

## NEWSLETTER NO 4

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009

#### **LOTE and Leisure Education**

Our Languages Other Than English programme started yesterday with Year 7 students being taught either Maori or French (they will do both languages throughout the year) and Year 8s being taught either Japanese or German. In addition, we are offering Spanish for the first time with Miss Page working with a composite group of Year 7 and 8 students. Students who opted to join the Cultural Group will be meeting at this time to learn new songs and gain an appreciation of Maori and Pacifica culture.

The Leisure Education programme also started yesterday with students opting in to activities such as jewellery making, squash, handball, summer salads, volleyball, rugby 7s, balsa wood gliders, table tennis, music appreciation, skateboarding, storming the heights and computer graphics. Please ask your child what activity he/she is involved in.

#### **Goal Setting Sheets**

Hopefully your child brought home a goal setting sheet last week. Could you please read this together with your child and throughout the year check on the progress he/she is making at meeting the goals. This progress will also be reviewed at the Parent/ Teacher interviews in June.

#### **School Photos**

Class and individual photos will be taken Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Correct money in the envelopes sent home last week must be returned to school before this date.

#### **Sausage Sizzle**

The canteen will be closed on the last day of Term. However, the PTA will be holding a sausage sizzle. An order form is attached to this Newsletter.

#### **Parking in Walters Street**



When picking up your child after school could you please refrain from parking on the yellow lines? As well as cars narrowly missing each other as they pass in the street, there have been incidences of students nearly being run over as they cross the road to get into an illegally parked car.

#### **Milo Cup cricket**



The girls successful run in this competition came to an abrupt end last week with a loss to Tawa Intermediate. However the girls are to be commended for their efforts and their sportsmanship which was commented on by opposition coaches.

The boy's team have had two good wins against Eastern Hutt and Wainui Intermediate. Their next game is against Wellesley College.

## Volleyball



Congratulations to Syndicate 4 who made a clean sweep of the Inter syndicate volleyball competition by winning both the boys and girls leagues. A team to represent the school at the Inter school competition on the 8<sup>th</sup> April will be selected shortly.

## Netball



Miss Waikato has been running Netball trials for the competition which starts at the beginning of Term 2. Once again we will be relying on our parents to manage and coach the teams. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles could you please contact Miss Waikato at school?

## Inter - schools Athletic Meeting

This event was held yesterday at Newtown Park in Wellington and is one of the highlights on the sporting calendar with all Wellington Intermediates taking part. Naenae Intermediate won this event last year, but unfortunately we couldn't defend the title in 2009. However, we finished a creditable 5<sup>th</sup> and were very pleased with our student's effort and attitude. Well done to all our competitors and a big thank you to Miss Waikato for selecting and training the team. Results will be published in the next newsletter.

## Cultural Activities

Our Cultural Group is the largest we have had in recent times with 210 students involved. Practices have begun and as mentioned earlier, the group will be meeting during LOTE.

Auditions have started for the Term 3 Production with students trying out for solo singing parts. Auditions for three part harmony choirs and dancers will be

held in the near future. Please encourage your child to be part of Production as this will be their only opportunity to do so.

Music teacher Jane Coles is working with selected students in Grade 1, 2 and 3 music theory on Wednesday mornings.

Groups of students are receiving lessons in drums, keyboard, guitar and trumpet with tutor Steve Wren. Students are withdrawn from class to attend these lessons and there is a cost to parents. If you would like your child to join the waiting list he/she can pick up a music tuition form from the school office.

## Venture Class



Venture Class will run during Terms 2 and 4 this year. Once again it is proving very popular with many Year 8 students applying for a place. There are strict criteria for being selected and unfortunately we only have places for 20 students each Term. Successful applicants will receive confirmation of placement before the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## End of Term

School closes for the end of Term on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at the normal time of 2.50pm. Term 2 begins at 8.50am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you.

**Steve Black**  
(Principal)