



Term 1 Week 5 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:** Our Class Treaty is now complete with suggestions from whanau having been discussed and added. You are able to view a copy of the treaty in class or on our school website in Room 1's pages.
- **Swimming:**  
We are still swimming so 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 their swimming skills they have been developing over the past four weeks. If your child is not swimming for medical reasons they are to bring a note. Students are unable to improve their swimming techniques and/or skills if they aren't in the water.

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.

- **Aspirations and Goals for Year 6 Students:** It would be great to have more responses to the survey (I still 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](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. Could you please take the time to talk to your child about where their grandparents/great-grandparents have descended from, what mountain they are associated with (this could be a mountain or range that they or your whanau have lived close to for all or most of their lives- have some connection with), similarly with a river - one that they (or your whanau) associate with.
- **Rippa Rugby:** This week was our last for the free coaching sessions for Rippa Rugby and the students really enjoyed themselves. They rounded off the session with a game of Rippa Bullrush.
- **Environmental Day:** We completed our annual Environmental Day today and everyone was engaged and committed to doing each of their specific jobs well. The students worked hard and made the school environment look great. We will be talking to the students about the importance of this day at assembly next week.

- **Beach Clean Up at Umupuia Beach:** Thank you to everyone who got their transport request notices in on time, this has assisted greatly in organising the transport for the day. A notice will be sent home on Wednesday next week advising everyone of the transport arrangements for the day. We are looking forward to the Sustainable Coastlines Organisation presentation on Tuesday the 13th March.

**Notices/Events:**

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

- Some students have had replacement notices

Enjoy your weekend.

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