

,Year 5-6 Newsletter Term 1, 2022

10 February 2022
Newsletter 1



Dear Parents, Caregivers, and whānau,

Welcome back everyone to the start of a new school year.

Staff

In the Year 5-6 team we have the following staff working full time or in a part time capacity.

Alison Roper Caldbeck	Classroom teacher Rm 15 (Monday-Thursday.)
Janine Imrie	Classroom teacher Rm 16 (Monday-Friday)
Jessie Gregory	Classroom teacher Rm 17 (Monday-Friday)
Jemma Rapson	Classroom teacher Rm 15 (Friday) also Maths ALiM and extension
Rameela Patel	Learning Assistant (in class support in Rm 15)
Hazel Rostron-Wood	Learning Assistant (in class support in Rm 15 & 17)
Karen Millar	Literacy Support (Monday-Thursday mornings)
Pip Troy	Literacy/Numeracy Support (Monday - Thursday mornings)
Matt Finnigan	Team Leader and Science /STEM Teacher (each class 90 minutes weekly)

Term One Inquiry - Early Voyagers

This year we will spend the first month focusing on classroom/school culture and student well being. This will be through the KiVA programme, Pause Breathe Smile programme, Digital Citizenship, and class team building. For the rest of the term we will begin a school wide inquiry into the early voyagers to Aotearoa. This unit will also be in conjunction with a unit that has been developed by Worser Bay Yachting Club. This is a unit that will be continued into part of Term 2 and we are really looking forward to lots of amazing learning linked to local history, science and technology, and matauranga maori.

Key Dates for Early Voyagers

Week 6	7-10 March Sailing Day at Worser Bay
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Home-Learning Programme

Home Learning is made up of three components that are self monitored by the students, but will be encouraged and promoted throughout the year in class. The expectation is for all students to complete a minimum of 3 progressions using the [MathsWhizz](#) programme, 15 minutes personal reading 4 times a week, and for Year 5's to complete 9 Steeple Rock challenges and Year 6's to complete 10 Steeple Rock challenges throughout the year. Spelling will be part of the daily classroom learning rather than a task assigned for home.

Friday Enrichment Programme

Every Friday afternoon we have an enrichment programme where your child will be part of a small group that spends five weeks learning about visual arts, music, ICT skills, cooking, sewing, library and debating skills. We are very fortunate to have 7 staff running a variety of specialised learning activities, which will begin on Friday 11th February.

Self-Management

All students are actively encouraged to take responsibility for:

1. Ensuring their ipad or BYOD is fully charged for the start of each school day
2. Being sunsmart, and managing the wearing and storage of face masks.

Other Key Dates in Term 1

Week 4 Tuesday 22 February	Week 6 7-10 March	Week 10 4-6 April
Year 5 and Digital Citizenship Parent Information Evening (Parents for Yr 5-8 students) May run this via Zoom tbc	Worser Bay Sailing	3 Way Conferences



Some action from our School Sports afternoon on Day 1

Ngā mihi,

The Year 5-6 Team.