manage their belongings.

### MATHS

We divide the number strands throughout the term. At the beginning of the term start with a recap of addition and subtraction then we will move into multiplication and division finally finishing the term with ratios and proportions. This will ensure we are catering to the needs of all our learners and making sure that they are receiving a well rounded maths programme. Our strand for Maths in term one will be Statistics. Throughout the term we will learn about gathering and organising data into various graph forms and analysing our findings.

### LITERACY

In Year 5 we are concentrating on developing our comprehension strategies and using our higher level thinking skills. Reading takes place in the classroom four times a week and guided reading sessions with the teacher are at least twice a week. In writing we are building on the skills students have and develop their understanding of the writing process. Writing often centres around an experience or may be driven by our Inquiry ensuring authentic contexts for our students to write about.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

For Physical Education this term we will be involved in fortnightly sports sessions with Anton. We will also have a weekly sport rotation on a Wednesday with the Year 6 team. This Term we will have our school Cross Country. Training will begin for this in Week 2 and take place every morning. Please make sure your child has suitable footwear for these practices.

### HOMEWORK

In Year 5 students will take home 10 spelling words that will be linked to the focus taught in class. Times Tables are also set for the week to learn. Students also have a reading log to record their home reading for the week. Homework will begin Week 3.



## Reminders and other information

Just a reminder that our school day starts promptly at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.00 pm. Please make sure your child is at school in time to be ready for our 8.50am start. Teachers will be in classes from 8.30 am onwards so feel free to come along and have a chat at that time. As we often have meetings before school and are busily preparing for the day, can we please ask that children are not dropped to the classroom before 8.30 am.

If your child is running late, please make sure they visit the office before heading to class to receive a late slip. Also, if you need to collect your child early, please see the office for a blue slip, before coming to the classroom; the teacher needs to see this before we can dismiss your child.

Brain food is a very short break every morning and we often carry on working at this time, during this time we encourage the students to eat fruit or vegetables to help recharge their brains. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and often bring their water bottles into the classroom. Please send only water with your child.

As Konini School is an Enviro School, we promote Litterless Lunches. When packing your child's lunch, please can you help us by packing food in reusable plastic containers where possible. Lunch boxes with compartments can be really useful, and paper bags make a great alternative to plastic wrap. Children will be told that they need to hang on to whatever waste there is in their lunch box and so they will be bringing this rubbish home with them in their lunch box at the end of the day.



### HATS AND SUNSCREEN

Summer has been beautiful but hot! This term all children are required to wear a wide brimmed hat at break times. The Office sells a limited selection of these hats. No caps please. If students forget their hat they sit in the shaded area by the admin block.

It is important that all children have sunscreen on before school in these hot months. Most classes have sunscreen available for the children to use and re apply.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

It's a busy Term so here are some important dates to remember:

February	March	April
Chinese New Year - 12th February	Parent Conferences - 3rd and 4th of March	Colour Run - 1st April
Meet the teacher picnic - 17th February	School Cross Country - 15th March	Good Friday - 2nd April
Year 5/6 Wheels Day - 25th February	Cross Country Zonal - 30th March	Easter Monday - 5th April
		Easter Tuesday - 6th April
		End of Term one - 16th April

We look forward to meeting with you all this year and having a fantastic 2021

Ngā mihi

The Year 5 Team