

Term 4 Week 4 2018

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **Kids Art Fundraiser:**
The student's artwork should be back in the next two to three weeks.
- **SouthSci:** Observations and trapping continued this week along with the students recording the data from the observations and anything caught in the traps. We are still catching and measuring pests. Our Fisher and Paykel mentors will be back at school next week to hold workshops. These will be to demonstrate ways to make estimations based on the data we have collected and show the students how to present their data.
- **Sailing:** We will be going sailing next week on Thursday 15th of November. Thank you to everyone for getting notices and payments in on time. Transport notices have been sent home but there has been a couple of students changed around since then. I will send home a new notice Tuesday next week.
- **Camp:** Thank you to those parents that attended the camp meeting on Wednesday evening. Only six more school days before we head off to Tangihua Lodge in Week 6 (from Monday 19th Nov. - Thursday 22 Nov.). New gear lists were handed out at the meeting as 2 tea towels were added to the list.
- **Assessments:** Assessments for gathering data for students reports has continued this week with a Reading assessment and a Spelling test which assesses the student's spelling age.
- **Athletics:** Our Senior School Athletics day went ahead on Wednesday this week and we were lucky to have a beautiful sunny day. Thank you to the three parents who came along to assist with the events. All of the student gave their very best and some mention how they surprised themselves with how well they did at some events.
- **No School on Monday:** Please remember that school will be closed on Monday due to the teacher's strike.

Notices/Events:

There have been notices sent home this week:

- Teacher's Strike Information - see below

Have a great weekend.

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IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

Schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. In term three, 50% of schools reported that they did not have enough teachers. Schools are struggling to attract teaching staff, and that problem looks set to worsen.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

Yet, the Government has a bumper surplus of \$5.5 billion, more than enough to fix the issues in primary education (\$0.9b).

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future.**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school. Find out more at <https://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time>