

**NEWSLETTER NO 13
THURSDAY 26th AUGUST 2010**

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Venture Class

The theme for Venture Class this Term is Our Environment. As a way of providing motivation for the topic, the class recently visited Zealandia, the national Wildlife Sanctuary in Karori. From this visit the students have developed an inquiry based on their own interest in the topic. Topics covered include wind farming, wetas, conservation of protected species, designing rat traps, native birds and recycled fashion. As well as researching their topic in depth they are also working on a presentation to be given to parents at the end of the Term.

The group of students creating recycled fashion would like to receive donations of old clothes, fabric, plastic bags and paper bags. If you can help out please drop your contribution off at the Venture Class or school office. Any unused clothing at the completion of the inquiry will be placed in re-cycle bins.

Artsplash



Congratulations to our students who represented the school so well last week at this event. Members of the choir enjoyed being part of a bigger choir comprising students from many Wellington schools. A special mention must be made of Tui Tagata and Sapphire Harris who danced so well during the

Michael Jackson number. On Thursday night our dance groups performed their routine without a glitch and were vocal in their support of other schools that performed on the night. Thank you also for the excellent support we received from our parents in picking their children up at the end of the performances.

Successful Grants

We have been successful with two applications for funding recently. We received \$775.00 from Hutt City Council Creative Communities to pay for the buses that took our students to the Michael Fowler Centre for Artsplash and \$2500.00 from the Hutt Mana Charitable Trust to pay for goalposts for our new rugby/soccer field. Thank you very much to both of these organisations.

The Ball - Wednesday 1st September.

Our school ball is only a few days away



now and the students are getting very excited. A notice went home on

Monday informing students of what they need to bring for supper. This will be collected from them when they arrive at the hall. On the day of the Ball they will receive their Ball entry ticket and a further reminder notice.

Visit to Naenae College

Yesterday the whole school (except for students attending the Inter school Rugby League Tournament) visited Naenae College to see their Kapa Haka Group perform. We were really impressed with the high standard of performance and the pride the students exhibited in performing for their school.

Uniform

Thank you for your support with ensuring that your child wears full school uniform to school everyday. Two weeks ago we felt that the standard of uniform was slipping so we threatened the students with a uniform detention. On the day of the detention only two students didn't have full uniform - long may this situation remain!!!

Saturday Netball

Saturday netball finished on Saturday and I would like to thank the following coaches and managers for all their hard work and commitment throughout a long (and wet) season. We really appreciate your efforts:

Team 1 - Rhian Williams

Team 2 - Margaret Walker/Jenny Flynn

Team 3 - Roxanne Taggart

Team 4 - Maroke Kepa

Team 5 - Ingrid Bishop/Megan McKeefry

Team 6 - Emma Page

Team 7 - Tammy Murphy

A special thank you to Grace Thompson for umpiring many of our games this year.

Congratulations to the following teams for winning a round of their competition during the season:

Round 1 - Team 3

Round 2 - Team 1

A big thank you once again to staff member Marcia Waikato for her excellent co-ordination of our teams this year.

Interschool Netball Tournament

Yesterday the Interschool Netball Tournament was held at the Mungavin Courts in Porirua. Both teams played well and made it through to the semi finals. Unfortunately, this was as far as they went but they had a most enjoyable day. Thank you to Trina Waikato, Natasha Lerm and Grace Thompson for their coaching and umpiring on the day.

Inter school Rugby League

This tournament was also played yesterday with our boy's team finishing a creditable third. The girls also did well finishing second in a round - robin tournament. Congratulations to all players and coach Stacy Taylor.

BB Guns

A number of our students have been buying plastic toy BB Guns from the Coin Save in Naenae. These guns fire little plastic pellets which could cause damage if a student was hit in the eye. They are banned from school, but I have had reports from parents telling me that students have been using them after school. Could you please support us by encouraging your child not to play with these dangerous toys?

Students crossing Walters and High Street

No matter how often we remind them some of our students have very little road sense. I apologise to those of you who have had to take evasive action to avoid our students and thank you for your care and vigilance.

Thank you

Steve Black
(Principal)