



A Word from the Principal

Term 4 Week 7 5th December 2011

Dear Parents

Welcome to New Entrant Jason Verschaffelt who started in Rm 7 today.

The hall is now complete and has been signed off. It looks fantastic Thanks to Gemco for a great job. There will be an official opening early next year. **Our End of Year Assembly will be in the hall at 9.15am Tuesday 13th December.** Reports are going out this week.

The end of the year is bearing down on us rapidly and we have accomplished an awesome number of things this year. Two weeks ago, I recounted our many achievements in sport. I would also like to thank the teachers involved in Gymnastics, Roz McLaren and Chris Chard, Teresa Cuthbert and the parents who helped with Opti Yachting, and also Kelley Sports for their sports after school on Thursdays.

Today I will look at the academic and cultural activities. The year got off to a great start with all teachers attending the two day **"Teachers Matter" conference** in Rotorua during the January holidays. "Activating brains" was the conference theme and we were regaled by great ideas to engage children.

In June we received an excellent report from the **Education Review Office** with comments such as "Students at NCS experience a wide range of academic, sporting and cultural experiences... students are actively engaged with high levels of motivation and interest evident ... the school's curriculum is effective in promoting and supporting student learning."

Throughout 2011, teachers have adapted and modified our achievement and reporting systems aligning them to the **National Standards**. Senior staff held a well- received parents' meeting on the National Standards.

Teachers have continued to use highly effective formative assessment techniques in the classroom. Our review of 'best practice' techniques was led by Lisa Kaye, Massey University Literacy Advisor.

The Board of Trustees received **Achievement Reports** throughout the year including school-wide achievement in **Literacy and Numeracy** as well as achievement in PAT tests and the STAR Reading test.

Some students participated in the **ICAS competitions** run by the University of NSW. In English, out of 27 participants we received one Distinction (top 10%) and one High Distinction (top 2 %). In Maths, out of 20 participants, we received three Distinctions and three High Distinctions.

Throughout 2011 students have been engaged in interesting **theme topics** such as 'Our place', 'Change', 'Sound' and 'Ancient Civilizations.'

Ian Hall took sixteen students to the **Young Leaders Conference** in Rotorua in May.

The Year 5/6 camp this year was to Stoney Creek in March and all concerned – students, parents and teachers - enjoyed experiencing a commando style rope course, a flying fox, archery, abseiling, shooting and team confidence building activities.

Computer 'expert' John Phelps has been in three times each term to lead and up-skill classes and teachers in the **ICT suite**. He is very pleased with the quality of ICT work produced.

This year we continued to host competitions against other schools such as the **BP Technology Challenge**. This year Napier Central School Teams competed against 6 other primary schools, 21 teams and 63 children and did very well, coming 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Students had the opportunity to learn **chess** at lunchtimes and one team went on to win the Hawkes Bay Regional Competition and then be placed 5th out of 14 in the National Primary Schools Championship in Rotorua. A big thanks to **Magnus Macfarlane** for coaching the boys.

An unforgettable highlight of the year was the school production of **"Napier Central Rocks!"** co-ordinated by teacher Tracy Perry and her team. All 300 students were involved and performed before a capacity audience of 1000 at the Municipal Theatre. All children joined in the song and dance routines with several senior children in lead speaking roles. Sebastian Ayson Macfarlane excelled as Elvis. Thanks to guitar teacher **Jason Alexander** for teaching the guitarists their routines.

Regards

Ian Hall, Principal

DONATIONS

Your donations are in important contribution that allows us to provide the best resources for our children's education. The Board has agreed to raise the donation slightly in 2012 to \$100 per child for a year. This can be paid termly or as a single payment and is tax deductible. The more donations that are paid each year, the less pressure on the PTA to fundraise.

Uniform Update

The final decision is yet to be made on the uniform design and procurement arrangements. The Board will consider the recommendations made by the uniform committee early in 2012 and the implementation of the uniform will have a long lead time with year 6 students being exempt.

