

## NEWSLETTER NO 19

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

#### Dear Parents/Caregivers

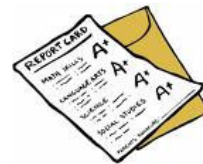
Syndicate camps have been a huge success so far and the students are having a wonderful time. Syndicate 4 is away this week and next week Syndicate 2 and 5 will be on camp. The weather has been excellent and all planned activities have gone ahead. Unfortunately, we have had several reported cases of quite severe sun burn. So if your child is in Syndicate 2 or 5 and they are heading off to camp next week, please warn them of the dangers of sunburn and encourage them to cover up during the hottest part of the day, (even when the weather is overcast) and use lots of sun block. Teachers on camp will also be encouraging students to do this.

#### Farewell

Unfortunately, we are losing a number of teachers at the end of the year. Mr Rangiwhetu, who has been on the staff for thirteen years, has won a position at Our Lady of the Rosary School. Mr Rangiwhetu has been a very popular member of staff both with the students and staff. We thank him for thirteen outstanding years of service to the school and wish him all the best in his new position. Ms Ung is emigrating to Australia with her family, Miss Page will be teaching overseas next year and Mrs Ballantyne, our part time drama teacher is leaving as we don't have the staffing to retain her position in 2011. All three of these teachers have made valuable contributions to Naenae Intermediate and we are very sorry to see them leave. All the very best for the future! Both

Mr Brightwell and Miss Williams are taking a year's leave of absence and we hope they will return to us at the beginning of 2012.

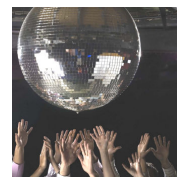
#### Student Reports



Student reports including Technology and Arts reports will be sent home on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Once again student's progress in reading, writing and maths will be measured against national standards for these subjects. Included in the report envelope will be a letter of explanation (the same one you received with the mid year report) plus a pamphlet from the Ministry of Education on how you can assist your child with their school work at home.

#### Leavers Dinner and Disco



Next week you will receive a newsletter from Miss Waikato informing you of this event planned for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The Leavers Dinner is for our Year 8 students only, but the Year 7s can join them later in the evening for the disco. This is a great night and is a celebration of the two years the Year 8s have been with us. We hope that all students will be able to attend. However, there is a prerequisite for entry to this event. All Technicraft, uniform, Venture Class and sports fees must be paid. Could you please support us with this as we want all students to attend.

## End of Year Assembly



This will be held on the last day of school, **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. It

is another annual highlight and is always well supported by our parents. The assembly starts at 10.00am and will involve speeches, singing and prize giving. Parents of students who are receiving awards and trophies will be informed prior to the event by either Ms Browne or their class teacher. Please arrive early if you would like a seat. The assembly will finish at approximately 12.00pm and the students will be free to go home.

## Year 8 Uniform

If you would like to donate your child's uniform to our school at the end of the year, we would be very grateful as we often have a need for second hand uniform.

## Library Books



Our Librarian, Mrs Walker has informed me that as of today we have 94 library books that haven't been returned yet. A letter will be sent home this week informing parents of the outstanding books. Could you please make every effort to find these books and return them to the library? At the end of the year all students will receive a Year Book which is a great memento of their time at Naenae Intermediate. However, if students have not returned their library books or paid the overdue fine (detailed in the letter), they will not receive the Year Book. I know this sounds a bit tough, but if the books are not returned we have to spend next year's budget replacing them and then there is very little money left over to buy new titles.

## Non-Returning Year 7 Students

If your Year 7 student is not returning in 2011, could you please let the School Office know as soon as possible.

## Canteen

The canteen will be closed from Tuesday 14 December 2010. Students will need to bring their own lunch for Tuesday and Wednesday. School closes on Thursday 16 December 2010 at 12 noon.

## Interschool swimming

In the last newsletter Jacob Hogwood was omitted from the list of students who were involved in the interschool swimming team. Well done Jacob.

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

**Malcolm Forbes**

Thank you

Steve Black  
Principal