

**Term 1 Week 8 & 9 2018**

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- Due to having two short weeks in a row this update will cover both of those weeks.
- **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.
- **Aspirations and Goals for Year 6 Students:** As I still have only had 7 responses this survey will be sent individually to parents via email.
- **Math/Inquiry:** Thank you to those parents that went to Classtag to view the photos of the creations the students put together on the day of the rubbish audit. As you will have seen some of the creations were well thought out.
- **Maths Evening:** Unfortunately our Maths evening was postponed due to the lack of numbers indicating that they were going to be attending this evening. Hopefully we will be able to hold this evening at a later date.
- **Triathlon:** All students in Room 1 participated in the triathlon even if they didn't bring a bike/scooter to school on the day. Despite some students not feeling that they are the most athletic it is important that they involve themselves in physical activities and manage themselves in these events. Firstly because P.E. is a curriculum area and secondly because they need to be developing a "can-do" attitude by seeing themselves as a capable learner. Students who manage themselves are enterprising, resourceful, reliable, and resilient. They establish personal goals, make plans, manage projects, and set high standards. These are qualities we are striving to develop in your children.
- **Inquiry:** The students carried out two science experiments in the class over the past two weeks looking at the effects of UV radiation. You might like to discuss this with your children and ask them what they discovered.
- **Football Fun Day:** Most of the class went off to the Football Fun Day at Bruce Pulman Park and had a great time with a day of competition against other schools. It is a great opportunity for our students to compete against and interact with students from similar sized schools and compare their skills to peers out there in the wider community.
- **Testing:** This week I have tested most students to check where they are at with their reading. It is good to see whether the students have made improvements with their level of understanding of what they are reading, even when they are reading at higher levels.
- **Sailing:** Please be aware of the day and time your child is going sailing next week. If your child usually catches the bus to school in the morning and they are in the first group to go sailing on a particular day they **MUST** be at school at the specified time to leave for the sailing venue. Therefore you need to

arrange to get your child to school on time. If they aren't at school their parent transport will have to leave without them.

**Notices/Events:**

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

- Sailing transport notices
- Planting notice

Enjoy your weekend.

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