

**Term 3 Week 2 2018**

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **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. Supportive conversations with similar content at home would be appreciated.
- **Spelling:** The students are now into the swing of things with their weekly testing on a Monday morning, practical activities on a Tuesday and instructional Grammar lessons on Thursdays. All the hard work the students are putting into their spelling will hopefully equate to better spelling age levels by Term 4.
- **Reading & Writing:** Students have started their instructional groups this week and both reading and writing have been linked to our term's Inquiry about Life's Essential Liquid - Water.
- **Ag Day Art:** The students are continuing to work 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.
- **Fitness:** All students in the class are participating in daily fitness. This is to prepare the students for our school cross-country event in Week 8. This is part of our Physical Education programme and all students are expected to participate unless there is some medical reason they are unable to. If this is the case the student will require a note. Although I must say the way the students are feeling at the moment they are all eager to get out and train each day. Let's hope the weather stays on our side for a while longer.
- **Math:** All students are working in their instructional groups from this week. All groups are currently working on Place Value.
- **ECCS Cross-country:** Well done to those students from our class that participated in the ECCS Cross-country. You all did extremely well with a special mention for Evelyn who placed second in her race.

**Notices/Events:**

There have been notices sent home this week:

- Permission form for Auckland Live

Have a great weekend

Nga mihi

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