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There's always lots of reading in my job. Emails, principal magazines, Ministry of Education guff, and research to keep up to date with. One article that popped out at me this week was some new research on the importance of Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC), (e.g. visits, exploring, camps and trips). The article once again extolled the virtues of taking learning from the classroom and out into the real world, as well as bringing the real world into the classroom.

I think this is something that we not only do very well here, but we have done so for a long time. It is part of our school DNA. If we want kids to have a sense of awe and wonderment in our learning, and experience things more deeply, then we must have plenty of hands-on, active connection of that learning to the real world. This is something we make sure we do with our learning here, and I am proud of the way our teachers look for ways they can make connections between class learning and the real world. I am also grateful to our parents who believe this is important too, and help us by offering visits to their workplaces, come in and talk to classes about their work, offer transport for classes to travel and put their hand up to attend camp. EOTC has dropped off in some schools. It is an extra responsibility and extra workload for teachers to lead trips and be responsible, but we know, like this article I read, how important it is to provide rich and deep experiences for our kids.

Have a great week,  
Alastair & The 'H' Team.

### **3WCs:**

These are in full swing this week, AND we have 100% attendance by parents - thank you! Please be mindful of your interview times and be on time. If there are issues you need to discuss more fully then teachers are prepared to make another time in the future to discuss these further. Our 3WCs involve our pupils, who share their goals and successes with their parents, as well as conversations between the adults. Enjoy your interviews.

### **Quiz - Friday 6 September**

- It is now time to register your team - see details below.
- Thank you so much to those who have been able to donate items for our upcoming quiz night. It is a very small pile so far, so we hope to see the boxes filling up soon:
  - bottles for the Bottle Auction
  - items for a grocery raffle
  - something else that we could raffle or auction off

### **Mathex**

Good luck to our Mathex teams competing at the Manawatū Mathex competition on Thursday:

Year 6: Phoebe, Mackenzie, Zoe and Harriet

Year 7: Max, Max, Osten and Mia

Year 8 (B): Maggie, Georgia, Taylor, Lucas

Year 8 (A): Spencer, Harry, Sean, Brenna

### **Interschool Sport**

Best wishes to the 68 senior students involved in our winter sports exchange with Colyton School tomorrow. We are proud to be able to host our friends from Colyton. Bring it on!

### **Crazy Day - Friday 13 September**

We are cooking up another one of the craziest crazy days you could possibly imagine! You'll be hearing more about this nearer the time, but we did want to give you advanced warning on one aspect of Crazy Day. We'll be encouraging people to come to school in anything but a car! That's right, you read that correctly. Find a helicopter, or a tractor, or a hot rod. Come to school on a horse, or in a wheelbarrow or on a scooter. We LOVED this event in 2022, and it's back again this year. Start planning now!

### **Year 3-6 Netball**

A reminder there is no practice for our Red, Black and White teams after school tomorrow because of 3WCs.