



Term 1 Week 4 2018

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- School starts at 8.55am daily. It is important that students are at school on time as a lot of important information is discussed at the beginning of the day which if missed can be disruptive and upsetting for the students and their day.
- **Class Treaty:** Thank you to all students that have returned their Class Treaty's. We have started discussions about the alterations that parents and students had made and how best to incorporate these into our treaty. We are working on completing a final copy and this should be completed next week ready for your perusal in the classroom and on the website.
- **Swimming:**
Please ensure your child brings their togs and towel for daily swimming. The mornings are getting slightly cooler but we are making the most of the fine weather to allow the students to refine the swimming skills they have been developing over the past four weeks. We had two of our class members go to ECCS yesterday and they did us proud. Well done to Abbey and Ayden, we think you are awesome! Please ensure all clothing and items are named as all school (and swimming items) look the same and are easily misplaced or lost. This is part of the curriculum and due to the large number of [drownings](#) over this summer extremely important that our students learn how to grasp the technique of being able to stay afloat for a good period of time at the very least.
- **Life Education:** Thank you to those of you that have already sent in your money for Money for Life Education Caravan (\$5.00). For those that haven't yet done so, could we please have this small contribution in as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated.
- **Homework:** You will have noticed that your child brought home some extra homework this week. We had a classroom discussion about homework and what format it should be presented in. What the students took home this week is what they have decided they would like to start with and we will assess how this goes. Along with the worksheet your child should also be doing their spelling words daily and reading for at least 20 minutes each day.
- **Aspirations and Goals for Year 6 Students:** It would be great to have more responses to the survey (I currently only have 5). This will help me get to know your child a little better, so please take the time to click onto this link. It only takes about two minutes of your time.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Uixif_pR0Q03oxeyN1m-61dO_76_rNTmhFrO_gYzunE/edit?ts=5a712fee
- **Mihimihi for your child:** For our Te Reo Maori lessons the students are putting together a mihi they can use to introduce themselves. This is to get the students to start thing about connections and cultural aspects that relate to their identity.
- **Rippa Rugby:** All of our students have been loving the sessions we have been having for Rippa Rugby. We have one more session next week on Tuesday the 6th March.

- **Beach Clean Up at Umupuia Beach:** The Sustainable Coastlines Organisation will be in the school on the 13th March giving a presentation which is a follow up from our visit to their headquarters at the end of last year. At their headquarters our students were able to participate in a waste audit with some of their team. On the 13th of March the team will be talking to our students about the important role they play in caring for the environment and assisting the Sustainable Coastlines organisation. As a part of our involvement with the organisation all children in Room 1 & 2 and 3 will be participating in a Beach Clean Up on Friday the 16th March at Umupuia Beach. We will need parent help with transport for that day so watch out for a transport request notice coming home on Monday

Notices/Events:

There have been a number of notices sent home this week. Please contact me if you have not received these notices.

- Emergency Contact Details
- Use of Photos
- NetSafe Responsible Use
- Travel Outside of School
- Sailing

Enjoy your weekend.

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