

Term 3 Week 5 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 that students 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 from laps around the court to laps around the school buildings. This will be the course for the next week 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. This week the students wrote a passage about being at home sick and will assess each other's writing in class to 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 on Tuesday we had engineering partners from Fisher & Paykel Healthcare discussing forces and energy in simple machines with the students and tomorrow our science partners will be coming along to the school to take a workshop about design alternatives in relation to traps and their mechanisms. Next week the students will be carrying out researching whether their designs or trap plans are a suitable fit for the pests we are looking at and they might even get to try to make some of them.
- **Maths:** This week all groups have been working on strategies when working with numbers. This has included ordering numbers, skip counting in tenths and hundredths and addition facts to decades.
- **Speeches:** 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. By the end of this week your child should be reading aloud with expression, taking their time and developing a steady, audible, paced voice. They should keep practicing – practice in front of a mirror - be prepared to practice in pairs in class.
- **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 week 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 makeover has started this week. We are now working in the MakerSpace room.
- **Baitline Trip:** Unfortunately due to the weather the trip was cancelled. However we will still be learning about how baitlines work and the effectiveness of trapping pests.
- **Auckland Live:** Next Tuesday 28th August is Auckland Live. Please remember to be at school by 8.30 am, in time to catch the bus to the city. We are looking forward to a day of fun.
- **Student Teacher:** For the past two weeks we have had a student teacher from AUT in Room 1. She is happy for any parents to come along and chat if you would like. She will be with us for another two weeks working with your children .

Notices/Events:

There have been notices sent home this week:

- Permission to attend the Hunua Ranges trip
- Father's Day Raffle tickets
- Head Lice notice

Have a great weekend

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