YEAR BOOKS

WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO THE CHILDREN (WHO HAVE HAD THEIR DONATIONS PAID) ON TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER. EXTRA COPIES WILL BE FOR SALE IN THE NEW YEAR.

Newsletter page links:
Page 1 A word from the principal
Page 2 Sport Results

Photos: Page 1 & Page 2 - Junior Discovery Time

Notices sent home today:
Junior -
Middle/Senior -

Whole School - Newsletter



The school pool is open from today. We are looking for a parent to run the pool from 23rd-31st December ie checking chlorine levels. Please see the office or Glenn the Caretaker if you are able to help.

We are having some difficulty with children/youths climbing over the fence into the pool area. We have had trees removed where they were climbing over but this has not stopped them. We are asking people who see anything suspicious to please ring the police 8310700. There will be a letter drop to all neighbours also. School families who have purchased keys are asked not to send children to the pool without adult supervision as this makes the Police's job very difficult.

ROAD PATROL - PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to the parents who volunteered to supervise road patrol crossings for 2012. It is greatly appreciated. However we still require volunteer supervisors to assist at the Kipling Avenue and Milton Road crossings. You do not have to be a year 5 or 6 parent! **Adult supervision is necessary for these road crossings between 8.20-8.45am and 2.55-3.15pm daily.** If you can assist please contact the office or Shelley Hunter in Room 12 (ext 726) or Nicola Williams 8350666 as soon as possible. Thank you. Shelley Hunter

CRICKET

Friday 25th November
NCS "C" lost to Reignier 36-78

Saturday 26th November
NCS "B" cricket team lost to Bledisloe B 52-69
PoD Lucy Sabriston

Friday 2nd December
NCS "C" played Taradale losing 25-52
PoD Oliver McClelland

Saturday 3rd December
NCS "B" team played Onekawa School Girls winning 71-69.
PoD Hayden Davies

NCS "A" team scored 107 runs against Taradale School but lost in the 20th over.
PoD Ayden Jones for great fielding



GLEESON PARK

Every Monday at 4.30pm, starting from this week, Michele Frey will be at Gleeson Park watering the plants the children planted during the year. Michele is the liaison between the NCC and our school.



If you have the time, please pop down to the park and give her a hand. It

It's nearly time to wash the school sunhats ready for 2012. If you can take your child's class hats home to wash over the summer please phone or text me. Happy holidays!

Liz Perry 8341969 or 0274400196



The cake stall run by rooms 7 & 8 two weeks ago raised \$250! Well done.

The cakes looked delish!

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREES

Opening Saturday 26th November for tagging!

Weds-Sun 10am-6pm

410 Napier Road, Havelock North

Ph: 0275757105 EFTPOS/cash only



LOST PROPERTY- PLEASE LOOK AT THE GROWING PILE WHICH WILL BE OUT ON THE FRONT STEPS THIS WEEK.

Musical Extravaganza

Everyone is invited to a concert on Friday 9 December at 2pm in our newly upgraded school hall.

Featuring:

Jason Alexander's guitar players

Cameron Budge's drummers

Mrs Bauerleind's percussion group

Come and enjoy the music from our talented musicians.



PLUNKET BOOSTER SEAT PROMOTION

Plunket are currently running a Booster Seat promotion for our communities subsidised by the ACC that offers a new full booster seat for sale to families for only \$50 (a fraction of the normal retail cost). This is to encourage families to restrain their children properly and for longer. These seats can be purchased through our Hastings, Napier and Waipukurau Schemes and are available while stocks last.

Vouchers available from the school office.



Parents, please talk to your children about keeping safe whilst riding their scooters to school - last week one rider had a near miss outside the school after road patrol had finished.

Many thanks to Pip Jackson and Jo Healey who cooked the sausage sizzle on Friday 25th November (not as previously stated). The sausage sizzle last Friday was run by Liz Griffiths, Nicola Williams and Katrina Mirams. What wonderful women!

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

THANKS TO PAK'N SAVE FOR SPONSORING THE HELLERS SAUSAGES