



Term 1 Week 6 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.
- **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. Next week will possibly be our last week for swimming.

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
- **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.
- **Writing:** All students have been writing reports about the sun over the past two weeks. This week they viewed and used Level Three exemplars to determine whether their writing was consistent with the required level. They have been editing their work and making changes to their writing.
- **Maths:** All students have continued to work on a range of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.
- **Beach Clean Up at Umupuia Beach:** The Sustainable Coastlines Organisation presentation on Tuesday the 13th March was well received by the students. This gave the students great motivation for our beach clean-up on Friday the 16th March where we managed to find and fill six big grain bags of

rubbish plus a large car part and four large pieces of building timber. We have brought one bag back to school to carry out a rubbish audit and use for our statistics in math.

Notices/Events:

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

- Sailing Consent Forms

Enjoy your weekend.

Nga mihi

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