



Hunua School

Strive For Success

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

2018 Term 1 Week 8

WOW!! I am so proud of all the students that stayed for the sleepover and glad to say they were all out by 10.00pm. This went really well I thought. The weather was on our side for both the sleepover and the Zoo. Apart from being 10mins late (typical Auckland traffic) all was a huge success!

- **Sleepover Thank You:** I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents that stayed the night and helped with supper, tabloid sports, breakfast and any other tasks required. Without you it would not have been the huge success it was, so again THANK YOU from both Mrs Davenport and myself.
- **Zoo Thank You:** I would also like to thank the parents that came to the Zoo and managed their groups. You were all brilliant and such an asset on the day. Listening and observing both parents and children an amazing time was had by all. The Zoo educators delivered an interesting and hands on session to all groups explaining the animals and how they adapt to their habitats. Allowing us to feel a giraffe's skin, look at prickles only they can eat and even hold an ivory tusk. Showed and told us about wild animals and their sunsmart features and to understand how they survive for some what can be very extreme conditions to live in.
- **Maths Evening:** This is on 28 March from 6.30pm - **If any children are able to be at school for this can you please let me know** (through the office or email me please) - you are all invited to come to school and the children (if able) will demonstrate what they do during class time to learn what they are learning in stages two, three and four.
- **Easter:** Friday 30/3, Monday 2/4 and Tuesday 3/ 4 are all either public holidays and/or school is closed. So I would like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter weekend if you are travelling and enjoy your time with family and friends.
- **Swimming:** We are no longer swimming as the weather has got cooler and children are not lasting anymore than 5 mins without turning blue.
- **Triathlon:** Just a reminder that the Triathlon is on Wednesday. Students will need to bring their bikes and togs to school this day. Look in the school newsletter for further details on this.

- Just to inform everyone that the first week in term two I will not be at school. Grant and I have given ourselves a treat for our 50th birthdays this year and we are going to Nashville, Memphis and New Orleans for the Jazz Festival. I have my 50th birthday in New Orleans. The students will have Jeanine Blackler each day, except Wednesday which will be Jean Connett. I have a plan for these teachers so that the students have the same routine that they are familiar with, therefore causing as little disruption as possible.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or just anything you think I may need to know.

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