

Newsletter of Napier Intermediate



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Dear Parent and Caregivers,

Congratulations to those students who represented Napier Intermediate at the Police PCT competition. They all had a wonderful afternoon and have now realised just how tough the course is.

On Thursday last week we had our **Meet the Teachers** evening. It was wonderful to see so many parents along at school. The Meet the Teacher is only one opportunity for you to find out what is happening for your child while at Napier Intermediate. If you were unable to attend because of other commitments, please take a few minutes to contact your child's teacher either by phone or through your child's logbook. It is important to establish the home school links at the beginning of the year.

As part of our beginning of the year all classroom teachers try to contact the parents of the children they teach. We also will be contacting our Maori parents either by email or by phone, as part of our Maori consultation process over the next few weeks.

Marae field trip: This field trip is directly related to the unit of work that all students are involved in this term. It is important that all students take part.

Please contact me if there are any problems with your child taking part. Finally we have all the figures in for this field trip. The cost will be \$25 per student. We will be sending permission slips home early next week along with gear lists, medical forms etc. Any parents who are struggling with the cost of \$25 can set up an automatic payment or can make an appointment to see me about arrangements for payment. This will need to happen the week prior to your child going on the fieldtrip. Payment can be made at any time before the fieldtrip through the school office.

Dates: Rms 1 & 2 – Wk 6: Tues 6th March- Wed 7th March

Rms 3/4 - Wk 6: Weds 7th March – Thurs 8th March
Rms 5/6 – Wk 6: Thurs 8th March – Fri 9th March

Rms 7/8- Wk 9: Mon 26th March – Tues 27th March
Rms 9/10 – Wk 9: Tues 27th March – Weds 28th March

Rms 13/12 – Wk 9: Weds 28th March – Thurs 29th March

Rms 11/14 – Wk 9: Thurs 29th March – Fri 30th March

Bullying: At the beginning of the year there is always a settling in period and I regularly talk to the whole school about the perennial issue of bullying, physical contact, name calling and swearing. I have asked students to report any issues to staff, but usually the first we hear about such issues is through parents. Do not hesitate to contact us at school if your child has seen anyone bullied or been bullied. It is well worth having a discussion with your child about exactly what is bullying. No one should have to put up with inappropriate behaviour.

Home Learning: The other beginning of the year issue is always homework or as we are calling it home learning.

Often if asked students will say they have no homework. At Napier Intermediate all students will have home learning and you will find this in the student's diary.

Last night at our board of trustees meeting Peter Martin tendered his resignation to the board after 6 years. I wish to express my thanks to Peter for all the hard work that he has put into making Napier Intermediate such a successful school and especially for all the support that he has given to me personally throughout the sometimes arduous building process here at school.

Student Achievement Awards: This year we are continuing to run our student achievement award programme. All students will have an award booklet which they have to maintain as a record of their achievements. This is a way for us to recognize the efforts and achievements of a wider range of students in our school and for all students to strive towards a goal.

It is quite a complex process and the following is the explanation from the front of the student booklet. We have already presented a star to one Year 8 student this year.

*We have six Student Achievement Award categories which recognise **excellence** in:*

- **Academic endeavours,**
- **Technology,**
- **Cultural pursuits,**
- **Kia Kaha**
- **Sport, and**
- **Service to the school and fellow students.**

How can you earn a Student Achievement Award?

*In striving for **excellence** in any of these areas you will gain points towards an Achievement Award for that area.*

*For each area there is a **Record Card** which specifies the number of points that will be awarded for certain achievements.*

*When you believe you have met the requirements to earn points towards an Achievement Award take your booklet to the **teacher in charge of the particular area** (eg Ms Stewart for Orchestra) who will **complete and sign the booklet**.*

*Once you have earned **20 points in an area** hand your Student Achievement Award book into the office and you will be awarded an Achievement Award for that area in Wednesday assembly.*

*Should you earn **another 20 points** within the same area you will be awarded a **Star**.*

*Points earned on the **Wild Card** may be **added to any other area – 2 points per area** - (eg Service) to help you gain 20 points towards an Achievement Award.*

NB *Each of the activities for which points can be earned has a **Weighting Level** which gives recognition to those activities which require a long-term commitment or require a greater effort to achieve.*

The awarding Weighting Level points is dependent on:

- **Attitude**
- **Behaviour**
- **Commitment and Attendance**
- **Being a positive team member**

Finally three reminders to parents and a request

- If a phone is confiscated by a teacher it is sent to the office and parents are asked to come and pick it up from me. I will return it straight away the first time. The second time it is confiscated it will be held for a week and the third time we will ask them not to bring it to school at all.
- We do have a complaints policy that we will make available to anyone on request but the following is a chart of the process.

Handling Complaints- Possible flowchart	
Concern lodged <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complainant discusses concern with teacher 	Concern Resolved
Concern not resolved- raised with Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complainant raises concern with Principal • Principal and Teacher discuss it 	Concern resolved
Complaint not resolved - Board notified <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complainant puts complaint in writing for the board 	
Complaint not resolved -acknowledged by the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board acknowledges complaint in writing to the complainant and undertakes to investigate it 	
Complaint not resolved -letter to staff member The Board writes to the staff member detailing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the specifics of the complaint • the date by which the staff member is to respond • the entitlement to support / representation 	
Complaint not resolved -to personnel committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaint referred to board's personnel sub committee to consider the complaint and the staff response 	Complaint resolved No further action required Letter of closure sent to complainant
Complaint not resolved - letter to staff member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board considers further investigation necessary • Staff member told in writing of the unresolved issues, the date for a meeting and the right to representation 	Complaint resolved Complainant and staff member advised
Final Action on Complaint <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting between staff member and board Complaint actioned. • Complainant and staff member advised 	

- Lastly just a reminder that students are not to bring skateboards, scooters or rollerblades to school. We simply do not have storage facilities for these items.
- The request relates to our Marae Field trip. If there are any parents or grandparents who could assist we would be extremely gratefully.

*Wendy Gray
Principal*

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IMPORTANT DATES

17th February- The RNZAF Band

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.

Napier Intermediate School Board of Trustees

Casual vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10 percent or more of the eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Chairperson

Board of Trustees

Napier Intermediate

3 Jull street

Napier Intermediate School

By the 14th March

Sport

Volleyball 2012

A great start to the new season with two teams starting at the PGA for the first round of games. Strikers and Legacy both had a full turn out with extra players turning up as well!

We had great whanau support, refereeing, sideline coaching and scoring.

A huge thank you to all parents and caregivers who support our players with transport, encouragement, guidance and coaching. You make this a great experience for us all.

The draw for the season is not out yet but copies will be coming home with all players as soon as they are available.

BASKETBALL

On 9th February, Napier Yellow Basketball Team played St Patricks. Sadly, we lost. However, everyone played well. The player of the day was Richard O'Brien for his outstanding passing and shooting.