

NEWSLETTER NO 7 THURSDAY 26th MAY 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are heading towards the middle of a very busy and productive term and the students have shown a great deal of commitment in the various activities they have undertaken. Rehearsals for our School Production are well under way and I have already noticed the progress made so far.

Year 6 Visits

Recently we have had Year 6 students visit us from the local contributing schools. They enjoyed the variety of activities that they participated in and left with a great impression of Naenae Intermediate. Parents of any Year 6's who may have been absent during these visits are welcome to call into Naenae Intermediate and pick up a 2012 School Prospectus.

Wednesday Basketball

This is the third week of participation for our four basketball teams that are competing in the Hutt Valley Year 7 & 8 Competition. All games are held at Walter Nash Stadium on Wednesdays from 3.45pm - 6.00pm. The students have been competing well and they certainly look like they're enjoying themselves. Thanks to parents and coaches for all your help and support.

ICAS Exams

The ICAS Exams (International Competition and Assessment for Schools)

commenced on Tuesday 24th May with Computer Skills. If your child has missed out on enrolling for these exams and you would like him/her to take part, please contact me through the school office as there may be an opportunity for one or two more enrolments. The deadline for this is Tuesday 7th June. Exams available are Science, Spelling, Writing, English and Maths. All exams cost \$7.50 with the exception of Writing (\$17.50) and Spelling (\$9.50).

Sevens Rugby

Unfortunately the Sevens Rugby Tournament has been cancelled again this year due to poor weather. Many thanks to Stacy Taylor for training the team and the students themselves for showing great enthusiasm and commitment in their preparation for this tournament.

School Cross-Country

Although the recent weather has caused the cancellation of the Sevens Tournament, we were fortunate enough to have our School Cross-Country yesterday morning. This is a challenging event and I was impressed with the effort applied by so many students in the school. The top placements in the Year 7 & 8 Boys and Girls categories will represent our school in the Inter-School Cross Country Competition which will take place on Wednesday 1st June. Congratulations to the following who finished in the top 10:

Year 7 Girls

Honestly Morete-Watene	Rm 6
Paris Nicholson	Rm 18
Denna Shaw	Rm 11
Danica Glover	Rm 18
Taya Johnson	Rm 16
Teagan Tautala-Hanita	Rm 18
Kashaya Collier	Rm 12
Renee Ring	Rm 13
Chyenne Tangapiri	Rm 12
Jaime-Lee Jamieson	Rm 14

Year 7 Boys

Chris Aumua	Rm 12
Ben Cusin	Rm 5
Solomon Isingizwe	Rm 15
Zeph Ryan	Rm 13
Sean du Chateau	Rm 18
William Rua	Rm 6
Eligh Arthur	Rm 20
Lars van Beusekom	Rm 5
Sakeriye Abdul	Rm 12
Tino Chiura	Rm 18

Year 8 Girls

Ariel Hemara	Rm 20
Marie George	Rm 16
Lily McKeefry	Rm 19
Danche Anae	Rm 19
Lakyn Irving	Rm 13
Orlane Antoun	Rm 11
Tayla Taggart	Rm 6
April Tualapiu	Rm 19
Chelus Knowles	Rm 20
Aroha Pomare	Rm 13

Year 8 Boys

Robbie Hawkins	Rm 11
Abdi Kalif	Rm 13
Te Omeka Tangiwai-Billing	Rm 15
Jordan Gear-Campbell	Rm 20
Toby Kham	Rm 6
Huntah McGregor	Rm 13
Che Rapira	Rm 14
James Jessop	Rm 19
Isaac Polaczuk	Rm 5
Liam Jones	Rm 16

Taita College Open Day

The Year 8 students will be visiting the college on Tuesday 21st June from 9.30am-12.30pm. We will be transporting them to and from the college by bus. The Taita College Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 22nd June from 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Saturday Netball

An important reminder that there are no games this Saturday 28th May and the next round commences on Saturday 11th June.

Descriptive Writing

Our writing focus during this Term has been on 'Descriptive Writing'. The students have been taught a number of writing conventions to complete descriptive reports on people of their choice. Below is an excerpt from a 40 minute AsTTle Writing assessment by Tayne Callaghan Room 13.

"Full of Love"

This loving, caring lady swamps me with love. Everything she does makes you feel like you're her number one priority. She has luscious red hair, like Sharon Osborne's; tweaked with brown. Big, brown, beautiful eyes on a chocolate brown skin stand out the most. She is what every Nan should be, but she has something special ... her unconditional love.

My Nan is a smart person. She always figures out an alternative way and the outcome is always perfect. Or near enough! She is sort of like the modern Einstein in our family. She loves having us over and when we get to her house, she treats us like royalty...

Even though I don't see her very often, I love her more than anything in the world and cherish all the time I spend with her.

Numeracy

Currently we are learning about using strategies to solve Addition and Subtraction problems. The modern curriculum encourages students to choose the appropriate strategies in order to find solutions to various questions. You may assist your child by asking questions such as "show me how you came to that conclusion", or "is there another way to solve...?"

Thank You

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