

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1

Welcome to the Senior School syndicate at Point View School. We hope our new families will settle in quickly and enjoy the many opportunities our school offers. It is always exciting to return after a break, feeling refreshed and looking forward to a productive and happy year. Our team is Kimberley Rivett (Team Leader Y6), Lisa Firth, Sherri Rhodes, Anthony Wright, Dave Pareanga, Claire Galvin (Team Leader Y5), Nicky Bates, Karyn Bower and Ben Adye. Penny Gibson will be teaching in the senior school for four mornings. This year we have Lynne Hodgeson, Cheryl Peters, Sue Clarke, Tracey Mottershead and Michelle Furse working in our syndicate as teacher aides. We have a very busy term ahead with a wide variety of interesting programmes and learning experiences for your children. We look forward to your involvement in this programme through our homework tasks, visits to the classroom, Waterwise Programme and on trips outside the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Topics for Term 1:

Mathematics

Statistics, number, basic facts,
measurement

Integrated Unit

Ready for Learning
Treaty of Waitangi

ANZAC Day

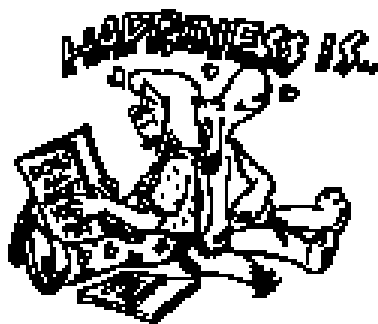
Physical Education

Small ball skills

Athletics

Technology with Stuart Rankin

Robotics



Uniform

All students are expected to dress in the correct school uniform, wearing their shoes to and home from school. School fitness shorts, T shirt and a hat are required during fitness, physical education and sports sessions. Please ensure these come to school each day.

Term 1 Dates

Waterwise Year 6
Wednesdays from 11 February

Cricket field days
17 February, 3 March

Meet the teacher
19 February

Softball field day
24 February

Sonshine Ranch Year 5
3 and 4 March

Swimming sports
17 March

Parent Interviews
19 March

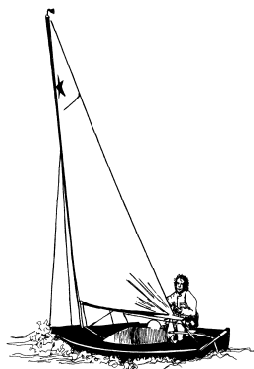
Twilight Market
27 March

Tip Top Schools
29 March

Waterwise

The Waterwise programme for our Year 6 students is dependent on the involvement of parents. We are fortunate to have a group of enthusiastic parents and teachers who are qualified instructors who teach the skills of water safety, sailing and kayaking each Wednesday at Howick beach. Please offer your assistance when your child is involved. Parents are welcome to visit Howick beach on Wednesdays to view this wonderful programme. **If any parent is interested in training as an instructor please contact Robyn Hibberd.**

The Year 5 students sit a swim test in December so we can assess their swimming ability. We would suggest any non-swimmers learn to swim during the year so they are able to participate in Waterwise in 2016.



Homework

The senior students need to be spending 30 minutes each night on reading, learning their spelling words, checking they understand the meanings of words and basic facts learning. We expect all Year 6 students to have quick recall of their times tables before moving on to Intermediate.

Please check the school website for additional activities.

www.pointview.school.nz

Talent Quest

Auditions for Point View's 'Got Talent' will be soon, so start preparing your act and listen out for audition times.

Assemblies

The senior syndicate will have an assembly on Friday 27 February.

Full school assemblies are on Fridays of odd weeks. Please join us at 9:00 in the hall.

Year 6 Camp

Term 2, week 3.
5-8 May at Finlay Park.
Hopefully this wonderful summer will extend until May.

Sport Coaching

Our students are given the opportunity to be involved in many sports. If there are any parents who are available to assist with the coaching of a sport please contact Lisa Firth.

Bikes

Students riding bikes to school must have a school "Bike Licence" signed by a parent/guardian. They must wear a helmet and are not permitted to ride on footpaths or in the school grounds. Students can collect a form from Robyn Hibberd.



We look forward to your support this year. Do please remember to approach us with any issues that are concerning you. We can often sort things out before the problem gets too

We look forward to meeting you all at Meet the Teacher Evening on 19 February. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to find out more about the senior school programmes. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Parent help on trips

We often struggle to get enough parent help on trips outside the school. Please consider helping on at least one of your child's trips during the year. Your help is greatly appreciated and allows us to attend learning experiences outside the school.

The Senior Syndicate

Ben Adye, Nicky Bates, Karyn Bower, Lisa Firth, Claire Galvin, Penny Gibson, Robyn Hibberd, Dave Pareanga, Sherri Rhodes, Kimberley Rivett, Anthony Wright.