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THURSDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2010

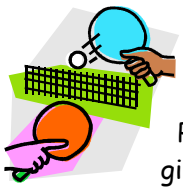
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 3 and the staff and students are looking forward to the holidays. This week we have hosted Education Review Office staff who are undertaking a three yearly review of our school. They have been visiting classes and meeting with staff, students and members of the Board of Trustees. They will report back their findings to the Board and Senor Staff this afternoon and we will receive a written report early next Term.

Intermediate Schools Rugby Tournament

Unfortunately, we have lost the title of the best Intermediate rugby team in Wellington. This title which we had held for two years was cruelly taken from us when we lost the semi final to Raroa Intermediate by 21 – 0. Raroa went on to win the final against Maidstone Intermediate 7 – 5. Our team played very well and won all three games in pool play. Well done to all players and coach Mr Taylor.

Inter school Table Tennis



Twenty four students represented the school at a tournament in Petone last week. Our girl's team did very well by finishing second in their division while our boy's teams faced some very tough opposition and weren't placed in the top three teams. Coach Mr Brightwell said our students participated extremely well and showed great sportsmanship.

Cultural Exchange

Last Thursday sixty members of our cultural group took part in a cultural festival at Hutt Intermediate. The seven schools taking part all had an opportunity to perform for the rest of the groups. Our group performed extremely well. Their pride in themselves and in representing their school shone through their performance and was commented on by many of those attending.

Swimming Sports

Today our school swimming sports were held at the Naenae Pool. As in previous years we had large numbers of students participating and in the first Newsletter of next term I'll give you details of place getters in each event.

Venture Class

Term 3 Venture Class presented their inquiry learning projects to their parents on Tuesday afternoon. The ideas for their inquiries were developed after a trip to Zealandia (National wildlife centre in Karori) and were based on a conservation theme. I was really impressed with the quality of the work they produced and in their confidence when speaking about their work to parents.

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Farewell

As this was the last Venture Class for the year we will be saying farewell to teacher Linda Pace on Friday. We have enjoyed having Linda on the staff. She has done an excellent job as Venture Class teacher and we wish her all the very best for the future.

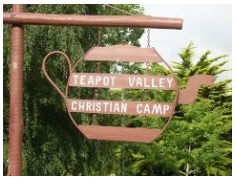
Gifted Kids Programme

The Gifted Kids Programme had their 'On the Edge of Success' evening in our hall last week. We have twenty students in GKP and they enjoyed sharing their creative thinking activities with the many parents who were present on the night.

Long Service Award

Congratulations to long serving Board of Trustee members Paul Alcock and Graeme Ross who received long service awards from the Schools Trustees Association on Monday night. Graeme has had a 21 year association with our school, firstly as a member of the school committee and then as member of the first Board of Trustees in 1989. Paul has also given 21 years of service to Boards of Trustees - at Naenae School, Naenae College and Naenae Intermediate. Congratulations gentlemen.

Camps



Syndicate camps to Teapot Valley in the South Island are planned for next Term. They are as follows:

Syndicate 6 – Week 5. 8th – 12th November
Syndicate 3 – Week 6. 15th – 19th November
Syndicate 4 – Week 7. 22nd – 26th November
Syndicate 2 and 5 – Week 8. - 29th November – 3rd December.

The cost of the camp is $290.00 which must be paid in full before the start of camp.

Dental Clinic

Work will start on the new regional dental clinic on Monday. This will be sited on our property parallel to the Naenae College driveway.

Canned Food and Drink

We haven't had a great response to our request for each child to bring a tin of canned food and a bottle of water to school. Our plan is to store these provisions at school in case of a large earthquake where students may have to stay at school until they can be picked by a designated caregiver. Could you please support us with this?

Canteen

The canteen will be closed tomorrow. Students will need to bring lunch to school.

Union Meeting

Staff will be attending a union meeting at school starting at 1.00 pm on Thursday 14th October. Students will be sent home from school at 12.35 pm. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Holidays

School will finish at the usual time tomorrow for the start of the holidays and re open at 8.50am on Monday 11th October.

Thank you very much for all your support this Term and I look forward to working with you next Term.

Thank you

Steve Black
(Principal)