

Term 3 Week 8 2018

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **Class discussions:** We are continuing to have class discussions related to our RiCH values. 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. All students participated in our school cross-country on Wednesday. I was very proud of them all as they all gave their very best and nobody gave up. We will be continuing with our fitness programme as we have athletics next term and we want the students to be at their best for all events. 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.
- **Writing:** The students are looking at how writing is structured and we have class discussions 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. 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. Groups have been looking at naming fractions and identifying fractions.
- **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.
- **SouthSci:** Exciting news! We have put out the monitoring tunnels and a chew card to see what pests we have in our school environment. YES!! We do have pests out there. The students have identified mice, rats, hedgehogs, stoats and possums at this stage. More to follow once we do more monitoring and data collecting.
- **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. This week your child started to present their speech in front of their class and will be given feedback. Finalists will be chosen in class next week (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 were sent home with your child last 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 with all walls now complete. It looks like the new carpet will be put in over the next few days. 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. All stickers must be in to school by Week 10, Wednesday the 26th September.

- **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:

- Some students had netball notices (these should have been returned to school by Thursday 13th September) If you haven't returned these please do so.

Have a great weekend

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