

## NEWSLETTER NO 10

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers



As is the case in neighbouring schools we have large numbers of students away with the flu and once more we are reminding parents to keep their children at home if they have any signs of illness - runny nose, cough, headache, fever etc. Most of you are doing this and I would like to thank you all for your support. Hygiene measures should continue, including hand washing before and after eating, keeping hands away from mouths and covering mouths when coughing or sneezing. Care should be taken that students who have particular medical conditions or who are susceptible to infection avoid contact with people who have symptoms.

#### Farewell



Sadly, Vicki Adam our Venture Class teacher is leaving to take up a position with the Gifted Kids Programme based at Rata Street School from the beginning of Term 3. However, Vicki has agreed to work at Naenae Intermediate on Wednesdays during Term 3 as she is co-director of the Production. We are very grateful for that! Meredith Morris, currently our extension class teacher has agreed to replace Vicki in Term 4. Vicki has been a wonderful teacher, an outstanding director of many

Productions and we are grateful for the work she has done assisting teachers develop thinking skills and understand the inquiry learning process. She has been a highly regarded member of staff and given outstanding service to the students and school for twenty-two years! We wish her all the very best at Rata Street School and are pleased that we won't be losing contact with her, as she will be working with a number of our students who are enrolled at the Gifted Kids Programme.

Behold the tortoise. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.



James B Conant

#### Parent Interviews 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June.

On Monday a newsletter was sent home for parents to request an interview with their child's teacher. Hopefully, you will have all done this, as we feel it is very important for you to meet with your child's teacher, to discuss his/her progress over the first half of the year. If you have already requested an interview, a confirmed interview time will be sent home tomorrow with your child's report. If you have not requested an interview, your child's report will be sent home early next Term. **School will close at 2.30pm on Monday and Tuesday for teachers to prepare their rooms.**

## Book Fair



Mrs Walker is hosting a Book Fair in the library and students will have an opportunity to browse over the books during the next few days. We are hoping that while you are waiting for your interview or even after your interview, on Monday or Tuesday, you will call into the library and purchase your child a book or two. Proceeds will go towards purchasing books for the library.

## Term 3 Instrument Tuition

If your child has been learning an instrument at school (drums, keyboard, guitar, trumpet) in Term 2, they will be bringing home an enrolment form to continue their lessons in Term 3. This needs to be signed and returned to school. Spaces do become available in this programme and if you would like your child to learn an instrument at school, at a cost of \$10.00 per lesson, please ask your child to pick up a 'music tuition' form at the office for you to sign. There is a small waiting list for drums at the moment.

**Also, there are a number of students who have not paid Term 2 music fees. These need to be paid at the school office immediately.**

## Community Survey

Thank you very much to those of you who filled out and returned the Community Survey. So far we have had a 40% return and we are hoping to receive a few more. The survey has identified areas where we are doing well and also areas where we need to improve. I plan to provide you with a summary of findings and publish it in the Newsletter early in Term 4.

## Sabbatical

The Ministry of Education and our Board of Trustees have granted me leave from school next Term to undertake a period of study. My plan is to visit schools and talk with Principals about their school organisation, any successful new initiatives they may have introduced to their school and how they are implementing the new curriculum. I'm sure that this interaction will benefit our school on my return. Deputy Principal, Peter Papas will act as Principal in my absence and be ably assisted by Assistant Principal, Clair Twomey.

## Production

Order forms and money (\$15.00) for Production T shirts need to be returned to the school office by next Friday, the last day of Term. These will be a great memento.

## Foodbank Appeal



The annual Lower Hutt Food Bank house to house appeal will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Contributors are asked to place non perishable grocery items in the bag that will be delivered with the Hutt News on Tuesday prior to appeal day.

## End of Term 2

School will close for the end of Term 2 at the normal time on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

I wish you and your family an enjoyable holiday and we look forward to your continued support next Term.

**Steve Black  
(Principal)**