



A Word from the Principal

Term 1 Week 3 20th February 2012

Dear Parents

The school year has got off to an excellent start. What fantastic weather we had for our Art Deco Day on Friday and over the weekend. There was a great turnout for our picnic and what a wonderful effort both children, parents, grandparents and staff made with their outfits.

Put on your hats!

Rowena Ferguson and Nerolee Devery are leading staff meetings each week with new Maori phrases to supplement those already used in the classroom. Our two phrases so far this year have been "Whakamoea to potae" (Put on your hat) and 'Rarangi ki waho" (Line up outside). Get your children to teach you these phrases at home. They may even be useful for you to use!

Writing Moderation:

As mentioned last week, teachers have been moderating writing samples against our Writing Matrix to determine what level the samples were. At our first Kindy- New Entrant parent meeting of the year yesterday I shared what kind of "stories" children can write when their children first get to school. That brought a few wry smiles at what looks like "hieroglyphics". I then showed the kind of writing children would be doing a few weeks later when the shape of both letters and basic words are very obvious. The "National Standards" have benchmarks which are open to interpretation by each school. We have compared writing samples from another primary school in Hawke's Bay. Currently other schools in Napier are contacting us to compare samples.

Boys' Education:

I have had a really positive reaction from parents regarding my sabbatical in Term 3 and my study research topic - Boys Education. I will be visiting schools in New Zealand which show innovation NZPF/APPA Principals Conference (New Zealand Principals' Federation and the Australian Primary Principals' Association). Several people have come up to me with suggestions for reading (Celia Lashlie, Steve Biddulph, Nigel Latta, Ian Grant) as well as suggesting people to contact both here and overseas. Thanks! Keep those suggestions coming! (I have some of the above authors so if any- one would like to borrow then, see me.)

The School Hall:

We are aiming to have an "official" opening of the hall by Barbara Arnott at 10.00 am on Monday 5 March. We are intending to thank the people involved in designing, managing and carrying out the renovation. Our school hall is used for many purposes – school –wide assemblies, team assemblies, gymnastics, volleyball, choir, orchestra, kapa haka, volleyball - to name a few. The school hall is also used after school for violin on Tuesdays, percussion (drums) on Wednesday, and Shotokan Karate on Thursdays.

Swimming Sports:

This Wednesday 22nd February at 1.30pm we are holding the Junior School fun swimming afternoon at the school pool. Parents are welcome to attend. On Thursday this week, 23rd February, the Middle and Senior children will be taking part in the Swimming Sports at Ocean Spa from 9-1pm. Parents also welcome to cheer on the children. The back-up day is this Friday.

On Wednesday evening 21st March at 6pm there is Camp Meeting for Parents going to Camp in the Staffroom. At 7pm there will be a meeting for all parents in the school hall.

Have a great week.

Regards
Ian Hall
Principal

JUNIOR SYNDICATE SWIMMING
FUN AFTERNOON
Wednesday 22nd February 1.30pm
PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND

What can you expect to find on the school website?

www.napiercentral.school.nz

- The latest newsletter available to view in colour
- If you think you have missed / lost a notice you can now view all letters that go home on the notices home page
- All school events are posted on the new interactive calendar which has a day, week, month and year view.
- Each class will display examples of their learning on class pages or blogs (still being developed)
- Information about when and where sports teams will practice and play matches, as well as what sports are on offer each term
- Photo galleries of school events
- Information about our school curriculum.

And so much more.

Spend time getting to know our new website. You will be amazed!

Newsletter page links:

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Photos: Page 1 & Page 2 Art Deco Day.
Look out for the picture in the Napier Mail.

Notices sent home this week:

Junior -

Middle - Guitar lessons, Orchestra Helpers, Tryathlon, Drum lessons

Senior - Swimming Sports, Guitar lessons, Orchestra Helpers, Tryathlon, Drum lessons

Whole School - Newsletter



Orchestra will start on 9 March at 8am-8.30am. There are still a few spaces left in the glocks and recorder groups for Y4-6 children. **Is there anyone out there who is keen to be an orchestra tutor for the cello group? We have 3 very enthusiastic cellists looking for a tutor for Friday mornings 8-.30am!******
If you can help please see Teresa Cuthbert in Room 6 or email tcuthbert@napiercentral.school.nz



Next BOT meeting will be held Monday 27th February at 5.30pm in the staffroom.

Next PTA is MONDAY 19th March at 7.30pm in the staffroom.
 PTA meetings will now be held on MONDAYS.

NAPIER CENTRAL TALENT QUEST
FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY, 5.30PM
THE SCHEDULE IS ON DISPLAY ON THE SCHOOL NOTICE BOARD

Basketball Results

Year 5-6 Division 1

Central G 7 vs Porritt Dragons 14

Year 5-6 Division 2

Central T 30 vs Onekawa Red 18

Year 3-4

Central P 23 vs Reigner Saints 29

Central S 18 vs Henry Hill 10

P.O.D Sebastian Hayller



A huge congratulations to all the Neetbix Tryathlon competitors who represented our school so well last Wednesday. You should all feel really proud of yourselves for finishing. Thanks to the many parents who helped to transport and organise the children into their various starting positions and even found them all afterwards!



Term 1 KiwiVolley

It was our first round of games last week and all players deserve an award for fantastic effort, determination and sportsmanship. We had 4 wins out of 4 games – a great result!

Thanks to Julie Frame who is managing Central F. Rowena Ferguson and Jane Taylor are coaching both teams and managing Central T.

Central T played Onekawa and Clive, winning both games.

Player of the Day: Lily Verhoeven - for great serving.

Central F played Onekawa and Taradale Primary and also won both games.

Player of the Day: Matt Dixon – for great serving and team work.

A grateful parent would like to say a big thank you to the person who returned the goggles that her daughter lost.

Milton Road Patrol

Many thanks to the parents helping out at Milton Road Crossing. We have a parent there every morning and afternoon except after school on Friday afternoons. Please phone Nicola on 8350666 if you can help out.



CRICKET RESULTS

“B” team lost to Arthur Miller 59-61

PoD Billie-Jo Blogg for bowling no wides.

“A” team lost to Onekawa

PoD Ayden Jones made 21 runs and took 2 wickets. 1 caught & bowled and a catch off Max’s bowling.

NCS:48 vs St Patricks 51

All NCS players showed an improvement in batting and bowling. POD: Tom Zuiderwijk - Good batting and bowling on debut and Ben Shirley - Good bowling and fielding on debut.



Hereworth 20/20 Celebrity Cricket Match

Friday 24th February

General Admission \$5 – Game starts at 2pm

Come along and see some of NZ’s finest sportsmen in your own backyard including Mark Greatbatch, Ewen Chatfield, Craig McMillan, Marc Ellis and local boys James de Terte, Brad Patton and Danny Lee to name a few. For more info call Hereworth (06)8778138 or www.hereworth.school.nz/2020

Napier City

PAK’nSAVE

PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS FRIDAY

\$1.50 per sausage in bread with sauce

Order before school at the front steps or in the hall if raining

Many thanks to Denise Sewell, Colleen Prichard and Aunty Janice who cooked the sausage sizzle last Friday