

Term 3 Week 4 2018

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **Class discussions:** We continue to have 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.
- **Writing:** This week the students started looking at how writing is structured and we had a class discussion about specific ratings that this Year 6 group of students appear to work within. Over the next few weeks we will be making links between our skills in structuring sentences, using language and vocabulary, organising ideas, spelling and punctuation to demonstrate to the students how each of these areas impacts on each other. The students will assess each other's writing in class and will get a good idea about what a quality piece of writing contains. Over the next few weeks creating these links will provide the students with opportunities to demonstrate that they too can produce quality pieces of writing.
- **SouthSci Project:** This week the students have been reading about one of the pests that can destroy the bird population and has had a huge impact on some of our native forests, the possum. Next week on Tuesday and Friday our science and engineering partners from Fisher & Paykel Healthcare will be coming along to the school to discuss forces and energy in simple machines with the students. They will also be taking a workshop about design alternatives in relation to traps and their mechanisms.
- **Maths:** This week all groups have been working on rounding strategies when working with numbers. This has included rounding to the nearest ten, hundred or thousand or hundredth, tenth or whole number.
- **Speeches:** It was realised this week that the dates for the senior school speeches coincided with the Pukekohe Duathlon so that date has now been changed. The senior school speech finals are now on in Week 10, Thursday the 27th September at the Hunua Hall at 9.15 am. Please ensure that your child is sticking to the timetable given in the notice that was sent home. If they follow the suggested timetable they are usually well prepared for the class presentations and feel more confident during their performance.
- **Kids Art Fundraiser:**
Once again this year we have chosen one of your child/ren's pieces of art to be turned into a calendar, diary, cards, a sketch pad or a mouse pad. All of the classes have been working on creating fireworks

pictures in the medium of sgraffito art. Order forms will be sent home with your child over the next two weeks so please keep an eye for these. All orders and money for the artwork must be in by Friday the 28th September.

- **Refurbishments:** Both Rooms 1 and 2 will be getting a makeover starting from 20th August. This week we have packed up the class and will be moving the last of the boxes out of Room 1 today. From the 20th August until the refurbishments are complete we will be working in the MakerSpace room.
- **School Closed:** I would like to Thank You for your support this week during our closed day on Wednesday the 15th August, it was appreciated.

Notices/Events:

There have been notices sent home this week:

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Have a great weekend

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