

Newsletter of Napier Intermediate



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Dear Parent and Caregivers,

Welcome to Napier Intermediate for 2012. We have had a very good start to the school year. Students are keen and enthusiastic to make the most of all the opportunities available to them this year. Many thanks to all those parents who waited with their child on Monday morning it was really neat to see so many of you.

Meet the Teacher: All staff have been busy prior to the start of the school year, getting classrooms and programmes ready for a new year. We have a number of new staff this year and I would like to invite you to meet us all on Thursday 9th February at 6.00pm in the school hall. This is the first opportunity that we have to talk to many of you and let you know our expectations for this year. We will meet to start off in the hall and then divide up into houses so you will have the chance to talk to class teachers. Please be aware that for Year 8 parents it is still very worthwhile to come along as there are always changes.

School Organisation 2012

Principal: Mrs Wendy Gray
Deputy Principals: Louise Taylor Jonathan Arnold

House Organisation:

Rata

R1 Tom Hollingworth
R2 Benita Mareikura *
R3 Grant Trollope
R4 Arohia Kershaw
Awhina Watson / Tracy Pomana

Puriri

R5 Damion Kinsey*
R6 Michelle Waldron
R7 Tracey Phillips
Sandy Grantham

Totara

R8 Aimee Lynch
R9 Mike Winkley
R10 Sheelah Stevens

Mary Vujcich

Rimu

R 11 Brian Hansen
R12 Lindy Cooper
R13 Scott Mogey
R14 Hilary Bartlett
Gail McIntyre / Roger Williams

Technology:

Hard Materials Darryl Bryce
Soft Materials Marjorie Williams

Art Jo Eagle
Music Fiona Stewart/ Jo Bradnock
SENCO Kris Thomson
Science Paul Morgan

Office: Sheryl Hind Nicky Keith Stacey McNeill

Library / Resource Room: Sonia Stewart

Caretaker: John Henderson

Strategic Plan: The board met early this term to ratify the charter and have made some changes to the strategic plan. We have 4 goals or priorities

- High achievement[in literacy and numeracy]
- To attract, develop and retain high quality staff
- Strong partnerships
- Diverse learning opportunities

In addition to these goals we as a teaching staff will be focusing on student voice, student leadership and student inquiry. These three areas have fallen out of learning that the teaching staff has been involved in over the last two years.

Safety: Safety on the roads is always a huge concern for us at the beginning of the year as students get use to new routes. We have particular concerns about the number of parents who are parking incorrectly waiting to pick up their students after school. The students have been given clear instructions as to where they must go when walking or biking. Please do not call out to students to cross the road to your car as it does create problems for everyone. We would appreciate it if you would keep the two exits at our front gate and at the bike exit clear. Students on bikes need to exit the grounds from the appropriate exit for the safety of all. I was on the gate on Wednesday and was concerned about the number of students who are wearing helmets that need adjusting. Could you please check your child's helmet. We will be following up on both of these issues because of safety.

Marae Trip: During Week 6 and Week 9 classes will be staying overnight on the Pukemokimoki Marae on Riverbend road. This is part of the Treaty of Waitangi study that all teams are focusing on this term. The cost for this has yet to be confirmed. We will send out a notice as soon as possible. Please be aware that this can be put onto an automatic payment. All students will be expected to participate as it forms a significant part of their learning throughout this term.

Uniform: At the beginning of the year we always have a few issues related to incorrect uniform and I would like to refer all parents to the part of the handbook related to uniform, in particular to the footwear

Girls Summer:

Footwear: Black shoes either lace or strap style OR blue or black roman sandals without socks

Boys Summer:

Footwear: Blue or black sandals without socks. or black leather shoes with black school socks with two blue bands.

This does not include the flat ballet style shoes for girls and for boys sandals must be completely blue or black.

The biggest issue for boys is the non leather shoes. A number of boys have the soft skater style shoes which are not leather. We are trying to teach students to take responsibility for their own actions but are aware the purchase of the correct shoes actually lies with parents. We will be following up on these issues next week along with the need to have the school hat on. Mrs Williams has kindly offered to name all the hats so that it is easier for students.

Please check the website for the regulations regarding hair as there are a number of boys whose hair is coming down over their eyes.

Stationery: Most students have now purchased their stationery and we will be sending any unsold packs back to Office Products at the end of next week. If you need to include this through an automatic payment could you please contact Sheryl at the office.

One of our parents asked for a book list and went down to Warehouse Stationery to see if she could get the pack cheaper. It ended up being more expensive and she came back and bought the pack through school. We do not put a huge mark up on this pack. We would ask that all stationery is purchased by the 10th February.

Newsletter: From issue two, our School Newsletter will be emailed to all students.

If you would like to receive the school newsletters via email please email your child's full name, room number and email address to Mrs Stewart on sstewart@nis.school.nz. Our newsletter is also available to view online by visiting our school website: www.nis.school.nz. This is a great way to

view the newsletter without having to download it, especially if you are using "dial up" internet access. If you do not have access to a computer or email address and would like a hard copy of the newsletter given to your child to bring home please contact Nicky in the front office on 8356013.

Absences: Please be aware that if your child has an unexplained absence from school our first method of contact is a txt message and we monitor the responses to keep accurate attendance information for the Ministry of Education.

Accounts: We will be sending out the school accounts this month which will include the camp fee and the stationery amount if you have purchased your pack through the school. It is very helpful if parents set up automatic payments as this covers the school costs for Intermediate painlessly.

Visitors: If you are entering the school during the hours of instruction between 8.30 and 3pm you will need to report to the office and sign in. This is a safety requirement so that we know who is on site in case of an emergency. At the end of the day if you wish to wait for your child we would ask that you wait at the gates rather than come into the school.

Upcoming dates:

17th February- The RNZAF Band are holding a concert at the Municipal Theatre and the first students that pay their \$3.00 will be able to attend. The money and permission slips need to be returned to the office.

7th March A concert by Andy Jones Electric Music will be taking place at school. The cost is \$4.00. Students will need a permission slip and money paid to the office to attend. It is well worth seeing.

Reminder: All permission slips for Instrumental Lessons and Theory club must be returned to the office by Friday 4th February.

Concerns: Finally please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about your child. We would rather hear about concerns while they are small than wait until they become 'mountains'. They are much easier to resolve when they are still minor.

To end this first newsletter of 2012 I extend my best wishes to all our students for a happy and successful year

Wendy Gray