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Term 2 Week 5

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Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers



Wheels Day!

The Student Council is hosting Wheels Day this Friday! Students can bring their “wheels” (skateboards, ripsticks, scooters or rollerblades) to school and show off their riding skills around a super course! Sorry – no bikes, please. Full information will be given in class. Students can leave their scooters etc on the back courts when they arrive on Friday morning.

Student Learning Conferences

These will be held for **all children in Years 4 – 8** on 24th, 25th and 26th June. Each conference is 15 minutes long and children attend with their parents. Please complete the attached interview timetable and return to school by **Friday 13th June** (next week). Interview times are allocated on a first in-first served basis. Please tick SEVERAL times.

We ask that all children in Years 4-8 who do not have an interview **on Tuesday 24th June**, go home at 12.00noon as their teachers will be involved in conferences. Buses run at the normal time.

Miss Campbell on leave

Kelly Campbell will be on leave to travel overseas for the first 7 weeks of next term. We wish her well and hope she has a wonderful trip. We have advertised for a fixed-term relieving teacher for Room 4.

Wednesday sport

This gets underway for all Year 4-8 children this week. Notes have gone home in KIT books about what to wear. This information is also on class blogs and the school website.

KIT books and Newsletter

A number of senior students ‘forgot’ about the shared lunch last Friday. This notice was in KIT books and a reminder was in the newsletter. Please make sure you check children’s KIT books each day.

Young Leaders Conference

Jasmine, Hannah, Jago and Blair, share their experiences at the Conference last week.

1. Angela Swaan-Cronin (Jasmine)

Angela was the first Māori woman to become an Air Force pilot in New Zealand. She has travelled to many interesting places around the world, including Afghanistan, Iraq and Canada. She talked about the people who had inspired her to reach for her dreams. She was rejected by the Air Force twice before being

accepted and so her message about not giving up was really powerful. Her favourite phrase is, 'The sky is the limit'.

2. **Charlie Laumatia (Hannah)**

Charlie Laumatia is a super funny man! He talked about your genes, your environment and that you can choose who you are. Here are some of the important things he said:

- Who you hang out with, can change who you are.
- You can choose to be friendly, and have an impact on somebody else's life at the same time.
- We all look and sometimes act like our parents, but you should always be your own person.
- Act like your role model even if you think it is impossible.

3. **Cam Calkoen (Jago)**

Cam was awesome! He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at birth, which means he can't talk or walk properly. Cam did not let this stop him though and he represented New Zealand in the 100m at the Paralympics. Everyone understood and appreciated his jokes. Cam was really motivating and answered all of the questions asked of him really well. Cam has learnt to live with his disability and when Blair asked him if he would like to change anything about his life, guess what... he said NO!

4. **Jamie Fitzgerald (Blair)**

Jamie is an adventurer who talked to us about some of the incredible trips he has done. We all knew him, because he is one of the guys in the 'First Crossings' TV show. I really enjoyed hearing about Jamie's Antarctic expedition, where he walked from the ocean to the South Pole! He told us about his training and about the extreme difficulties they faced. Jamie and his friend Kevin were the first New Zealanders to complete this epic journey. This was a great example of perseverance and how you should never give up, even when things are really hard.

Basic Facts

We have been impressed with the number of families still working hard at home to help children learn their basic facts. Your support is paying off. Here's a couple of tips to help motivate you and your children:

Teach 'families of facts', for example:

- $3 + 4 = 7$ and $4 + 3 = 7$ and $7 - 4 = 3$ and $7 - 3 = 4$ (these 4 facts make an addition/subtraction 'family')
- $5 \times 6 = 30$ and $6 \times 5 = 30$ and $30 \div 6 = 5$ and $30 \div 5 = 6$ (these 4 facts make a multiplication/division 'family')

Make up catchy/funny chants or rhymes for the tricky tables, for example:

- $8 \times 8 = 64$ - eight eights are 64, we all love Richie McCaw
- $6 \times 7 = 42$ - six sevens are 42, something yucky is on your shoe

Chocolate fundraiser

Keep up the momentum and get out there and sell those chocolates! You can still order chocolate to sell – please contact the Office. This fundraiser will run until the end of term but, if you have finished selling chocolates already, please return your money to the Office now (or pay online to 01 0625 0106729 00). Unsold chocolate can also be returned – we will pass it on to others to sell. If you don't return unsold chocolate bars by this Friday, we will assume that you are going to sell them all. We won't be able to accept returns later on.

Technology

A reminder that technology for Year 7 & 8 students will begin in Term 3 and the fees are \$50 per student (due by Thursday 24th July (Term 3, week 1). See the payment slip in last week's newsletter.

Kind regards

Sue Simpson
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tree Planting Working Bee – Sunday 8th June at 1pm – Halcombe Domain

All hands on deck for planting the Domain Embankment. Bring your own spade and gloves. Rain hail or shine. All help appreciated! Ring Rachel for details 06 328 8594.