



St Johns Hill School

# Karearea Team Newsletter

Year 5/6  
Teachers:

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Nga mihi nui! Welcome to the last term of the school year. It is amazing how the terms have flown past and the countdown to Christmas will soon be on.

Thank you for ensuring your child has started the term with the correct uniform and stationery items. Will you please make sure all items are named clearly – this includes sun hats, footwear etc. The wearing of hats is compulsory and the school has a 'No hat, no play' policy this term.

### Key Competency:

The team focus is Participating and Contributing.

#### Participating and Contributing:

##### We are learning to:

- take an active part in school culture
- make responsible decisions when working and playing together
- celebrate and enjoy our natural environment
- make a commitment

### Virtues:

Year 5 virtue is **Purposefulness.**

Being purposeful is having a clear focus. A purposeful person makes things happen, you concentrate your mind and your efforts so that something good happens as a result. We do things one at a time and finish what we start.



The Year 6 virtue is **Friendliness.**

We know it means taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness. When you are friendly you happily share your belongings, time, ideas and feelings.

Our **Literacy** programmes will be aligned with current themes and the learning and teaching of literacy skills will continue to be embedded although contexts will differ.

**Numeracy** will again incorporate strategies, problem solving and basic facts in the contexts of both strand and number topics.

### Theme:

Year 5 will be showcasing their inquiry with a 'Flight Night' in week 3. Thour will also will be investigating minibeasts.

Year 6 are exploring the plight of our native flora and fauna with a visit to Kapiti Island.

Learning about life in the Middle Ages alongside the senior production of "What A Knight".

### PE/Health:

Summer sports skills and athletics will be the focus of our PE programme. We will also be Sunsmart with the wearing of of the school sun hats.

### Some ideas to help at home:

Point out the maths in our everyday lives and involve them in practical activities where possible – estimating, measuring, etc.

Listen to your child read aloud. It does not have to be a book—it may be a shopping list, pamphlet etc

Talk to your children about what they are learning at school. Ask them questions and ask them to explain things to you.

***We look forward to your support in our endeavours to provide a successful learning environment for your children. As always, please contact us if you have any concerns you would like to discuss.***

