

Newsletter No 3

THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2009

Athletic Sports

Congratulations to the following students who finished either first or second in the recently held school Athletic Sports. A team to represent our school in the Inter Intermediate event will be announced shortly.

Shot Put

Year 7 Girls - Diana Oloapu and Macinta Tesimale
Year 7 Boys - Asafo Aumua and Logan Saumolia
Year 8 Girls - Janet Lemaga and Maria Barrett
Year 8 Boys - Lester Maulolo and Denzel Roache

Discus

Year 7 Girls - Tema Havea and Sarah Vesi
Year 7 Boys - Asafo Aumua and Logan Saumolia
Year 8 Girls - Greylann Talatana and Ruth Lau Young
Year 8 Boys - Lester Maulolo and Derrell Crichton

Long Jump

Year 7 Girls - Ashley Simmonds and Larissa Miller
Year 7 Boys - George Samataua and Asafo Aumua
Year 8 Girls - Madison Campbell and Mihad Bashe
Year 8 Boys - Derrell Crichton and Dalje Baker-Chantung

High Jump

Year 7 Girls - Kerry Song and Bianca Scurrah
Year 7 Boys - Finley Macdonald and Jack Morrissey
Year 8 Girls - Madison Campbell and Mihad Bashe
Year 8 Boys - Todd Whitaker and Dalje Baker-Chantung

Vortex

Year 7 Girls - Sharne Paku-Toma and Dayarn Mikaio-Baker
Year 7 Boys - Conner Douglas and Sio Ormsby
Year 8 Girls - Kahu Tepaki-Huaki and Shyan Masina
Year 8 Boys - Lester Maulolo and Tala Matini

100m

Year 7 Girls - Dana Aramoana and Tema Havea
Year 7 Boys - Bonventure Remijo Thomas and Joshua Bond
Year 8 Girls - Zarea Harrison-Cleland and Madison Campbell
Year 8 Boys - Daniel Miimetuapoko and Derrell Crichton

200m

Year 7 Girls - Bianca Scurrah and Shontaya Hutton
Year 7 Boys - Joshua Bond and Bonventure Remijo Thomas
Year 8 Girls - Ashlee Smith and Jordyn Smith
Year 8 Boys - Joshua Munezero and Daniel Miimetuapoko

Milo Cup Cricket



Congratulations to our Girl's cricket team on their two wins over Muritai School and Maidstone Intermediate in the National Milo Cup Cricket competition. They play their third round next week.

Inservice Day

Thank you very much for your support in finding supervision for your child last Wednesday. This allowed the staff to attend a workshop with acclaimed Clinical Psychologist Andrew Fuller. During the day staff gained a greater understanding of the educational and social needs of the age group they work with. They also picked up useful strategies to use when working with students in the classroom.

You learn something every day if you pay attention.

Ray LeBlond

Expectations for student behaviour.

During November each year the staff takes part in what is termed as "Review Day". On Review Day students are asked to stay at home and we spend the day reviewing school programmes and procedures with a view to making improvements the following year. Last

year we were concerned about the behaviour of some of our students so we felt it was timely to review our discipline procedures and work towards agreeing upon some expectations for student behaviour. This was achieved on Review Day and from the beginning of this year the teachers have been sharing these expectations with their students. We also believe that it is important for us to share them with you. So could you please support us by reading the attached sheet and discussing the contents with your child.

Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees meets on the third Monday of each month. The members are:

Paul Alcock - Chairperson
Graeme Ross - Treasurer
Rachael Potter - Staff Rep.
Steve Black - Principal
Megan Carrington - Minutes Secretary
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New Curriculum

It is likely that you will have heard or read that the national curriculum has been revised and from the beginning of next year schools will have more flexibility in terms of what they teach their students. Schools and their communities have been asked to look at their values and also establish a vision for their students learning. With this in mind, they can then implement learning programmes which reflect these values and vision. Our staff has been working on these two aspects of the new curriculum and when completed they will be sent home to you for your input.

You may also have heard that the Ministry of Education has stated that the new key competencies are equally as important as the learning areas of the curriculum. The key competencies are:

- Managing self.
- Relating to others.
- Participating and contributing.
- Thinking.
- Using language, symbols and text.

People use these competencies to live, learn, work and contribute as active members of the community.

Our students will be assessed on these competencies as part of the mid year and end of year reports. However, we would like them to take some responsibility for using these competencies and teachers will be asking their students to select two competencies/goals to work on for the first part of the year. Hopefully these will come home next week for you to discuss with your child. For more information about the new curriculum, please access the Ministry of Education website www.tki.org.nz

Thank you

Steve Black