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Dear Parents and Caregivers National Standards



You will have seen on television, read in the paper or heard on the radio that the Government has introduced achievement standards for each class level in reading, writing and maths. From next year schools will be required to report to parents on the progress their children are making at meeting these standards. At school we are considering how the current testing (STAR and AsTTle) of our student's reading and writing ability fits in with the national standards and the changes we will need to make to our report form. You will notice on our current report form that we inform you of your child's curriculum level for writing, reading and maths and we state that students of our age group should be achieving at Level 3/4. This is an example of reporting against a national standard. However, we are planning to revise our report to give you more specific information on student attainment against standards and what the school is doing to support your child's learning.

Health Survey



Thank you very much to those of you who returned the Health Survey. It was very interesting to note that personal health/physical development and relationships with other people were the key areas of learning that were given the highest

level of importance by those parents who returned the survey. This fits in very well with what we do here at Naenae Intermediate. We also place importance on regular physical exercise, healthy living and social development. Our teaching of the key competencies for life covers areas such as appropriate communication, respect for others, knowing how to behave in different situations and having empathy for people from different cultures and social backgrounds. So we are pleased to find that what we are teaching in our health programmes has been affirmed by those parents who completed the survey. Thank you.

Australasian Science Exam

Congratulations to Jonti Cullen 92% and Mack Mullany 90% who were awarded distinction certificates at last week's assembly. Congratulations also to Katie Martelli 87% who received a credit certificate, while Franz Van Beusekom and Martin Chau did very well in achieving marks of 61% and 56% respectively.

Tennis

Congratulations to Naea Albert for winning the Hutt Valley Intermediate and Primary schools tennis tournament and then going on to win the 12s singles at the Wellington Strike Tennis Tournament. A great achievement.



Battle of the Bands



Our school band comprising: Melanie Cooley, Mack Mullany, Vetu Samoa, Greylynn Talataina, Greylann Talataina, Logan Saumolia, Andre Ngeru and Natasha Leota-Sione performed extremely well in this competition last week, but unfortunately did not finish in the first three places. However, there was some good news with Melanie Cooley being awarded Best Vocalist. Well done Melanie and all band members, you represented our school well. Thank you also to tutors Peter Papas and Liz Pereira for all their hard work.

School Swimming Sports



Last Thursday, our school swimming sports were held at the Naenae Pool. We had a large number of students participating and we were very pleased with their attitude and willingness to take part.

Congratulations to the following students who finished either in 1st or 2nd place.

Year 7 Girls 50m Freestyle

Renee Jensen - R11
Kelly Byford - R14

Year 7 Boys 50m Freestyle

Nicholas Mallender - R20
Finn Macdonald - R18

Year 8 Girls 50m Freestyle

Jonti Cullen - R6
Shontika Orr/McGowan - R18

Year 8 Boys 50m Freestyle

Denzel Roache - R16
Jaleil Roache - R15

Year 7 Girls 50m Backstroke

Kelly Byford - R 14
Renee Jensen - R11

Year 7 Boys 50m Backstroke

Nicholas Mallender - R20
Jordan Sutton - R14

Year 8 Girls 50m Backstroke

Jonti Cullen - R6
Shontika Orr/McGowan - R18

Year 8 Boys 50m Backstroke

Denzel Roache - R16
Daniel Miimetuapoko - R18

Year 7 Girls 50m Breaststroke

Renee Jensen - R11
Kelly Byford - R14

Year 7 Boys 50m Breaststroke

Nicholas Mallender - R20
Jordan Sutton - R14

Year 8 Girls 50m Breaststroke

Jonti Cullen - R6
Shontika Orr/McGowan - R18

Girls Individual Medley

Jonti Cullen - R6

Boys Individual Medley

Nicholas Mallender - R20

Girls Open 100m Freestyle

Jonti Cullen - R6
Shontika Orr/McGowan - R18

Boys Open 100m Freestyle

Nicholas Mallender - R20
Jacob Hogwood - R11

Boys 50m Butterfly

Nick Mallender - R20

Girls 50m Butterfly

Jonti Cullen - R6

Cultural Evening



I look forward to seeing you all tonight at the Cultural Evening starting at 7.00pm. As well as watching your child perform, your gold coin entry will be going towards supporting those families who lost their homes during the Samoan tsunami.

Thank you

Steve Black
(Principal)