

NEWSLETTER NO 13

Thursday 20th August 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As you may be aware, measles is now circulating in New Zealand with laboratory confirmed cases in the Northland, Auckland, Waitemata and Canterbury regions. It is pleasing to note that the Wellington region is the least affected compared to other heavily populated areas of New Zealand. This is testament to your commitment in making sure your children are immunised. However, if a confirmed case of measles occurs at Naenae Intermediate, anyone who comes in contact with him/her will be required to stay away from school for a minimum of 14 days. For more information about what to do if your child contracts measles, or comes into contact with an affected person, please contact the school office on 939 8216.

School Production



A reminder that the performance dates are 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September, commencing at 7.30pm. The procedure

for the sale of tickets is as follows:

Monday 7th September - The Cast
Tuesday 8th September - The Choir
Wednesday 9th onwards - open to everyone.

Tickets will be sold between 8.00am and 9.00am and can be purchased from the school library. Tickets are then sold from 10.00am onwards from the school office. No tickets will be sold between 9.00am-10.00am. If there are any parents out there in the trucking business, would you be able to help us by picking up our scaffolding for the production? We would appreciate it very much as it would save the school a considerable amount of money.

Rugby League Tournament



This took place on Friday 7th August from 9.00am-2.30pm, at Fraser Park. We entered both a boys team and a girls team. Traditionally, this has been a very challenging tournament and up until this point our girls' team had not won a single match. I'm proud to announce that our boys AND girls teams were unbeaten in this tournament and took out 1st place! The skill factor and sticking to the coaches game plan was evident from my perspective as a spectator. All of our students, who were involved, conducted themselves extremely well with regard to behaviour and general conduct. Well done Boys and Girls Rugby League Teams and congratulations to Leigh Rangiwhetu and Stacy Taylor for brilliant coaching and organisation.

Events



A reminder that on the 26th August the Kahurangi Theatre Company will perform for the whole school. The show commences at 9.00am and tickets cost \$3.00 per student.

Curriculum

The major writing focus for this Term is 'To Describe' (mainly character). Please check what your child is doing and perhaps you can offer support in exploring a wide range of adjectives/descriptive words pertaining to a certain character.

School Website

Our school website has been recently upgraded. Two new features include a link for downloading our prospectus and enrolment forms and the opportunity to communicate with us through the link titled 'Contact Us'. Our thanks go out to Douglas Thomas and Sean McCabe from DT Tech for their professional service in website design. Our website address is: www.naenaoint.school.nz.

School Fees

During the next few weeks, students will be bringing home a statement of outstanding accounts. These will be a balance of any amounts owing to the school. There are also several outstanding amounts owing for drums, guitar and keyboard tuition. Please pay these as soon as possible.

School Band



The school band has been practicing for four weeks now and although it has not been finalised as to who the members will be for 'Battle of the Bands', the students have been practicing hard and are starting to sound like a real band!

Maori Community Hui

A date has been set for this Hui to take place: Tuesday 27th October, in the school hall. It is a National Education Guideline for all schools to have an active consultation process with the local Maori Community. This is to ensure that schools meet the needs of Maori students and provide the best possible opportunities for learning and personal well-being. A survey will go out prior to the Hui, with the date to be confirmed soon.

After School Care

Natarsha Williams, the supervisor of the before and after school care at Epuni School, would like to pass on the following information:

- This is an Oscar approved Programme, which means that WINZ helps with most of the children's child care.
- They have been running for about 8 years and have spaces available for children years 1 - 8.
- They have a pick up service after school. This extra service is only \$5.00 per week, per child

Here are the details:

Location: Epuni Primary School Assembly Hall, Waiwhetu Road

Hours: Monday - Friday 7.30am - 8.30am and 3.00pm - 6.00pm

Rates: \$5.00 per hour (discounts and WINZ weekly subsidies available)

Call: Natarsha Williams-Nuku on 567820 or 0273677437 or Philippa Rose on 9719211 or 0276738699.

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