

## NEWSLETTER NO 5 THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL

### **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

Welcome to the start of Term 2. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday and made the most of the lovely weather. Once again we have another busy Term in store for our students and you will soon receive a newsletter from your child's syndicate leader outlining details of the Term 2 classroom programme. Our major events this Term include Ball preparation and parent interviews.

### **Venture Class**

The first Venture Class for the year started on Monday and the students have an exciting Term ahead of them. A very special welcome to new Venture Class teacher Mrs Pace.

### **Intermediate School Education**

Alongside the academic achievement of Year 7 and 8 students I wrote about in the last Newsletter, Intermediate Schools have been entrusted with the responsibility to ensure appropriate social development programmes are provided. Since 1890, for over 114 years, New Zealand has believed that this age group requires education in schools that meet the specific requirements of these students. In New Zealand currently, about 60% of all Year 7 and 8 students are educated in Intermediate Schools. A wide variety of programmes that support the social development of 10 - 13 year olds are offered by Intermediate schools. At

Naenae Intermediate these programmes include:

- Camp
- Production
- Leisure Education
- Biennial Ball
- End of year Disco
- Strong health programmes targeting the needs of early adolescence.
- An active student council.
- Composite Year 7 and 8 classes that allow peer leadership to develop.

But the most important structure we have in place for developing the needs of this age group is a dedicated team of teachers whose sole focus is in working with students of this age group. A recent national ERO report on middle level schooling commented that the overwhelming strength of Intermediate Schools was that the entire school, buildings, equipment, budgets, staffing and community support was focused on meeting the specific and unique needs of this age group.

### **Immunisation Certificate Reminder**

As it is a Ministry of Education requirement, we need a copy of your child's immunisation certificate. This can be found in the back of your child's Tamariki Ora Well Child book. Could you please bring your child's immunisation certificate to the office so we can take a photocopy and keep it on file.

## Netball Competition

The Saturday morning netball competition starts on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May and we have seven teams taking part. Thank you very much to those parents who have indicated they are willing to coach or manage a team - I wish you all the best for the season. Unfortunately we have yet to find a coach for Team 5. If you have a child in this team could you please consider coaching. Contact Marcia Waikato or the school office if you are able to assist.

## Nutrition

We have noticed through our enquiries and observations that there are large numbers of students who do not have breakfast and/or do not bring lunch to school. As you will be aware students of this age are growing at a considerable rate and require a level of nutrition to match this growth. A good nutritious breakfast gives them much needed energy and assists them in staying alert and fully focused on their learning. Research tells us that without adequate food a student's education may suffer through tiredness and an inability to concentrate. Please ensure that your child has breakfast each morning and something to eat at lunch time.



## Cold Weather

Although we have had lovely weather over the last few days, cold, wet winter weather is not far away. Please encourage your child to wear their sweatshirt and consider purchasing long pants from the school office. They cost either \$40 or \$42.00 depending on size. Also, students **are** permitted to wear a coat (not a cotton hoodie) to and from school. Please encourage this on wet days.



## Tweens and Teens Toolbox

Would you be interested in attending a six week course on parenting teenagers? Modules will include:

- Home atmosphere
- Setting boundaries
- Communication
- Positive discipline
- Self esteem
- Inspiring teenagers
- Coping with troublesome issues.

The course will be run in our school library by trained facilitators on consecutive Mondays (except Queens Birthday) beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The course will start at 7.00pm and finish at 9.00pm. Costs are \$30.00 for one parent or \$50.00 for two. You will also receive a handbook for future reference and a year's subscription to Parenting magazine. If you are interested please ring Natalie on 934 - 8483 or email [huttbx@parentsinc.org.nz](mailto:huttbx@parentsinc.org.nz)

## Board of Trustee Elections

Nominations for parent representatives on the Board of Trustees close tomorrow at 12.00 pm. Nomination forms were posted to homes several weeks ago. We are very keen to have as many nominations as possible, so please consider filling out the form and dropping it off at the school office. If you have lost your form, we have more copies at school.

The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.  
Theodore Roosevelt

Thank you

Steve Black  
(Principal)