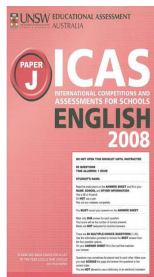


NEWSLETTER NO 5 THURSDAY 14th APRIL 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers

It's almost hard to believe that tomorrow will be the last day of Term 1. Even though this Term has been longer than the first Term of previous years, it seems to have flown by. I sincerely hope that our Year 7s have settled well into Intermediate life and are enjoying the experience. If this is not the case, please let me or your child's teacher know.

Australasian Exams



Last week a newsletter was sent home inviting parents to enter their child in the Australasian exams for Computer, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics.

The permission slip and money must be returned to the school office by tomorrow please.

Mufti Day

The red and black mufti day we held earlier in the Term to support victims of the Christchurch earthquake raised \$719.90. Thank you to you and your children for supporting a worthy cause.

Venture Class Applications

The Term 2 Venture Class has been selected and parents have been informed. As in past years we had more applications than places available which meant that a number of students were not selected. Classroom teachers have

spoken to these students and explained to them why their applications were unsuccessful. Unfortunately, there will only be one Venture Class this year as in Term 3 we have the Production and the final Term of school is only eight weeks in length.

Volleyball



Congratulations to our Volleyball teams who competed so well at the Hutt Valley Schools Volleyball tournament held recently at Avalon Intermediate. Our Year 8 girls and Year 7 girl's teams won their division while the Year 8 boys came second and the Year 7 boys third. Congratulations to all players and coaches Mr Taylor and Mr Nicol.

Production

Our Production 'Olivia' has been cast and students who have successfully auditioned for acting, dancing and chorus parts have been informed. Congratulations to all these students. Students who wanted to be in the massed choir have informed Mrs Twomey of their interest and rehearsals will begin early in Term 2. As this is one of the highlights of our cultural calendar over the two years our students are with us, we are always keen to see as many students as possible take part. This year we have 82% of our student roll involved in the Production. This is a tremendous effort.

Netball



We have eight netball teams representing us in the Saturday morning competition starting on Saturday 7th May. The girls have been trialing and have now been informed of which team they are in. We are still looking for coaches for Teams 2, 5, 7 and 8. If you can help out could you please contact Miss Waikato at school? We are also short of managers for Teams 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8. The manager's role is not a big one. You will be called upon to keep score, communicate with the players and provide support for the coach. Please also contact Miss Waikato if you can help.

Descriptive Writing



A number of classes have had a focus on creative writing in recent weeks. Students have been encouraged to write in a way which will create a picture in the reader's mind of the person that is being described by using adjectives, similes and other descriptive language. The following piece, written by Maxine Boyle in Room 14 is a good example.

Siobhan has one of those faces that shine when the light hits her. Her round, pink cheeks flush red when she's happy. Her nose is small and dotted all over with tiny little freckles. Her eyes are a mix of hazel and green. She says her eyes are 'hazeen'.

Her hair is a sort of golden brown with the odd patch of her original strawberry blonde. It hangs in big, thick curls and she likes to pin it back with two star hair clips. Siobhan is a very small girl. She is almost the height of the tip of my nose.

Siobhan is a rather thin girl but she isn't light to pick up and carry, no she weighs about my own weight. Siobhan likes her simple clothing, but when it comes to parties she is like a little diva. She always wears blue jeans and T-shirts and on special occasions she wears the odd dress.

She always will be the belle of the ball, well she will be to me.

Sausage Sizzle



The canteen will be shut tomorrow and students will need to bring lunch to school if they are not taking advantage of the sausage sizzle.

End of Term

School will close at the normal time tomorrow for the start of the holidays and reopen at 8.50am on Monday 2nd May.

Thank you all for your support this Term. The standard of uniform has been high and students have been well prepared for school. I hope your child is enjoying being at Naenae Intermediate and we are looking forward to working with him/her next Term. I wish you all an enjoyable holiday.

Minds are like parachutes, they only function when open.

Thomas Dewar

Thank you.

Steve Black
Principal