



# Senior Syndicate News

## Term 3, 2014



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

The term has started in a very positive manner and we are thrilled with the students' attitudes towards learning. A few events have already taken place this term and there is a lot more to come.

### Mathletics

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights last week the Year 7 and 8 'mathletes' participated in the regional Mathletics competition at Hastings Intermediate. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience maths in a competition scenario. Congratulations to our Year 7 students who received an award in the enlargement section of the competition.

### Sport

Netball teams resumed competitions last week and as usual we were proud of the way they conducted themselves at the sports grounds. We wish the three netball teams the best for the season. Also we would like to acknowledge the dedication of the coaches for each team. Your commitment is much appreciated.

### TaCS

This Tuesday (5<sup>th</sup> September) 55 of our seniors will bus over to Woodford House for a TaCS (Town and Country Schools) Inter-intermediate Soccer Tournament. It will be a great opportunity for our Seniors to meet and compete with intermediate students from across the region.

### Cross Country

We are currently training for our Senior Cross Country (Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September). This is a great opportunity to improve our fitness and set achievable goals. Our Seniors need to bring their correct P.E uniform and sensible running shoes on training days (usually Tuesdays and Fridays). The top runners from each year group will represent our school at the TaCS Cross Country to be held at Puketapu School on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September (a genuine cross country held on farmland out the back of the school).

### Mass

The senior syndicate will be celebrating Mass in the School Chapel on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. Your attendance would be much appreciated as we are only able to do this together once a term.

### Inquiry

Our Inquiry unit this term has an 'Innovation' theme. We will be working closely with DoC (The Department of Conservation) as a continuation of our 'Pest' study. We hope to link our learning to our Gala later this term, creating some innovative products that people would be prepared to buy.

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## Gala

With the Gala in mind, this year our Syndicate has volunteered to breathe new life into the Tombola. We would very much appreciate the donation of a bottle or jar from each family in our syndicate. Donations could include; Jam, pickles, chutney, gherkins, cooking sauces, shampoo, bubble bath etc. Our intention is to match each ticket sold with a prize. All funds are raised on behalf of the PTA and will go towards purchasing new ICT equipment for your children.

## Spell-a-thon

You will have noticed that our Seniors are currently working on a spell-a-thon to help raise money for our Year 8 Camp and our Year 7 outdoor education days. We encourage all students to engage in this spell-a-thon and gather sponsors as it will directly benefit our Seniors. Sheets and lists have been distributed and we will test students this Friday (8<sup>th</sup> August). The spell-a-thon is not intended as another bill for our families. We have encouraged our seniors to branch out and seek sponsorship from the wider community, this could include; direct neighbours, extended family, family friends, parishioners etc. We have not set a minimum amount we would like raised, but we have challenged our seniors to seek out at least 8 sponsors each.

## Camp

Our Year 8's head off to Wellington in week 8 this term for the whole week (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September). We look forward to hearing about life in our nation's capital.

## Twitter

We have had great feedback about our communication with our families via Twitter. If you don't have an account but would like to follow us, *you can do so for free using your mobile* (Data charges won't apply).



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Once again we thank you for your continued support and look forward to all the events this term has to offer.

The Senior Syndicate Team