



Term 4 Newsletter

Year 5 2026



Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready to dive into the final stretch of the school year.

Term 4 is always our most vibrant, action-packed term, filled with end-of-year celebrations, sports events, special performances, and big milestones for our students. From finishing major projects to wrapping up the year on a high note, there is so much to look forward to over the coming weeks.

Curriculum

Inquiry

This term, our Year 5 tamariki are exploring Financial Capability, aligned with Year 5 phase 2 Social Sciences and Mathematics in the NZ Curriculum. Through the concept of The Economic World, students will examine how people make choices about earning, saving, and spending, while applying practical math skills to budget, track money, and distinguish between needs and wants. Through hands-on learning, we aim to build smart, confident financial habits for everyday life!

E.O.T.C

We are incredibly excited for our upcoming Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) experiences this term! Students will be challenging themselves and developing vital lifelong skills through a range of hands-on activities, including rock wall climbing, archery, hut building, outdoor cooking, and orienteering. Beyond the fun and adventure, EOTC provides a fantastic environment for building resilience, problem-solving, teamwork, and confidence as children step outside their comfort zones and learn in the great outdoors.

To ensure all students can take full advantage of these wonderful opportunities and help us cover vendor and activity costs, please ensure your child's activity fee is paid as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in making these events a success!

Fitness and P.E.

Everyday, students will take part in a 10 minutes fitness session. To begin with, our P.E. sessions will focus on athletics. Our athletics days for our team are Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child has a hat and closed shoes to partake in discus and shotput. Our athletics day is coming up in Week 5, further information will be sent out regarding this.



General Housekeeping

Home Learning

While we don't set formal homework, we strongly encourage all students to read for 20 minutes each evening and practice their basic math facts in whichever way works best for them. To support math learning at home, the Ministry of Education has created a helpful online practice tool, which you can access here: <https://nzc-mathspractice.nz/>.

Occasionally, students may bring unfinished classwork home or choose to explore additional learning on Google Classroom.

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct uniform, with all items clearly named so lost property can be returned easily. A quick reminder that wearing a hat is compulsory in Term 4 whenever students are outdoors.

Communication

For any communication that requires action during school hours, such as if you need to collect your child early, please contact the office at 09 413 9838. Other reminders will be sent via email or provided as a hard copy.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Students who bring their own devices to school must make sure they are fully charged at home each day and ready to use for classroom learning. This helps ensure they are prepared and can make the most of their learning time. If your child's device is broken or out of action for a period of time, please contact their class teacher so that we are aware and able to make accommodations.



Ngā mihi nui,

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