

**NEWSLETTER NO 12**  
**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2010**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**



We have received an email from the Ministry of Education giving us an update on the Swine Flu situation. You will have read that the flu has hit the Wairarapa schools hard with many students being absent from school. At our school we are just starting to see an increase in the number of students staying home. Parents are telling us that their children have flu like symptoms. The Ministry of Health reports that although there has been an increase in numbers of people with Swine Flu, they do not expect a repeat of last year's situation nor will they be recommending that schools and early childhood centres be closed.

Nearly 50% of 20 year olds across the country have had Swine Flu so they should now have natural immunity and there has been a higher rate of vaccination this year. However, the Ministry is reminding everyone to use last year's preventive measures. These are:

Wash and dry your hands regularly and cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.

Stay home if you are sick.

Phone your doctor or HealthLine for advice.

If your child has been away from school for three consecutive days or more could you please provide us with a doctor's certificate.

**Charter and Strategic Plan**

These two documents have recently been revised and if you would like to look at them please enquire at the office. Our charter contains the vision we have for our student's education, our values, what the principles of the New Zealand Schools Curriculum look like at Naenae Intermediate and our targets for student's educational achievement.

The strategic plan contains the key developmental factors impacting on the school for the next three years and plans for the future under the headings of curriculum, staffing, finances, resources, property and community relations.

**The Ball**



A notice was sent home last Friday giving parents details of the Ball planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Please remember that you do not have to go out and buy a brand new ball gown or suit for your child. We ask that students wear the best clothes they have at the time.

## College Enrolments

We have large numbers of students not yet enrolled in college. If your child is going to Naenae College next year they will need to be enrolled by the end of the Term as those enrolled will be visiting the college to choose their course options for 2011. If you leave enrolment until after this time then the options for your child will be limited. We have enrolment forms at our school office for both Naenae and Taita Colleges.

## February to July Writing and Maths Results

When we compare the results of asTTle writing tests sat by our students in February and June, we are seeing good progress. Most groups of students i.e. Year 7, Year 8, Girls, Boys, Maori, Pacifica moved two asTTle sub levels (levels between curriculum levels). The data also shows that in February 49% of Year 8s were achieving at or above expected levels while in June this figure had increased to 74.4%. The figures for Year 7s were 56.8% in February and 65.6% in June. This is good progress and we hope to see greater improvement when we test the students in November.

We are also seeing some good progress in our maths results. When we compare addition and subtraction tests sat in February and July we are seeing larger numbers of students achieving at expected levels.

## Visit to Naenae College

On Wednesday 25 August 2010 our whole school has been invited to watch a performance given by the Naenae College Cultural Group who performed so well at the National Secondary Schools Competition in Rotorua recently. We will walk over to the College at 1.30pm and return by 2.45pm. Parents are most welcome to join us.

## Artsplash/Dancesplash



All the best to our students who are performing at the Michael

Fowler Centre as part of the Wellington schools Artsplash week. The choir performs next Wednesday at 5.30pm while the dance group performs the following evening at 8.00pm.

## Honours Board

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in representative teams recently:

Lily McKeefry - H.V. U13 Basketball.  
Manea Campbell - H.V. Darts. Won two gold medals at National Champs.  
Jarrod Wilson - H.V. U13 Soccer.  
Jacob Hogwood - H.V. U14 Waterpolo.  
Danche Anae - H.V. Year 7 Netball.  
John Macmillan - H.V. U12 Cricket.  
Ford Lambert - H.V. U13 Hockey.  
Josh Bond - H.V. U13 Hockey.  
Asafo Aumua - H.V. U13 Rugby.  
Sio Ormsby - H.V. U13 Rugby.  
Creighdon Dawson - H.V. U12 Rugby.

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

**John Quincy Adams**

Thank you

Steve Black  
(Principal)