

Wednesday 24 July 2019



Dear Parents/Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a special welcome to all our new tamariki who have just joined us.

In memory of Sir Edmund Hillary



As part of Sir Ed's 100th birthday celebrations, last Saturday the Hillary House Trust brought in several tons of snow and made a small mountain. The idea was to give our tamariki the chance to experience snow and gain a small insight on how hard it is to walk or climb it. Some of our tamariki who had a go on it said it was slippery and when you walk you almost fall every time you moved your foot. Remember, Sir Ed climbed mountains of this stuff.

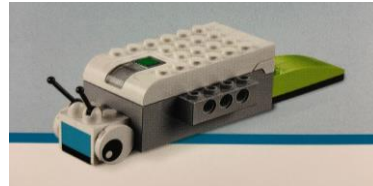
Year 6 pupils transition to Middle School

It is hard to believe but with August just around the corner we are more than half way through the year. In only a few months time our Year 6 pupils will be Year 7s. To help them get ready, our Senior pupils will be having a series of lessons with Middle School. The lessons will be based on S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, English, Arts and

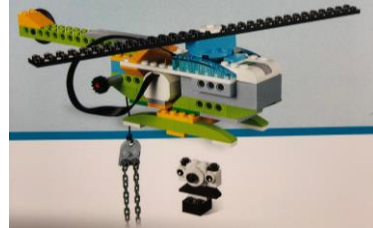
Maths) Our pupils will be learning some cool stuff with programming.

Lego - We Do It Robotics

Not to be out done, next week our Years 1-3 pupils will start working with Lego robotics and making machines that flash and move based on simple coding from an Ipad



Our teachers made a snail (Turbo) last night but I really wanted to make the helicopter. Might join that class when they are building it.



Sistema

On Saturday 3rd August from 1.30pm to 4pm Sistema will be holding two exciting free concerts at the Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau. Hope you can join us and again congratulations to all our whanau who are supporting their child in this programme.



Samoa Bilingual - Passion projects

As part of our pupils' free choice in selecting what they would like to learn, pupils in our Samoan unit looked at fashion and design with traditional costumes. They then made and dressed up their own display models and

presented their work to their class. Some pretty creative designers in our Lumana'i unit.



Reading Tip: Want to help your child succeed at school? Try this advice from well-known author Mem Fox:

Ten read - aloud commandments

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, flat or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or



anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games

7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it never works, it's always a fabulous game.
9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.

Free doctor's visits

Along with the newsletter is some information about free doctors visits. For every child in the Junior and Middle School doctor visits are free. So if your child is unwell just take them to the doctor and get your child looked at. There is also subsidised care for adults too which I would encourage you to look at.



Yours truly, John Shearer Principal

Return Slip (Return this slip and go in the draw for a book prize!)

I have received the newsletter & I have read it.

Signed.....

