

**NEWSLETTER NO 13**  
**THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

**Music Tuition Concert**

Last Tuesday evening parents who have been paying for their children to receive music tuition lessons in guitar, drum or keyboard, were invited to school to watch their children perform. I'm sure the parents would have been very impressed with the quality of each performance and how much the students had learnt over a short period of time. A big thank you to tutors Steve Wren and Caryl Stannard. Thanks also to our music teacher Jane Coles for her excellent organisation of the evening.

**Syndicate 4 Marae Visit**



As part of their Inquiry Learning topic on Marae catering and event management Syndicate 4 spent last Thursday night at the Koraunui Marae in Stokes Valley. As well as learning about Marae protocol the students also learnt what is involved in preparing and selling a hangi. Skills learnt included market research, advertising, poster design, catering, budgeting, financial management, food preparation and customer service. Thank you very much to those of you who purchased the hangi (it was lovely wasn't it?) and a big thank you to Tofi Setefano, Peter Munn, Lynette Hurley, Louise Ryan Stickle, Cory Stickle and Ella Te Amo for helping out at the Marae. Well done also to teachers Melanie Searancke and Rachael Slade for their excellent organisation.

**Saturday Morning Netball**



The Netball season concluded on Saturday morning with prize giving held at Walter Nash Stadium. Congratulations to Teams 3, 4 and 6 who won the first round of their grades and to Team 5 who won their second round. The Netball season is a long one and games are often played in poor weather. We were very pleased with the girl's attitude, commitment to turning up for practices and games and the positive way in which they represented the school. We are also extremely grateful to the coaches and managers who did an absolutely wonderful job throughout the season. Thank you very much to the following people.

**Team 1** Natasha Lerm

**Team 2** Raychel Ioata

**Team 3** Margaret Walker and Jenny Flynn

**Team 4** Natasha Whippy and Simon Hayes

**Team 5** Jenny Ma'a and Tania Strickland

**Team 6** Tammy Murphy and Kathy Wilkinson

**Team 7** Renee AveAve

Miss Waikato for the overall management and organisation of the teams.

Achievement seems to be connected with action. Successful men and women keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.

Conrad Hilton

### **Absentees**

Most of our parents are very good at informing us when their children are going to be away from school. Thank you for this. However, if we don't hear from you, our office staff will do their best to contact you through the numbers you have given us. So please let us know as soon as possible if these numbers change. If after three consecutive days of absence where we don't hear from you and are unable to contact you, we will call the Truancy Officer Yvette Packe and ask her to pay you a visit.

### **College Enrolments**

Just a reminder for parents of Year 8 students to ensure that you have enrolled your child in a college. We have fifty students not enrolled at present.

### **Production Tickets**

Tickets go on sale for parents and family members from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

The dates of the Production are Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 starting at 7.30pm each night. Doors open at 7.15pm.

### **Persuasive Writing**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter the students have been learning how to write persuasively. Early next week the students will be sitting the 'to persuade' AsTTle test. We wish them all the best and hope that they have made significant progress since the last AsTTle writing test in June. The following is a good example of persuasive writing written by Tiana Tikimoe.

#### **"Is Goldilocks A Criminal?"**

Was Goldilocks a criminal? In my eyes she was more than just a criminal, she was a brat and a liar! Not only did she break and enter, but she caused damage to the bear's furniture. She weasled her way out of punishment.

Breaking and entering is not "okay". Even if you are a little girl waltzing through the woods, you don't go walking into strange houses without even considering the fact that trespassing is illegal.

Goldilocks damaged property, therefore she's a thieving vandalist. People say she's just an innocent little girl that found a house in the woods, but what she did in the house is unacceptable, broken chairs, stolen food and messy beds. What's next tagging? Vandalism is a crime.

"I was lost" quoted Goldilocks, but she managed to find her home quite quickly as she ran from justice. Bears all over the world should not have to put up with annoying lying girls. They deserve more.

So do you really think she should get away with this?

Do you really think we should let her off lightly? Just because she's a little girl doesn't mean she didn't lie or vandalise or even break and enter. If you commit the crime, you do the time. So join my campaign to stop crime.

Goldilocks needs to be punished one way or another.

Thank you.

Steve Black  
(Principal)