

NEWSLETTER NO 6 THURSDAY 12th MAY 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of Term 2. I hope you enjoyed the holidays despite the poor weather during the second week. Once again we have a busy Term ahead of us with lots of interschool sports and parent interviews at the end of the Term. Syndicate leaders will be sending home a newsletter outlining the classroom programmes planned for the Term.

Wet Weather



With all of this wet weather we have been experiencing recently it is timely to remind parents that students are encouraged to wear a coat to school. This does not include cotton hoodies. Long pants are available for purchase at the school office for \$40.00 or \$42.00 depending on size, as well polar fleeces at \$61.00 or \$65.00.

Rugby League Cards

A number of students are bringing these to school and swapping them to build up their collection. In some cases this is causing conflict and as a consequence we are asking students not to bring these to school.

Venture Class

The first Venture Class for the year started last Monday and students have an exciting Term ahead of them. A special welcome to new Venture Class teacher, Moira Hooper.

Saturday Netball



Saturday morning netball began last weekend, but unfortunately Teams 7 and 8 were unable to play as they don't have a coach. This is disappointing as these girls are keen to play and represent the school. If we do not find a coach by tomorrow these teams will be withdrawn from the competition. If you can help out, could you please contact Miss Waikato ASAP!!

New Regional Dental Clinic

You will have noticed over recent months that a lot of building work has been taking place between us and the College. Kimi Ora School had their official opening last Term and is now in full operation. The new Regional Dental Clinic at the entrance of the driveway between us and the College has been completed and will be officially opened on Monday 16th May. This clinic will replace existing school dental clinics and will service students in Lower Hutt. Several of these are being built across Wellington and will represent a new way of operating for the school dental service. Dental Nurses in vans will visit schools to check student's teeth. If they find that a child needs treatment an appointment will be made at the Regional Clinic for this work to be done.

Year 6 Visits

This year we are being more proactive in maintaining and building our school roll. We have invited all Year 6 students and their parents to visit our school next week to see the school in operation whether or not the child will be enrolling at our school in 2012. Students who enrol will still receive an orientation visit at the end of the year, but we know that a number of parents who enrol their children to other schools have not taken the opportunity of visiting their local Intermediate. We hope that this visit will assist them with their decision making. The 2012 prospectus will be given out at this time.

Sports

As mentioned earlier, we have lots of sports competitions planned for this Term. Three of these competitions - Netball, Waterpolo and Basketball run over several weeks. To be a member of these teams requires a significant commitment from players and coaches alike. We have stressed to our students that once they are selected in a team it is very important to turn up to all practices and games. If they cannot do this then they must let their coach know. Could you please support us in this matter?

College Enrolments

Colleges also have started their 2012 procedures at an early date. Naenae College will be having their Open Evening for parents on Tuesday 14th June and their Open Day for students on Wednesday 15th June.

Taita College has not yet informed us of the date for their student Open Day. The Open Evening will be held on Wednesday 22nd June from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Details of these events will be sent home at a later date.

Upcoming Dates

Opening of Regional Dental Clinic - Monday 16th May

Interschool 7-aside - Wednesday 18th May

Year 6 visits - Thursday 19th, Friday 20th, Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th May

School Cross Country - Wednesday 25th May

Interschool Cross Country - Wednesday 1st June

Queen's Birthday - Monday 6th June

Girls Hockey - Wednesday 8th June

Year 7 Immunisation - Tuesday 14th June

Naenae College Open Day - Wednesday 15th June

Boys Hockey - Wednesday 15th June

Naenae Intermediate School Information Evening - Tuesday 28th June

Interschool Rugby League - Wednesday 6th July

Student Reports go home - Friday 8th July

Parent Interviews - Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th July

Interschool Aerobics - Tuesday 12th July

"Trying and failing is better than failing to try."
Winston Churchill

Thank you

Steve Black
(Principal)