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Term 2 Week 10

2nd July 2019

Tena Koutou Katoa - Greetings to all parents and caregivers

Jump Jam

We were thrilled with our Jump Jam Team last Friday evening. They won 2nd place in the Manawatu Competition, along with a handful of certificates for their great performance, ahead of 8 other teams. Our thanks to Miss Fleet and Mrs Hughes for all the hard work preparing the team.

Disco

Thanks to the Student Council for such a well run and fun Disco last Friday evening. This is such a great opportunity for our senior students to step up and develop their leadership skills.

Assembly

This week, Room 6 will host assembly which starts at 2.30 on Friday. All welcome.

End of Term

Term 2 will finish on Friday at 3.00pm. Term 3 begins on Monday 22nd July.

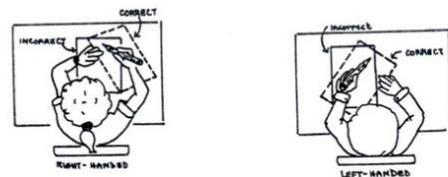
Key Competencies

Thank you for all the positive feedback on the tips and ideas we have included in the newsletter this term. I know many of you are finding the strategies useful.

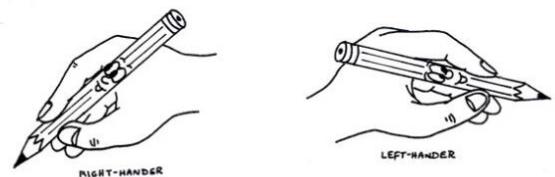
Correct Pencil Grip

- The correct pencil grip, position and placement of book/paper is so very important to ensure clear legible writing. Parents of pre-schoolers please take note of how your child is holding pencils, pens, crayons, felts – in fact anything to do with writing, drawing or painting. Demonstrate and encourage them to use the correct grip. Once children have practised and got used to an incorrect grip it is very difficult to change.
- We have noticed that some children are arriving at school with the wrong grip and therefore have difficulty in forming letters correctly and tire quickly when writing.
- Look when they first pick up a writing implement and encourage drawing etc. by showing them how to hold the brush in a 'crocodile' grip.
- There is plenty of advice online to demonstrate this grip.

How to position Writing Exercise Book



How to hold a pen with the Tripod Grip



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Enjoy the holidays everyone.

*Sue Simpson
Principal*