



St Johns Hill School

Karearea Team Newsletter

Year 6 Teachers:
Year 5 Teachers:

Room 1: Del Hayward Room 2: Tracy Rae (mornings) Room 17: Chris Booth
Thour Zone: Jan Pickett (Team Leader) Annette Chapman

Nga mihi nui! Welcome to our new and returning families. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We are looking forward to an exciting term of fun and learning.

Thank you for ensuring your child has started the year with the correct uniform and stationery items. Will you please make sure all items are named clearly - this includes sun hats, footwear, drink bottles and swimming gear.

Key Competency:

The Year 5 and Year 6 focus this term is Relating to Others.

Relating to Others

We are learning to:

- Manage and resolve conflicts
- Be positive role models
- Be courteous
- Understand differences
- Respect and cooperate with others



Virtues:

Year 5 will be focussing on Flexibility.
Year 6 will be focussing on Empathy.

Theme:

Apart from camp preparation and follow up activities, Year 6 will be preparing for peer mediation through the Cool Schools Programme and Year 5 will be investigating Our Native Bush.

Swimming:

Children will need to bring togs (named), towel (named) and a plastic bag to place their wet togs in. Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum. If your child is unable to swim due to sickness, please send a note to let the teacher know. The School Swimming Sports and the Triathlon finals dates are yet to be confirmed.

Camps:

Term One is when our classes go on camp. You will have been given the dates and costs and there will be pre camp meetings to give more information and answer any questions you may have.

Year 6 camp dates: 27 Feb-2 March (Room 17), 20 Feb-23 Feb (Room 1). Year 5 camp dates: 21-23 March.

Tech Talk:

Chromebooks:

If your child is bringing a Chromebook to school for the first time please advise Jan so she can arrange a licence. If you are considering buying a Chromebook for your child please note that WIS and WHS use them also therefore it would be a great tool for some years.

Headphones:

We would recommend you purchase headphones for your child. The Warehouse has a brand around \$10. Please ensure that they are named.

Information Evening:

For all parents whose child is in Thour Zone, there will be an information evening at 7.00pm Thursday, 8th February.

Goal Setting Meetings:

These are timetabled for Thursday 15 February and Monday 19 February. Please watch for information about this on our school Facebook page and SJHS newsletter.

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.

Ensure reading each night and also read to them. 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.

A note about our team bird the Karearea:

The New Zealand falcon or **kārearea** (*Falco novaeseelandiae*) is New Zealand's only remaining endemic falcon. Other common names for the bird are bush hawk and sparrow hawk.

Year 5 Swimming Days: Tues, Wed, Thur and Fri.