

Newsletter No 1

THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers

A warm welcome to all our new parents, new students and returning students as we head into 2009. It was a pleasure on the first day of school to welcome our new students to Naenae Intermediate and it was pleasing to note that the vast majority of students were wearing full school uniform. It was also great to see a large number of parents accompanying their children to school and I hope we see a lot more of you throughout the year. The students have settled very well to their new classes and the teachers have been busy establishing classroom routines and expectations for work standards and behaviour.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Emma Page to our staff. Emma is a Beginning Teacher and has made an excellent start to her teaching career.

Meet the Teacher Evening

We invite all parents and caregivers to meet with us in the hall at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 17th February** for an introduction to the staff and to hear about the programmes planned for 2009. Syndicate leaders and teachers will then meet with you in classrooms to give additional information and to discuss any issues you have regarding your child's education.

School Picnic

This will be held at Days Bay next Wednesday the 18th February. Trip details were sent home on Monday.

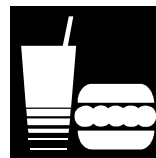
Teachers Inservice Day

Early notice is given of a teacher's inservice day on Wednesday 4th March.

Our staff will be joining with the staff of Avalon Intermediate to work with Andrew Fuller. Andrew is a clinical psychologist who works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally. He specializes in the well being of young people and their families. Andrew spoke at last year's National Intermediate Principal's Conference in Wellington and was extremely well received. I'm sure our staff will learn a lot from him. Students will be permitted to stay at home on this day as long as they can be supervised by an adult. A relieving teacher will be employed at school for those students who are unable to be supervised at home.

Lunches

Lunches can be purchased at school and a price list is attached to this newsletter. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds to purchase lunch. If you would like your child to go home for lunch please provide them with a note and then a lunch pass can be obtained from Mr. Papas, Deputy Principal.



Uniform

As mentioned earlier the standard of uniform was excellent on the first day. However, there were a small number of students with incorrect footwear. Could you please rectify this situation as soon as possible? If you have any doubt as to what constitutes correct footwear, please contact your child's teacher or the school office. Please make sure that all uniform is clearly named as we quickly accumulate a large pile of unnamed lost property.

Newsletter



An official school newsletter will be sent home **every second Thursday**. If your child does not bring home a newsletter on this day please ask him/her where it is. Spare copies will be available from the school office. If you would prefer to have the newsletter emailed, please contact Karen Browne at the office.

Student Absence

If your child is going to be away, please ring by 9.15am and let us know. Messages may also be left on our Message Line during the night or early morning. The Message/Absentee Line number is 939 - 8265. Press #1 for absentees Press #2 to hear the notices. If we haven't heard from you by 9.15am parent helpers will start phoning home and work numbers.

If your child is late to school they must report to the office, before going to their classroom. This assists us when doing the absentees; otherwise we will assume they have not arrived at school and attempt to phone you.

School Fees

Please pay these as soon as possible. They are as follows:
 School donation - \$60.00 for 1 student or \$80.00 per family.
 Technicraft fee - \$60.00 per student.
 Thank you to the families who have already paid this year's fees.

Money for class trips/picnic/shows/Leisure Education etc

Please ask your child to bring their permission slip and money to the class, instead of the office. The teacher will mark off the payment in a notebook and send the class money box over to the office for banking. Thank you for your co-operation as this helps us to streamline the process.

Computer and Internet Usage

At Naenae Intermediate we want our students to use the computers and access the Internet in order to further their education. We take care in ensuring that our students use the computers safely and do not view any inappropriate material. Attached to this newsletter is a list of rules governing the use of computers and the Internet at school. Could you please read the agreement with your child, sign it and return it to school.

TERM DATES FOR 2009	
Term 1	4th February - 9 th April
Term 2	27 th April - 3rd July
Term 3	20 th July- 25 th September
Term 4	12 th October - 17 th Dec.

I'm sure 2009 is going to be another successful year at Naenae Intermediate and I look forward to working with you all.

Thank you

Steve Black
 (Principal)

