

NEWSLETTER NO 9
THURSDAY 23rd JUNE 2011

Student Progress Meetings

Over the last two weeks the teachers have been released from classroom duties to meet with students individually to discuss progress in reading, writing and maths. The teacher shows the student their test scores and points out where they are compared with national standards and expected levels for his/her class level. Together they discuss the next learning steps for the student in each subject i.e. what they have to do in order for them to make progress over the second half of the year. Information from these discussions is transferred to the report form which will assist students when discussing the report with their parents.

Mid Year Reports/Parent Interviews

Mid year reports will be sent home with students on Friday 8th July. Next week your child will bring home a 'request for interview' form. There is a tear off section at the bottom of this form where you can indicate an approximate time for the interview with your child's teacher on either Monday 11th or Tuesday 12th July. When the report comes home your confirmed interview time will be

in the envelope. If the interview time does not suit or you are just not available on the 11th or 12th then please contact your child's teacher and work out a convenient time. Students of parents who do not make a time to meet the teacher will not receive their reports until Term 3.

Information Evening



Our Information Evening for parents of Year 6 students will be held in the school hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th June (next week). During the evening Mr Papas, Mrs Twomey and I will show a powerpoint presentation about the school and also a DVD which we show the Year 6 students during their orientation visit in November. Parents will also receive a tour of the school if they wish.

Production Update

Rehearsals are going well and staff members are very pleased with the progress the students are making. If you have any old make-up, men's jackets and trousers and ladies long skirts that you no longer need, our wardrobe department would be very pleased to receive them. T-shirt orders need to be with Mrs Twomey by 8th July 2011.

Naenae and Taita College Visits

These have gone really well with students making the most of the opportunity to experience college life. Once you have made your choice as to which college your child will be attending in 2012 then please enroll them as soon as you can. If you leave this task until the end of the year choices for courses may become limited. College enrolment forms can be dropped off at our office and we will pass them on.

Boys and Girls Hockey Tournaments

These two tournaments were held recently at Fraser Park. Although none of our teams featured in the finals, they competed extremely well and enjoyed the experience of mixing with students from other Intermediates.



Basketball Finals

We have four teams competing in the after school basketball competition at Walter Nash Stadium. The semi finals were played yesterday and our top girl's team beat Hutt Intermediate to go into the final next week. Our second girl's team beat St Peters and Pauls and will be in the 2nd division final for 5th and 6th position. Unfortunately our Year 7 boys lost in double overtime to Muritai School and will be in the play off for 3rd and 4th next week. The Year 8 boys lost narrowly to Hutt Intermediate and will also be in the 3rd/4th play off.



Band Auditions



The Wellington Schools Battle of the Bands competition is being held in October and Mr Papas has begun auditions already. On

Tuesday students auditioned for lead and back up singer positions. Over the following weeks he will be auditioning for drums, lead guitar, rhythm guitar, bass guitar and keyboards. If your child has some musical talent, please encourage them to try out.

Said The Writer to the Reader.

Said the writer to the reader. "The words were in my head. I put them on the page and now they're there instead".

Said the reader to the writer. "I heard what you just said. I read them off the page and now they're in my head".

Trish Puharich

Cricket Holiday Programme

Cricket Wellington is organising a programme of fun cricket activities for two weeks during the July school holidays. For more information and enrolments phone Asoka or Ivan on 471 - 2157. Alternatively you can visit their website www.cricketwellington.co.nz

Thank you.

Steve Black
Principal