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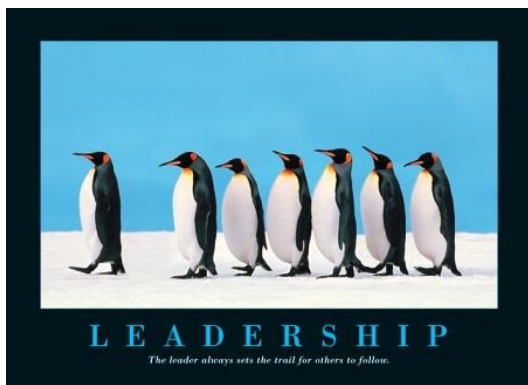
Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are now half way through the winter term with everyone hoping for some drier days as we look forward to the arrival of Spring. We have a busy programme of events to see us through the second half of the term.

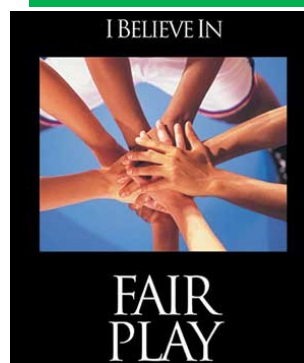


Growing Great Leaders

Tomorrow we have a group of year 5 and 6 students attending a leadership camp in Taupo. We are fortunate to be the school selected by Blue Light to pilot a 'Building Youth Development' programme. Mrs Dakin will accompany the 12 students who have been selected for their leadership potential. They will visit Huka falls, have an Aratiatia Cruise, engage in team building activities and visit the Skyline and Luge in Rotorua.



Next week, Tuesday September 5th, the **Science Roadshow** will be in town. This is an opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 students to see into the world of Science and stimulate their interest and thinking. There are only **20 places available at a cost of \$8.00 per head**. If you wish your child to attend, the first paid 20 students will have that opportunity. Students to bring their money and names to the office please.



This week our **Growing Great Learners** focus is **'I play by the rules; I play fair and I can lose gracefully.'** This set of skills is very important if all players are going to enjoy the game. We learn the importance of agreeing on the rules before we start, following the rules during the game and using respectful words to encourage team mates. We learn how to both win and lose gracefully so that everyone retains their self esteem at the end of the game.

On Thursday Rimu class are visiting the Scilla Chocolate factory in Ohope. This supports our current technology learning which focuses on 'Where does it come from?' Thanks to those parents who are supporting this visit by providing transport. Other classes have visits planned to support their inquiries later in the term.

Matai class continue their outings as they explore the local community and find out what activities are available in Whakatane. So far this term they have visited the Museum, Library, Information Centre and River Edge Playground. These visits provide practical opportunities for our students to practise their Life Skills.

Winter Sports

Next week is interschool **Winter Sports** week for years 3 – 6. On Wednesday Years 5 and 6 have their day from 9am – 2pm. On Friday it is the turn of years 3 and 4 who will play from 12.00pm until 2.15pm. All games are held at Rex Morpeth Park.



Mid year Elections for the **Board of Trustees** will be held in Term 4. If you are interested in standing for our Board and would like further information, please feel free to ask me or one of our current Board members—details are at the office.

You can also visit nzsta.org.nz for information about becoming a trustee.

A reminder that children in years 1 to 3 will receive a progress report on the six month anniversary of their school starting date. This will give you an indication of how they are progressing towards the expectations for their time at school in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Upcoming Events:

September 6th – Years 5 & 6 Winter Sports:

September 8th – Years 3 & 4 Winter Sports

September 22nd Board of Trustees Meeting

September 29th End of term

Strep Throat Testing

We have had some parent queries as to whether the throat swabbing for Strep throat will continue. At this stage it is on



hold until further funding is available. However there is optimism that this funding is going to be found as our area is a high risk area for both Strep Throat and Rheumatic Fever. We will advise you as soon as we hear one way or another.

Advising of absences

Thanks to those parents and caregivers who remember to phone in when your child is absent. As we have to state a reason for all absences, if you text or leave a message, please remember to state a reason for the absence. We work closely with the Attendance Service to ensure all our students are attending every day unless there is a justifiable reason for the absence.

Principal