

Term 4 Week 5 & 6 2018

Dear Whanau/Parents/Caregivers

- **Kids Art Fundraiser:**

The student's artwork is now back and will be coming home soon.

- **SouthSci:** Observations and trapping has continued this week along with the students recording the data from the observations and anything caught in the traps. We have still been catching and measuring pests. Our Fisher and Paykel mentors came into the school and held workshops about how we can estimate numbers of pests based on the number of pests caught in an area. They also talked about how to present their data.
- **Sailing:** The class went sailing on Thursday 15th of November. A huge THANK YOU to those parents that transported our students to and from the venue on the day. Although I was unable to be with the students Mrs Frost informs me that they all had a great time and learnt some new skills.
- **Camp:** We have now been on camp and the students have been involved in setting and checking the possum traps. They all gave the confidence course a go and some faced their fears and went down the flying fox. Half the challenge of that was getting up to the platform to be attached to the flying fox, and even Mrs Frost and I had to challenge ourselves to complete this task. Orienteering was a great challenge as there were three markers missing and the rain started when we were half way through the course. The students braved it out to complete the course and find the names of three trees. Finding koura in the stream at night was a highlight for some students and some students were lucky enough to get to walk to the Kauri Dam. All of these activities were started from day one with a two hour walk through the Tangihua bush along the Whakapono and Tumanako tracks that from a loop in the bush and lead us back to the lodge where we were staying for our camp. A Massive THANK YOU to Richard Bond, Clayton Bird and Elise Murphy for their assistance with transport and at the camp. You made the camp a great success for us all.
- **Assessments:** Assessments for gathering data for students reports have continued and will be continuing until the end of Week 7.

**Notices/Events:**

These notices have been sent home this week:

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Have a great weekend.

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