

## NEWSLETTER NO 19 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009

### Writing Results



Students have recently completed the end of year asTTle writing test. For this piece of writing, students had to describe a person that was important to them. Most of the students chose a family or friend to write about. When we compared the results of this piece of writing with the February results, we noticed that our students had made significant progress. In fact, on average, the students have moved two sub levels. Sub levels (beginning, proficient, advanced) are stages within each curriculum level which you can see on our report form. Of course many students will have done better than this and possibly moved up an entire curriculum level. We are really pleased with these results and congratulate the students on their hard work. Ask your child how they got on.

### Interschool swimming

Eleven students represented the school at this event recently. This is a really tough competition as most of the students competing are from swimming clubs. A number of students did very well by reaching the finals and our best result was a third placing for one of our relay teams. Well done to all our students for their attitude and behaviour on the day.

### Girls Softball Tournament



This was held last Friday at Newlands Park in Newlands and involved all the Intermediate schools in the Wellington region. Our girls did very well by finishing a creditable fourth. Congratulations to all players and coach Marcia Waikato.

### Art Display

Congratulations to the following students who had their work displayed publicly at Pataka Art Museum in Porirua, the Reading Complex in Courtenay Place and Expressions in Upper Hutt recently:

Kendall Bailey	Rm 18
Greylynn Talataina	Rm 13
Leah Agustin	Rm 11
Stephen Thorpe	Rm 11
Hawo Ali Mohamud	Rm 6
Martin Chau	Rm 11
Maveni Kaufononga	Rm 5
Destinee Brown	Rm 8
Diana Oloapu	Rm 9
Rajan Reddy	Rm 5

### Library Books

As we approach the end of the year it is very important that all library books are returned. At present we have many books outstanding and it will cost us a small fortune to replace them if they are not returned.

## Cultural Evening

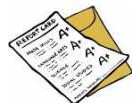


Once again this was a great success with wonderful support from our parents. We were so proud of our students. They performed beautifully and represented the school really well. Thank you very much to our community for their generosity. \$1135.00 was raised for the Samoan Tsunami Relief Fund. A big thank you to Mr Rangiwhetu for organising the event and doing a great job as MC on the night.

## Leavers Dinner and Disco

Tomorrow you will receive a newsletter from Miss Waikato informing you of this event planned for Tuesday 15<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.

## Student Reports



Student reports including Technology and Arts reports will be sent home on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## End of Year Assembly

This will be held on the last day of school, **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. It is another annual highlight and is always well supported by our parents. Our guest speaker is Bevan Martin who is a member of the New Zealand Black Sox softball team. 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. The assembly will finish at approximately 12.00pm and the students will be free to go home.

## Australasian English Exam

Congratulations to the following students who did so well in this exam recently.

### Credit Awards

Mack Mullany (80%)  
Jonti Cullen (74%)  
Michael Ladd (74%)  
Katie Martelli (70%)  
Joyah Strivens (65%)

### Distinction Awards

Bob Campbell (89%)  
Bjorn van Beusekom (89%)

## 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.

## Notices

Families are invited to the Brother Christmas Spectacular in Fraser Park on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm. Highlights will include guest celebrities, carols by candlelight, local and international artists and the Funky Monkeys.

Be who you are and say what you feel,  
because those who mind don't matter  
and those who matter don't mind.  
Dr. Seuss

Thank you

Steve Black  
(Principal)