

Term 3 Week 7 2018

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **Class discussions:** Over the past two weeks our big class discussions have related to our RiCH values. We have had in depth conversations about what the students feel Respect and caring are to them. There have been some opposing views about some opinions and we have debated some ideas. However overall the discussions have been positive and the students know what everyone should be doing and saying on a daily basis. That being said this doesn't always transfer into the students putting what they know into action in the correct way. There are times when they forget or are persuaded to do what they possibly wouldn't ordinarily do. It is with this in mind that I ask that there be conversations with content relating to our RiCH values being had at home to support what we are doing at school.
- **Fitness:** All students in the class are participating in daily fitness. This is to prepare the students for our school cross-country event next week on Wednesday. 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. This week we extended our training course further from around the school buildings by adding the field as well. Thank you to those students that remembered to bring a change of clothes to do their fitness in. This will need to continue next week until Wednesday when the students are asked to wear their house colours, Mangatangi- Red, Mangatawhiri - Green, Wairoa - Blue and Cossey - Yellow.
- **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 discussed and looked at structure and language features that are appropriate for a variety of types of writing. 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.
- **Maths:** This week all groups have been learning to build on their number knowledge by working on a range of concepts, from partitioning to improper fractions and mixed fractions. One group is also looking at factors, multiples and fractions and decimals. We also completed our I KAN assessment for the term yesterday.
- **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. Most of the information your child has been reading has been connected to our SouthSci project and/or looking at what animals are classified as pests and how we can save near endangered species of birds.
- **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. Next week your child will be asked to

present their speech in front of their class and will be given feedback. Finalists will be chosen in class in Week 9.

- **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 have been sent home with your child this week. All orders and money for the artwork must be in by Friday the 28th September.

- **Refurbishments:** Room 1 and 2 makeovers are going well. The MakerSpace room is still serving as a great, sunny classroom in the meantime.

- **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.

- **Student Teacher:** Today is Miss Little's last day with Room 1. She has been a great teacher to have with us for this short time and I would like to thank her for the support she has given your children while she has been in Room 1. All of Room 1 wish her well with the rest of her studies.

Notices/Events:

There have been notices sent home this week:

- Kids Art Fundraiser

Have a great weekend

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