

3 August 2017

## Year 3/4 Parent Information

Welcome back. We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting term, and are all committed to working with the children to achieve the goals they set at last term's conferences.

### **Integrated Studies**

Our unit of work in integrated studies this term, Animals of the African Savannah and Stories of Africa, will be integrated with our English and Art units. The purpose is to understand more about animals of the African savannah, and investigate some of the art and stories of Africa in order to enrich our experience of participating in the Lion King stage production. This will also help us to continue learning about what culture and identity mean.

### **Specialist Korero Māori Programme**

This term, Eleanor Stefanidis is working with Year 3/4, running a Korero Māori programme every Wednesday. This programme links into work we do during the year in the classrooms and during interchange, and incorporates spoken Māori language, knowledge of cultural values and protocols, waiata and karakia, and kapahaka. Each class will have an hour and 20 minutes per week with Eleanor.

### **The Lion King Production**

As you know, we are all working hard on rehearsing songs, dance and movement as part of our roles in the Lion King. We are also learning about stage-craft and the importance of everybody contributing and collaborating in order to make the production the best that it can be. Some children may be helping to create aspects of their costumes. If you have not yet sent in the basic costumes (as requested last term), please ensure that this comes to school as soon as possible.

### **Clothing**

As the weather continues to be cold, it is important that children bring a coat or jacket to school most days, as we take every opportunity to allow students to get out into the 'fresh' air. Students need to wear appropriate shoes and clothing for Physical Education, as we do some aspect of fitness every day.

### **Steeple Rock Challenges**

This is going really well- the children are highly motivated and love sharing what they have done. To help manage the sharing of Steeple Rock challenges, please ensure that the booklet is signed by both you and your child, the "ratings" section on the back page is filled in, and your child has practised what they are going to say, before bringing the challenge to school. We encourage children to bring challenges as they are finished (preferably one at a time).

### **Stationery**

A number of students are now missing a number of stationery items. This makes teaching and learning difficult. Please check with your child what they are missing and send it along to school- we will place some spare stationery lists on the team noticeboard.

### **Home Learning**

A reminder that Home Learning day is Thursday- this is the day that children are tested on the previous week's spelling words and basic facts, and collect their words and facts for the next week. Please support your child to remember to bring their Home Learning Book to school on Thursdays.

### **Year 3 and 4 Hui**

The Year 3 and 4 students are presenting at Hui on Friday 25 August (9am -10am in the hall). Everybody is very welcome to join us.

Thank you for your continued support

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