

Year 5-6 Team Newsletter

Thursday 5th May, 2022

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to a new term with the Year 5-6 team. We are really looking forward to the varied learning opportunities that will be part of this term.

Field Trip- Thank you to those parents who came along this first week and helped us make our trips to the National Library and Te Papa, so successful. We are using these trips to help continue our focus on Early Voyagers to New Zealand. Near the end of this term we will be sharing our learning in creative ways with the junior school, and will also give you all a taste of our learning journey.



Swimming- This term our team has 7 swimming sessions at the Kilbirnie Pool. This will happen on Tuesdays from 12-1pm and we will be travelling to and from the pool by bus.

The first session is used to assess ability. If students can confidently swim 25m freestyle without stopping they are placed into an extension programme, where they will be further assessed to join a group that will work on water skills such as Flippaball, Snorkelling, Kiwi Surf, Kayaking, and Spring Board Diving. Those students who cannot yet swim 25m freestyle are placed into smaller 'Learn to Swim' groups.

Students with long hair need to wear a swim cap or have hair tied back. Wearing of goggles is not essential but is highly recommended if your child is in a Learn to Swim group. Please if your child has been unwell with a stomach bug or skin infection they need to **not** participate for that session. Lastly, please don't send any money for your child to spend, as there will not be an opportunity to buy food or drink.

Fitness/Physical Education- Fitness sessions will involve training for our school cross country in Week 3. Swimming will be the major focus of the term, but we will also be learning netball and hockey skills and applying to game scenarios.

Maths Whizz & Steeple Rock- It has been great to see students sharing some amazing Steeple Rock presentations in class. We strongly encourage students to share 9 presentations throughout the year to earn their Steeple Rock badge. As well as Steeple Rock challenges, Maths Whizz is another important aspect of our home learning expectations and class work. All students need to be completing 3 progressions each week.

We want to thank you for your continued support.

Ngā mihi,
Alison, Jess, Janine, and Matt