

Term 3 Week 3 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.
- **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. We have extended our training course this week from laps around the court to laps around the school buildings. This will be the course for the next two weeks and the course will be extended again to build up the student's fitness levels. All students are coping very well at this stage. Let's hope the weather stays on our side for a while longer.
- **Writing:** The students have been involved in writing an introduction to a story based on a portion of a picture that they were shown earlier in the week. Then the remainder of the picture was exposed and they had to complete their story. It was very interesting to see how the students tied their introduction to the rest of the story once they viewed the whole picture. Today they will be asked questions about the picture which will make them think quite differently about the picture. They will then have to write a new story based on that discussion. I look forward to reading more great writing.
- **Seedling planting:** Yesterday all students worked well and we managed to plant just over 900 of the 1000 seedlings. The weather held out for us with the sun shining for most of the day and we managed to refill the whole growing unit with freshly planted seedlings. We should have a great crop of trees to plant out in the community next year.
- **SouthSci Project:** This week the students have been looking at the guidelines and legislation around pest control. They have had to find sites that tell them the rules that we must follow for being able to control pests as part of our project.
- **Refurbishments:** Both Rooms 1 and 2 will be getting a makeover starting from 20th August. Next week will see us packing up the whole class and moving everything out of Room 1. From the 20th August until the refurbishments are complete we will be working in the MakerSpace room.
- **School Closed:** Please remember that school will be closed next week on Wednesday the 15th August as all of our teachers will be on strike. I would like to thank you for your support during this time.



IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school.

Notices/Events:

There have been notices sent home this week:

- Room 1 and 2 refurbishment notice

Have a great weekend

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