



KA MAU TE WEHI

As we haven't had a school assembly for the last 2 weeks we have not given out class achievement awards. However, we have had a number of students who have been rewarded with our AKO wristbands. What this means is when a student receives 5 Ka mau te wehi cards of the same AKO value, they are able to swap these cards for a wristband of their house colour for the AKO value they have been displaying. It has been great to see so many of students wearing our AKO wristbands!

DAYS BAY PICNIC

2 weeks ago the whole school went to Days Bays for our annual school picnic. Whilst the sun forgot to come out, our students had a wonderful day, kayaking, swimming, fishing, wharf jumping, building sandcastles and generally having lots of fun. We also had our first House competition, which was the Tug of War and congratulations to Yellow House for winning this. There are a few photos and videos of the picnic day on our school Facebook page. A special thank you to all of the support staff and extra staff who came to help make this day so successful.



SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Last Wednesday we had our school athletics. It was fabulous to see so many of our students dressed in their House colours and also joining in and participating in the different events. From this day a team of students, who were able to make the set distances and times, will be chosen to represent Naenae Intermediate at the WRISSA (Wellington Regional Intermediate School Sports Association) Athletic competition which is on Tuesday 19 March in Newtown.

"HE TAONGA - OUR STORY"



In class your child has been busy exploring "He Taonga - Our Story" in a way that is meaningful to them. As a school we are changing the way learning looks and are getting our students to learn through Inquiry. You may have noticed, or not, there has not been any testing, as such, as teachers have had more of a focus on establishing relationships with students and ensuring students have a relationship with learning. We are working with a Facilitator Laurayne Tafa and are part of the Russell Bishops' Programme - Relationship Based Learning (RBL). There will a time when our students will sit the standard tests, but not until there is real clarity about the impact these tests will have on students learning. We will keep whanau informed on our learning journey as we progress throughout the year.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING

A big thank you to all of our whanau who attended the Meet the Teacher evening on Monday 18 February. In preparation for this evening we asked the students what they would like to happen on this night. The feedback from them was pretty clear, they wanted to show whanau our school, in particular the Technology Block, our Snack Shack and of course their classroom. Hopefully those of you who attended this evening found this format successful and you got the information that you would have wanted. We are happy to receive any feedback.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Our current Health Nurse is on maternity leave, so we would like to welcome Kelly McEwan to our school. Kelly has a strong background in Paediatrics Nursing in both New Zealand and Australia. We look forward to having Kelly as part of our team, during this time.

LUNCHES ONLINE

A reminder to whanau that the following is available for you to order for your child on the given days. Debit cards can be used for purchase. Please support this venture. Further to this we have the Snack Shack that has a variety of snacks all of which cost \$1.50 per item.

Lunches online

Monday	Subway	Ordered on line directly from www.subwayexpress.co.nz
Tuesday	Subway	Ordered on line directly from www.subwayexpress.co.nz
Wednesday	Pita Pit	Pita Pit through www.lunchonline.co.nz
Thursday	Pita Pit	Pita Pit through www.lunchonline.co.nz
Friday	Ara Sushi	Ara Sushi through www.lunchonline.co.nz

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through this Term. Below is a list of dates and events that we have coming up for the rest of this Term.

Tuesday 5 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School photos• Year 7 Netball trials at lunch time
Friday 8 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday night touch at Hutt Park
Monday 11 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Te Kete Tuatea Capital E Trip
Wednesday 13 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole School presentation in assembly – 'Who Am I' by Attitude
Thursday 14 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 8 Boys and Girls Gardasil Injections• Te Kete Aronui to Capital E
Friday 15 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Te Kete Tuauri Capital E Trip• Friday Night touch
Tuesday 19 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WRISSA Athletics competition at Newtown Park
Thursday 21 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:30pm Paid Union Meeting – teachers will be attending this meeting at Avalon Intermediate.
Friday 22 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday night touch
Monday 25 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boostrix Injections for year 7 students at 9am
Friday 29 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday night touch – last game
Wednesday 3 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WRISSA Rugby 7's competition
Wednesday 10 April Thursday 11 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Te Kete Tuatea – Marae Visit returning Thursday lunchtime
Friday 12 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of Term 1 – school finishes at the usual time of 2:50pm

PAID UNION MEETING

As stated above on Thursday 21 March there will be a Paid Union Meeting at Avalon Intermediate at 1:30pm. In order for our teachers to attend this meeting, we will be finishing school at 1pm. Please make arrangements for your child for this early finish. If you are unable to make alternative arrangements we will be able to provide supervision until 2:50pm. If you would like your child to remain at school for the afternoon, please contact the school office and give the name of your child and their class. Our office phone number is 04 5677 813.

NAENAE COMMUNITY HUB

I am currently on the panel helping to oversee this project. Therefore, I am using this as an opportunity to inform our whanau, to have your say. There will be community consultation happening in the next few weeks, so be sure to be heard. I understand there will be Hutt City Council representatives in Hillary Court who will be willing to hear your views. Here is a link to information that you may find interesting also <http://www.huttcity.govt.nz/naenaehub>

We have had an extremely busy start to school. I am really pleased with how our Year 7 students have settled into our school and many of our students are bringing their AKO attitude to school, which is great. A reminder to visit our school Facebook page as this is a great way to share with whanau what has been happening. We look forward to a busy 2nd half of the Term.

Nga mihi

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Principal