

Year 5/6 Term 4 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers/Pupils,

Welcome back to term 4. This year is certainly moving fast. We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and the children are feeling re-energised for another busy term. A big welcome to Freya Kleinsorge (Room 7) and Isla Kleinsorge (Room 8).

Topics we are covering this term:

Writing	Note taking, recounts, speech writing and persuasive writing
Reading	Guided reading groups and reading related activities (workshop based)
Mathematics	Geometry, algebraic patterns, financial literacy and revision
Topic/Science	Science demonstrations (rotating around the classrooms), predator free NZ, bird study
Music	Rotations around the classes - Room 7 recorder, Room 6 music genres, Room 8 rhythm and percussion, and Tawa computers and music. Weekly sessions continue with Sam Johnson this term.
Physical Ed.	Athletics, Badminton
Health	Cyber safety, Shake Out, sun smart
Language	Maori - weather, time, lunar calendar
Social Studies	Celebrations

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. Also remember to check your child's class blog to see what students have been up to.

Important dates:

Puanga Festival—Thursday 25th October

Year 6 Tamarind swim safety programme—23rd, 24th, 26th & 29th October

Road Patrol Appreciation Day—Tuesday 20th November

Athletics Day at Coastal Taranaki School - Tuesday 27th November

Senior School athletics - Monday 3rd December

Year 6 Tamarind Swim Safety

All year 6 pupils will be taking part in the swim safety programme funded by Tamarind. The aim of the Tamarind swim safety sessions are to give children water safety skills that would help them in hazardous water conditions that they may encounter. The pupils will take part in four 1 hour sessions. The first session will take place at

Fitzroy beach (if weather permits) and the remaining sessions at the Todd Energy Aquatic Centre. Tamarind are also providing transport for the sessions.

Sun hats, drink bottles and sunblock

This term students are required to wear their red or black school hats. If your child has misplaced their hat they are available from the school office. Our sunsmart policy asks students either to wear their hats or stay under the shade during outdoor activities, intervals and lunch breaks. Please ensure that your child has their hat at school so that they can contribute fully to all school events. We do have sun cream at school, but we also recommend that they apply this before they come to school. Please also make sure children have a named drink bottle every day. We are a 'water-only' school and value the importance of staying hydrated. There are water filters in each classroom for children to refill bottles.

Starting the Day

Please remember that school starts at 9am. All children should arrive no later than 8:50am so they have time to get organised for the day. Children should not be arriving earlier than 8:30am unless they are bus children. Children who arrive after the 9:00am bell must report to the office to sign the late book.

Let's Go

This is the perfect time of year to be walking, biking, skating or scootering to school. 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, Richard Rudman, Allan Whatt and Megan Culver