



Hunua School

Strive For Success

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

2018 Term 1 Week 6

Hello everyone, what wonderful weather we had for Environmental Day last Friday. The children worked really hard weeding, planting, tidying up and a variety of other big jobs. Room 6 gave their all on what was a very warm day.

- **Sleepover/Zoo:** Thank you for getting these back ASAP - please anyone who has not returned this - get it back to school. I DID NOT MENTION **A RAINCOAT FOR ZOO TRIP** IF WEATHER IS NOT ON OUR SIDE.
- **Games/Activities:** These will be in your child's book bag to be played or filled out at home, again these are for fun supporting their learning. They will be changed weekly (Monday), so plenty of time to have a play. **PLEASE TAKE CARE OF AND ENSURE ALL PIECES ARE RETURNED.**
- **Spelling:** After much thought and discussion, I will no longer be holding spelling tests with Room 6 on Fridays. Children will still need to be able to read and recognise these essential list words out of context as many cannot be sounded out and just need to be recalled instantly. I see the children are showing a reluctance to write during storywriting time because they cannot spell a word. THIS IS NOT SO IMPORTANT. What I want the children to have is the confidence to write down the sounds they hear phonetically and also to practise S-T-R-E-T-C-H-I-N-G out words to hear sounds from beginning to end. To know that they are forming their letters correctly. Our children are growing in a digital error however, these basic foundations will always be needed to connect handwriting, story writing and reading.
- **Travelwise helmet safety:** Next Tuesday please bring in only your child's bike or scooter, if they do not have one or it is difficult, can they please bring their helmets as this will be the focus "correctly fitting and wearing a helmet".
- **Cricket:** Children participated and enjoyed a free cricket lesson taster today with Callum and Reid from Counties Manukau Cricket Association, and will be having another lesson next Tuesday.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or just anything you think I may need to know.

Have another super week Helen Davenport - hdavenport@hunua.school.nz