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Dear Parents/Caregivers



A big thank you to all of you who came to watch a performance of *Olivia* last week. The support we received from the community was overwhelming, four sold out performances and such was the demand for tickets we could have sold out a fifth night!

We were very proud of our students. Whether they were in the choir or on stage they performed extremely well each night and we received a lot of positive feedback from the community. We hope that the students found the experience beneficial and that if they have developed a passion for drama/singing that they continue with this when they move on to College.

Of course the Production would not have been possible without the talents, commitment and hard work of the staff. All the staff were involved in some capacity and they gave freely of their own time. There were only five people who assisted with the

Production who are not currently members of the staff. Thank you to Lindsay Brough, Murray Brough and Bon Uriaro who played in the Band. Thank you also to Jennifer Feek and Dave Krakosky who filmed the Production and will be making a DVD which will be available for purchase during Term 4.

School Swimming Sports

Our school swimming sports were held today and results will be published in the first Newsletter of Term 4.

Road Safety



Last week one of our students was hit by a car as she crossed High Street. She was using a pedestrian crossing, but was not seen by the driver of the car which hit her. Thankfully she was not seriously injured and is making a speedy recovery.

This incident follows a similar incident where a car had to take evasive action to avoid another of our pupils who was not using a pedestrian crossing. We continually speak to our students about the importance of using the pedestrian crossing and to ensure they see the approaching cars slow down and stop before crossing the road. Could you please also remind your children about crossing roads safely?

BP Technology Challenge

Congratulations to our students who did so well in this competition last week. The BP Challenge involves two challenges. One of these challenges is given to the teams before the day of the competition whilst the second challenge is given to them on the day. For the "known challenge" the students had to make ginger beer, design their own label, write promotional material and make a carry case to accommodate six bottles. The unknown challenge which they received on the day of the competition required them to use newspaper and cellotape to make a back pack with a locking device which could carry the weight of a metal cellotape dispenser. Congratulations to Cassandra Langlands, Hayden Andersen, Daniel Collins and Ethan Courtney who finished second in the "known" challenge, but more importantly won the "unknown" challenge. An outstanding effort! Congratulations also to our second team of Eireanne Millikin, Isaac Polaczuk, Theo Wilkins and Eligh Arthur who won the Outstanding Graphics Award for the "known" challenge.

Battle of the Bands Competition



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the school in the Wellington Region Schools Battle of the Bands Competition to be held at Lakeview School in Masterton on Friday 28th October.

Musicians

Jordan Sului Rm 11 - Rhythm & Lead Guitar
Shaun Ellis Rm 18 - Drums
Chedan Rangi Rm 12 - Bass Guitar and /or Keyboards /or Rhythm Guitar
Kieran Garrow Rm 19 - Bass Guitar
Shakynah Sului Rm 16 - Reserve Vocalist
Joey Basire Rm 12 - Keyboards
Sam Carpenter Rm 13 - Reserve guitarist

Vocalists

Awhina Ulutuki Rm 14
Neumel Sului Rm 16
Ariana Albert Rm 15
Chelus Knowles Rm 20
Ella Hayes Rm 20
Analisa Manuel Rm 15

Basketball

Congratulations to our Year 7 girls team who won the final of their competition last night beating Avalon Intermediate by ten points. The Year 8 girls narrowly lost to Hutt Intermediate in their final while the Year 8 boys finished third beating Wellesley College.

Immunisation Forms

We have been told by our Public Health Nurse that it is now a Ministry of Education requirement for all schools to keep an immunisation register. Therefore we are asking parents to bring their child's immunisation certificate to the office so we can take a photocopy and keep it on file. In the case of an epidemic all students who don't have an immunisation record will be sent home. The immunisations your child has had can be found in the back of your child's Tamariki Ora Well Child book. Thank you to the parents who have already provided this.

End of Term 3

School will finish at the usual time on Friday 7th October (next week) and re-open for the start of Term 4 on **Tuesday 25th** October. Monday 24th October is Labour Day.

Thank you very much for your support this Term. I wish you all an enjoyable holiday and look forward to working with you next Term. Thank you.

Steve Black
Principal