

## Newsletter No 4 THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2011

### Life Education



The Life Education mobile classroom is visiting our school and each class will have three

teaching sessions in the van. Students are learning factual information about drugs and how they affect the growing brain. We think it is really important for our students to know about the dangers of taking drugs (cigarettes and alcohol as well) so that they are well informed when making decisions about their actions in the future. It would be really useful if you had a discussion with your child about what they are learning in order to get the optimum benefit from the programme.

### LOTE and Leisure Education



Our LOTE programme started this week with Year 7 students being taught either Maori or French (they will do both languages throughout the year) and Year 8's being taught either Japanese or German. In addition to this, we have a composite group of students learning Samoan with a teacher from Naenae College. If your child has chosen to be in our cultural group they will not take part in the languages programme. They will be in the hall with Miss Waikato during LOTE time.

The Leisure Education programme started a few weeks ago and students have been opting into activities such as computer music, Mexican cooking, basketball, netball, balsa gliders, origami, photography, volleyball and paper crafts. Ask your child what he/she has been doing.

### Production

This year's major event is the Production. This year we are performing "Olivia" which is a female version of the well known stage production Oliver. Our version has lots of singing, dancing and acting which the students will enjoy. We are expecting all students to take part in some capacity. Although the Production is not being performed until Week 8 of Term 3 auditions for speaking and dancing parts are being held already. Students who wish to be in the choir will be starting to learn the Production songs in the very near future. Please encourage your child to take part as the Production is one of the highlights of our two year programme.



We haven't received any offers of scaffolding as yet. If we have to hire it, it will probably cost in the vicinity of \$2500.00. If you know of anyone who could help, please let me know.

## Inter school athletics



On Tuesday a group of students represented our school at the Inter Intermediate Athletics competition in Wellington.

The team finished a creditable 6<sup>th</sup> out of the twelve Intermediate Schools represented. Congratulations to all our students for representing our school so well and well done to the following students for finishing in the top three of their events:

Sokopeti Feki - 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Girls Shotput  
Teufolau Feki - 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Boys Shotput  
Fonofa Fale - 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Girls Discus  
Teufolau Feki - 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Boys Discus  
Denva Shaw - 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Girls Vortex  
Teufolau Feki - 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Boys Vortex  
April Tualapiu - 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Girls Long Jump  
Bradley McEwan - 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior Boys 100m  
Lani Silbery, Valence Callaghan, Jordan Gear-Campbell, Jordan Kauone - 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Boys Relay Team

A big thank you to Miss Waikato for organising our Athletic sports, selecting our school team and taking them to Newtown Park.

## Basketball



We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Terry Stallworth to coach our two basketball teams. The teams train every Tuesday after school and then travel to Wellington in the weekends to play against Wellington Hoop Club kids. They have been doing exceptionally well considering their opponents have been coached for several seasons while our students are new to the game. The girls' team hasn't been beaten and the boys have won at least half their games. Thank you to Mr Papas for taking the students into Wellington for the competition.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift; that's why they call it the present."

## Last day of Term 2

The last day of Term is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April. The canteen will **not** be open on the last day. Students will need to bring lunch or take advantage of the sausage sizzle that Mrs Twomey is organising. Order forms are available at the school office and must be returned by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

## Uniform

We had another uniform inspection this week and there were only six students who were not in school uniform. This is an excellent effort and I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring your child wears school uniform everyday.

## Honours Board

Well done to the following students:

Ben Cusin, U11 Hutt Districts Reps - Cricket

Honestly Morete-Watene, NZ Tae Kwon Do Open - 2<sup>nd</sup> 11-12 Girls  
NZ Tae Kwon Do Open - 1<sup>st</sup> Pairs

Joey Basire, U12 Regional Football Reps

Steve Black  
Principal