

Term 3 Week 1 2018

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **Thank you:** I would like to thank you all for your consideration and understanding during my absence last term. The students all managed to survive my absence and continued to do the work I left for them. I was thrilled to see the variety of Volcano models when I returned and all students now have their marks for these.
- **Class discussions:** This term has begun with a number of class discussion about the class expectations, standard of work, work habits, behavioural expectations and how each student feels they could improve in order to be prepared for their next year level. It is extremely important at this stage of the year that students are starting to take ownership of their learning and become more responsible, independent and accountable.
- **Spelling:** At the end of last term the students had their end of term spelling assessment and there were a good number of students that achieved the 85% pass rate. Those students have moved to the next book in the programme for this term. Ask your child if they were one of the hard working students that moved to the next book if they haven't told you already.
- **Reading/Writing/Math:** Students have started writing about water this week and have been completing their set tasks for reading and math on Studyladder. Group work for reading and math will begin again next week.
- **Ag Day Art:** The students have started on their second piece of Ag Day art this week and we hope to have that finished within the next two weeks. This piece of art will be what will become our calendar art which we use as a fundraiser. Information about this will be in the newsletter soon.
- **Trees for Survival:** A big THANK YOU to those parents that helped out yesterday with transport and assisted with the tree planting at YMCA Camp Adair. We managed to get all the trees planted and the rain stayed away until it was all complete. A fantastic effort.

Notices/Events:

There have been notices sent home this week:

- Permission form for Science project
- Photography/Film Consent form
- Photography/Film Consent from an Existing School-Wide Blanket Consent form
- Photolife Envelopes
- Student's Reports

Have a great weekend

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