

# SENIOR SYNDICATE NEWS – Term Two 2013

The term has started in a very positive manner and we are thrilled with the students' attitude towards learning.

A few events have already taken place this term and there is a lot more to come:

On Friday evening we had eight students represent our school in the **Kids Lit Quiz** held at Napier Intermediate school. Our children did very well – the questions as usual were very challenging but both teams top-scored in one or two categories and received a prize as a result.

**Netball and Hockey** teams also took part in the first week of 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 and one hockey team all the best for the season. Also we would like to acknowledge the dedication of the coaches for each team. Your commitment is much appreciated.

The **Dance** festival takes place on Tuesday of this week and we have one Senior Team representing our school with pride. The children have worked hard in their own time for over eight weeks and have choreographed a well-put together routine. Well done Girls and thank you to Mrs Somerville for organising and encouraging the teams.

For the next three weeks your child will be taking part in the **DARE** programme starting this Tuesday. This is a health education programme run in conjunction with the Police. Constable Mackey will be in our rooms frequently over the period and the lessons are designed to help our students realise their own self worth and arm themselves with strategies to avoid succumbing to peer pressure in the future – it focuses on the concerns and dangers of drug use.

The senior syndicate will be celebrating the feast day of St Thomas More at **Mass - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 9.15 at St Thomas More Church.**

Our **Inquiry** unit this term is called “ **Past Present and Future**” which involves looking at the history of Hawkes Bay – this will follow on into our “**Create and Do**” unit next term which will evolve into a school wide performance at the Municipal Theatre in term three.

This term our syndicate will be taking part in a **spellathon** to help raise money for our year eight camp and our year seven outdoor education days. We encourage all students to engage in this spellathon and gather sponsors as it is our main fundraiser for the year. Sheets and lists will be distributed next week and the spelling test will take place in Week Eight of this term.

We will be introducing the children to the **Science Fair** programme later this term. We will have display boards available at school for children to purchase - they will be \$10.00 per child. More details will be given throughout the term. The competition is not until the middle of Term Three.

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

Yours sincerely

Sharon, Mary, Aaron and Kim (Senior Syndicate teachers)