

SENIOR SYNDICATE NEWS – TERM THREE 2012

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have many events lined up for the term and we would appreciate it if you could discuss the contents of this newsletter with your child to ensure they are aware of all relevant activities.

Firstly we are looking forward to catching up with you and your child at the **parent/teacher conferences in Week Four** .

Sporting Events:

Congratulations to the netballers who took part in the Lawson Collins tournament in the holidays. Gold and Blue both won their grades and all participants were a credit to the school. Thank you to the supporters, umpires and of course the dedicated coaches.

Hockey and Netball continues this term and we wish the teams all the best for the remainder of their season.

We have the School Cross Country Races taking place in Week 5 – Friday 17th August at 11am. Our PE sessions leading up to this will be fitness based and we encourage the children to get out and about in the weekends also to continue building on their fitness.

The annual Catholic Clash against St Mary's and St Joseph's Schools in Hastings will be held at St Mary's this year on Friday 7th September. We will organise teams closer to the time and would appreciate any parents input into coaching and/or supporting our school on the day.

Class Excursions:

Year 8 students will be attending the Science Roadshow on Monday 3rd September at 9.30-11am at Napier Intermediate school.

The Year 7 students will attend the Roadshow in the afternoon from 1.30-2.55 – the children may be 10 minutes late back to school and if any are bussing please let their teacher know so we can make arrangements for them to be back before 3pm. **The cost is \$7.00 per child.**

The year 8 students will be travelling to **Wellington** on the 18th September , returning on the 21st September. The cost for the trip is \$150.00 per child and we look forward to a wonderful trip.

House Captains have been voted for the second half of the year and we would like to congratulate the following year 8 students and wish them every success in their role as school leaders.

Aubert Kayleigh Nugent , Jamie Grant

Barbier Jarym Strong, Angelina Sefo

Forest Breanna Burgess, Analeah Taufale

Marcellin Aquino Maugututia , Callum Hinton

We would also like to thank the house captains who did a wonderful job in the first half of the year.

Areas of the Curriculum:

Social Studies/Inquiry – we will be focusing on what makes an athlete reach Olympic level and will be following the events of the Olympics in the next few weeks. Our emphasis will be on the training regime of athletes, their diet and how their lifestyle impacts on their performance. Plus we will keep an eye on the Kiwi competitors.

Syndicate Mass: please feel free to join us at Mass in the school chapel next Thursday 9am

Health Education:

This term the syndicate will be focusing on the Positive Puberty Health Unit which looks at the changes that take place when a child reaches puberty. We would appreciate your input into this unit and ask that you take notice of what the children are learning at school and discuss in more detail with your child at home.

If any parent is uncomfortable with the topic being taught to their child we ask that you contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. If we do not hear from you we will assume you are happy for your child to participate in the lessons. Parent/Teacher conferences will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions before we start the programme in Week 5.

Mathletics:

We would like to wish our yr 7 and 8 teams all the best for their Mathletics competitions next Tuesday and Wednesday. They have been working very hard with Mr Wypych and other teaches and we are sure they will do well.

Team members: Sian Williams, Amy Gibson, Alyssa Zyskowski, Chris Tichborne, Cameron Madams Tasia Roberts(yr8)

(yr 7) Kiran Pannu Matthew Hiha, Kurtis Weeks, Ella White Shaw, Monica Cacho-Bevin, Stanley Chalmers – (reserve Connor Smith)

GALA

We will all be working on activities during the term to contribute towards the school gala. Senior students will be encouraged to help out on stalls and especially take a turn at running some of the events in the kidzone – please encourage your child to volunteer to help make the gala a success.

We will keep in touch via newsletters, phone calls etc during the term as the need arises. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any queries throughout the term also.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely
Sharon, Mary, Anne and Aaron

Senior Syndicate Teachers.