

**NEWSLETTER NO 8**  
**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2010**

**Dear Parents/caregivers**  
**New Technology and Arts Centre**



Our new Technology and Arts Centre is very nearly completed

and the Technology staff will be shifting their equipment into the new building on the last two days of the Term. At this stage we are planning to have a blessing and opening ceremony on the first day of Term 3. Parents will be invited. Details will be provided closer to the date.

**After school Waterpolo and Basketball on Wednesday evenings**



We have two teams involved in the inter school waterpolo competition based at the Naenae Pool and three basketball teams playing in a competition at Walter Nash Stadium. The players are responsible for getting themselves to and from these events. These games often finish well after dark so could you please make arrangements for ensuring your child gets home safely.

**Open Day**

An Open Day for parents of current students and parents of Year 6 students will be held on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. If you are interested in receiving a tour of the school, please meet in the school foyer between 9.00am and 12.00pm.

**2011 Prospectus**

Our 2011 prospectus will be available from next week. If you have a Year 6 child in one of our contributing schools (Rata, Naenae, Avalon, Dyer, Belmont, Kelson and Epuni) they will be receiving a copy through their school. If you do not have a child attending one of these schools, you can pick up a prospectus from the school office.

**Information Reports**

Our writing focus during the last few weeks has been on Information Reports. Students have been taught how to write an interesting introduction designed to capture the reader's interest, write topic sentences for each paragraph which give an introduction to the information which follows and finally write a concluding statement. The following is an excellent example of an introduction written by Rikki Dobson in Room 5.

"They lurk in the depths of your waters and have a sinister look of murder in their eyes. But how have these malevolent creatures managed to survive for over 350 million years? Venture forth and dive into the world of sharks".

Well done Rikki!

**Queen's Birthday Weekend**

School will be closed on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and re-open at the usual time on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **HPV Gardasil Programme**

This programme is being offered to all female students in Years 8 to 13 in both primary and secondary schools. The purpose of the nation-wide programme is to offer protection against the most common forms of the Human Papillomavirus, which can cause Cervical Cancer later in life. Statistically, 4 out of 5 females are likely to have this infection in their lifetime though most infections resolve themselves. However, some infections become cancerous and approximately 60 women in New Zealand succumb to Cervical Cancer each year. The burden of this disease is high amongst Maori and Pacific.

The School-based Immunisation Programme, which offers the free vaccine, allows students within the school setting to receive information and education regarding the benefits of the vaccination so that students and their whanau can make an informed choice. An education session at Naenae Intermediate took place on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May, for all Year 8 girls. Immunisation dates are as follows: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Information and consent forms were handed out to the girls at the end of the education session and need to be returned by tomorrow if you have not already done so.

### **The Incredible Years - Programme for Parents of Children aged 2-8**

This programme is being held on Thursdays from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November in Naenae. It will run from 10.00am - 12.30 pm. For further information and an enrolment form contact the Incredible Families Charitable Trust, phone: 0274745075, or email [vm.nelson@paradise.net.nz](mailto:vm.nelson@paradise.net.nz).

### **Hall Furniture**



Through the generosity of our Board of Trustees plus contributions from our PTA and a lottery grant, we have been able to replace our hall furniture. Our old seating comprises grey plastic seating which we have recently sold to Levin Intermediate and wooden benches. If you would like some of these benches (for a small donation) please contact Marg through our school office.

### **Taita College Open Day and Open Evening**

On Wednesday 9 June Taita College is holding an open afternoon for Year 8 students who are in zone from Naenae Intermediate. If you would like your child to visit the college that afternoon a permission form can be collected from the school office. Students will travel by bus, leaving at 1.00 pm and will return by 3.00 pm. Permission forms must be returned to the school office by Wednesday morning.

An open evening is being held on Wednesday 16 June starting at 7.00 pm in the library. All parents are warmly invited to attend. John Murdoch, the college's new Principal, will share his vision for the school and explain the innovative programmes the school will offer in 2011.

Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try.  
Dr. Seuss

Thank you

Steve Black  
Principal