

Term 3 Week 6 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. Next week we will extend our training course further from around the school buildings by adding the field as well. As it has been extremely wet lately it would be advisable for the students to bring a change of clothes to do their fitness in.
- **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 assessed each others writing passages about being at home sick and were able 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:** over the next two weeks the students will be carrying out research about 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 learning to build on their number knowledge by working on a range of concepts, from doubles and halves to using negative numbers. One group is also looking at factors and multiples. We have also completed our NumPa Basic Facts assessment for the term and we had five students that have moved to the next stage/level.
- **Reading:** All groups in Reading have been focussing on learning to find information in texts and rewrite it in our own words through notes in our books and posters.
- **Speeches:** The senior school speech finals are 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 working on knowing their speech well and being confident in front of their class. They should also continue to work on their delivery.
- **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:** Room 1 and 2 makeovers are still underway. The MakerSpace room is still serving as a great, sunny classroom in the meantime.
- **Auckland Live:** Was on Tuesday 28th August. The students took part in performing arts workshops - dancing, singing and practicing their acting skills, as well as watching two short plays. Auckland Live was an excellent, fun day out being involved in the performing arts.
- **Yummy Stickers:** Reminder to parents and students that our school is still collecting yummy stickers - these stickers are exchanged for sports equipment at the end of the year. If you have some collected at home please send them in with your child.
- **Wednesday Mufti Day:** Every Wednesday until the end of term, students are able to come to school in mufti and bring along a can or jar of food, a gold coin, or a tombola. These items/proceeds are for Ag Day in the second Week of Term 4.

Notices/Events:

There have been notices sent home this week:

- Agricultural Day Notices

Have a great weekend

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