

SENIOR SYNDICATE NEWSLETTER – TERM TWO 2012

Monday 30th April

Dear Parents:

We have a lot going on this term and below is a guide to help keep up to date with what is happening in our syndicate.

Sports:

This term we have four netball teams – their competition started on Saturday. This is an ideal opportunity to thank the parents (and relatives) who have offered their coaching services this term. Without your enthusiasm and time we would not have been able to enter teams at all. Thanks to Rowena King, Mikaylah Robertson, Glenys Hannan, Olga Peakman, Cath Roberts and Meriama Taufale for volunteering their services this year. Also we would like to thank Natasha and Zoe Brewer for committing themselves to umpiring for the season – we really appreciate it.

We have one Hockey team in the Senior Syndicate and they play their first game this Friday. Again we thank Jo Bell for offering to take the team as it is a huge time commitment.

Canoe Polo continues this term and we have two teams taking part in this exciting sport in the weekends. Thanks to Chris Howard for making this possible.

To **support the coaches and managers** we do ask that you encourage your child to attend all practices and games throughout the season. We thank you for your support.

We would also like to thank Mr Taufale for his wonderful coaching of the year 7/8 basketball team last term. The team did extremely well in the competition winning their Grade – our version of the Breakers! Thank you to all the parents who were at the courts in a supportive role each week also.

The Yr 7/8 cricket team also had a successful season ably coached by Aaron O'Neill and we look forward to Term Four when the season continues.

There will be a **TACs** netball competition for our netballers in Week nine Term Three – more information will be given out nearer to the time.

Our **Catholic Clash** sports challenge should also take place this term as we tend to play winter codes for the annual challenge – dates are still to be confirmed and we will inform you of the details as soon as things are finalised with St Mary's and St Joseph's schools. This year the event will be hosted by the Hastings schools.

Fundraising:

This term we will be completing a **spellathon** to help raise money for our Outdoor Education Programme – this includes helping subsidise the yr 7 outdoor Education outings and the Year Eight Camp to Wellington in Term Three.

Your child has come home with a spelling list and an attached sponsorship sheet. All students have three weeks to work on the spelling list as part of their homework and to ask family, friends and neighbours to sponsor them in the spellathon. The date for the spellathon test will be **Wednesday 23rd May at 1.30**. We would appreciate any money that has been raised to be sent to school in the following week. This is our main fundraiser for the syndicate and we really appreciate your support in helping send our children to Tutira and Wellington!

Inquiry:

This term our focus will be on **Place and Space** and there will be an element of research work expected to be done as part of the homework component for the term. Children will research an area of the topic that they are most interested in e.g. NASA developments or Planets, Technology, History etc...

Important Dates

On **Friday 18th May at 11am** the **Sacred Heart Debating teams** are visiting our syndicate and putting on a debate for us to watch – parents are welcome in the School Hall at this time also.

Syndicate Mass:

Our syndicate Mass will be held in the school Chapel on **Thursday 7th June** – you are most welcome to join us at **9am**.

Mathletics and Kid's Lit Quiz:

Children are busy reading and working on Problem Solving activities for the following events.:

The Lit Quiz will be on the **18th May at 6pm at the Napier Intermediate School Hall**

The Mathletics competition is on the **31st July and the 1st August held at Havelock North Intermediate (Term Three)**

We look forward to a busy and productive term and working with you and your child co-operatively.

If you have any concerns or inquiries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon, Mary, Anne and Aaron
Senior Syndicate Teachers.