



NAENAE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Newsletter - Thursday 28 November 2019

Dear Whanau,

With less than 3 weeks left of the school year, this is a quick newsletter to inform you of up and coming events, dates and times.

STAFF LEAVING

We would like to inform our school community that we have 2 staff leaving us at the end of this year. Firstly Mrs Berry from Room 18 has decided to retire after 30+ years of teaching. We would like to thank Mrs Berry for her time and commitment to NIS during her 2 years with us. All the best with your well-deserved retirement.

Secondly, Maaïke van Aalst our amazing SWIS worker. After 4 years with us Maaïke is moving on to continue her Social Work, but in a leadership role with Oranga Tamariki. Maaïke has worked tirelessly for many of the students and their whanau from our school and we have been very fortunate to have her skills and expertise for the length of time that we have. Thank you Maaïke for all that you have done, these are some BIG shoes to fill.

ICAS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in the various ICAS results:

	Participation	Merit	Credit	Distinction
Writing	Mercedes McLaughlin, Luka Dunwoodie, Iain McKissack, Monica Gojnic	-	-	-
Maths	Jessica Young, Eamonn Sugrue, Thadius Aldred, Zakeal Walters, Jasmine Mita, Sam Barnes, Alexander Symons, Aaliyah Hetutu-Bahm, Kane Lusty, Jaxon Ferris, Jojo Sunia, Lukas Hazeldine, Iain McKissack, Zoe Philpott, Leah Ah-Ken	Mercedes McLaughlin, Monica Gojnic	Luka Dunwoodie Matthew Schroder Anna Dunford, Ngakaunui Ryall- Fleming	Logan Bracey, Ingrid Sims, Kera Alderson
English	Mercedes McLaughlin, Jessica Young, Zakeal Walters, Thadius Aldred, Alexander Symons, Jojo Sunia, Iain McKissack, Monica Gojnic	-	Malia Fecteau, Eamonn Sugrue, Ingrid Sims	Luka Dunwoodie

HOUSE TABLOID SPORTS

This is the last House event and it is a wonderful opportunity for students to get points for their house before the end of the year House Cup presentation. We encourage our students to dress up in their house colours and to participate in every activity possible – as all participants in each of the events will receive house points. There will also be a sausage sizzle and ice creams for students to purchase. More information to come.

YEAR 8 EXIT SURVEY

Today all Year 8 families will receive our exit interview through a google form via email. We ask please that you take some time to fill out the form. All forms returned to the office by Friday 6 December will go into one of 2 draws:

1. \$100 Mad Butcher Voucher
2. \$100 Countdown Voucher

Your feedback is invaluable as we are always trying to improve what we do and how we do it. We are more than happy to provide whanau with a paper copy of the form, just get your child to come and collect one from the office.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Classroom teachers are currently writing the end of year report for all of the students in their class. These will be sent home on Wednesday 11 December.

LEAVERS' DINNER/DISCO

Yesterday your child should have bought home either a purple notice for Year 8's or a blue notice for Year 7's. Both notices outline the organisation and details for the up and coming Leavers' Dinner/Disco. Please note the Leavers' Dinner is only for Year 8 students. The disco is for all students. Attached to each notice is a permission slip and the cost for students attending either or both of these. If you haven't seen one of these notices yet, maybe check your child's bag or get them to come to the office to collect another one.

SOCIAL MEDIA

During the last week or so we have dealt with issues relating to social media. We need whanau to be monitoring their child's use of the many apps that our students are using and accessing. I held a whole school assembly this week to voice my concerns about what I know has been happening, with regards to the inappropriate use of social media. Whilst we only have a short time left until the end of the year, we want to make sure this time is an enjoyable and safe time for everyone.

END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING

This is a special occasion for us as a school, as we celebrate the many achievements our students have made. Please note the change of day for our prize giving. It is now on Thursday 12 December starting at 10:00am, **NOT**, the last day of school being Friday 13 December.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event
Tuesday 3 December	Music Tuition Concert starting at 6pm in our school hall Regional Athletics – Newtown Park all day
Thursday 5 December	Te Kete Aronui trip to Avalon Park – Rooms 2,5,6
Friday 6 December	House Tabloid Sports
Monday 9 December	Last Board Meeting for 2019
Tuesday 10 December	Leavers' Dinner/Disco
Wednesday 11 December	End of year reports sent home
Thursday 12 December	Final prize giving starting at 10 am (please note change of day)
Friday 13 December	Last day of the school year. School finishes at 12:30pm
Monday 3 February	First day of term for 2020

As this will be the last newsletter for the year, I would like to thank everyone for yet another, successful year. To our whanau who leave our school community at the end of this year, we wish you all well and to the students and whanau returning in 2020, we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 3rd February at 8:50am.**

Nga mihi

Ariana Tyson
Principal