



# NEWSLETTER

MISSION: Together we will encourage, challenge and inspire each other towards a love of learning.

**Central School**

Te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu

Mā te ākonga te iti kahurangi e whai atu

Strive for excellence

**15 December 2015**

Ngā mihi ki te whānau o te Kura Waenga o Ngāmotu

## **URGENT URGENT SPORTS UNIFORMS!!**

Your child's sports uniform must be returned to the school by tomorrow, Wednesday 13 December at the latest please. **As of 9 a.m today, 28 families have yet to return their uniforms.** They can be returned to Crissie in the school hall from 8.30 am, Mr Stone in room 11 or to Ms Sutton in the school office.

**All uniforms must be returned with the exception of Touch. Thanks you for you co-operation.**

## **REGISTRATION AND AWARD CELEBRATION**

For Sarah Collins and Judith Van Kooten



## **CAMP, ATHLETICS, PICNICS, DISCOS, TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES, WATER and WHEELS**

The staff and children don't slow down at the end of the year! We have wonderful occasions and activities, filled with learning and fun.

A big thanks to Adam and Sarah Green for being our disco DJs this time around. We certainly have a talented pool with Tansi controlling the last disco!

A special thanks to the team of parents who went to year 6 camp. It is always privilege to share the special moments of camp with the students but we know well how energy sapping it is. So too, the parents who joined the picnics at the park and zoo. Teachers all commented on how enjoyable it was when they had so many extra pairs of eyes and hands.



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS LUFF**

Maxine has graduated with her National Aspiring Principals accreditation. A valuable year's study with lots to complete.



**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**  
**you will receive your child's achievement report**  
**tomorrow by pupil post**

1. A reminder that the National Standard tick on the back page informs the student of the level **already mastered** (except for Y1-3 reading which records the date the level was started.) Thus the student is currently working within the next level.

**2. THE ATTENDANCE INDICATOR (TICK) - an explanation**

Intermittent or low attendance of students does affect their progress. The purpose of including this information in your child's report is to **ensure that this information is considered when reviewing progress and achievement**. It is not generally intended as an admonishment, since more often than not the child has been absent through illness and we totally support parents in keeping them away from school at such times.

**3. THE PUNCTUALITY INDICATOR**

If your child is late to school more than 3 times in the past 20 weeks this will be unsatisfactory. We are increasingly concerned at the number of children who start the day on the back foot because of lateness. It really does affect their learning.

**4. ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS**

Please keep in mind when reading the achievement section of the reports. As a general rule:

An *excellent* achievement indicator means the student is excelling. To excel the child would need to be comfortably 2 or more years above expectation.

A *very good* indicator is a year or more above expectation and a *good* indicator shows achievement at expectation.

A *fair* indicator shows that the student is not yet achieving to expectation.



**SOMAD DVDs**

Thanks to all who supported our fundraiser by purchasing a SOMAD DVD. The DVDs are coming home today. A huge thank you to Quentin and Sheree for such a quality record of a special event in our school year. If there are any issues, please contact Sheree on 021 311 718 or [sheree@istudios.co.nz](mailto:sheree@istudios.co.nz) to arrange collection over the holidays.



**LOST PROPERTY MOUNTAIN**

Again there is an enormous amount of lost property to be claimed. For those who are not aware the lost property can be found at the end of the corridor by room 9. It looks rather like a well stocked, and rather haphazardly displayed, shop at present. Please take the time to search through for any lost items as we do not store lost property over the summer and it will be delivered to a charity shop.





### **FAMILIES LEAVING - a request**

If you are saving them as mementoes then ignore this request but..if you know you will have no further use for your school tee shirt, or your school sunhat we would be very happy to receive them at the end of the year, as our pile of spares is getting rather depleted.

### **The Revive Café Cookbook School Fundraiser**

Thank you to those families that purchased these books. The home and school, has added \$420.00 to its coffers.

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FINAL END OF YEAR**

#### **ASSEMBLY - 17 December 9.45 a.m @ NPBHS**

Our annual end of year wind up is a celebration of the year, the talents of the children, and a big farewell to our Year 6s and some of their families who leave us after a long association with the school. Children will come to school at the usual time on Thursday. They need to bring morning tea in a named and disposable bag. Please NO drink bottles.

**Please leave all school bags at home that day except School's Out children who will leave their bags on their pegs at school.**

Children need to wear light clothing, a sunhat and shoes suitable for walking in, as we will be walking the whole school to NPBHS at 9.15 a.m. If it is raining, we will bus to NPBHS however children will need coats as they still get wet when alighting and boarding the bus.

**The school term will end, and all children will be dismissed from New Plymouth Boys' High School hall at approximately 11.30 a.m.** You will be asked to check in with the class teacher so that we can be assured of the safety of all the children. If you are not attending the assembly, please make arrangements for your child/ren to be collected from the hall; or inform the class teacher if they are to walk home from the hall, or of other such arrangements.

School's Out children walk back to school with the teachers. Parents and whānau are warned that parking is at a premium so arrive in time to avoid a ticket.

### **NPBHS advise**

- that seating upstairs is for adults only. If you have preschoolers please be seated downstairs. This is a safety issue.
- that contractors will be onsite thus there is no access to parking in the school grounds. Please be vigilant that you do not park on yellow lines or over driveways.



### **START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 2016 - when, what to bring, class lists and stationery**

School starts at 8.55 a.m on Monday 1 February.

Children need to bring their named swimming togs and towels, in a named bag as the aquatics programme will roll straight into action.

Remember a wide brimmed (6 cm all round) hat, sunscreen and morning tea and lunch.

Monday 8 February is Waitangi Day and a public holiday.

With your child's student achievement report tomorrow, you will find a stationery list for 2016. On the list you will find the name of your child's class teacher and room number for 2016.





### **Stationery in 2016**

Your child (except the very young year ones) will receive a stationery list with their report on Monday. Please take this list to *Paper Plus* on Devon Street as they will have all our approved stationery supplies ready and waiting. The school will receive a commission from your purchase. It is very important that you purchase the brands we have selected. Please support us in this request.

**I hope you are all able to enjoy a safe and happy Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Thank you for supporting us to make 2015 another successful year of learning for us all.**

Juliet

### **DATES FOR 2016**

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55a.m Monday 1 February**  
**2016 term dates**

**Term One 1 February - 15 April**

**8/2 Waitangi Day public holiday**

**14/3 Taranaki Anniversary day**

**25/3-29/3 Easter (Tuesday is a public holiday for schools)**

**Term Two 2 May- 8 July**

**6/6 Queen's birthday public holiday**

**Term Three 25 July— 23 September**

**Term Four 10 October - 15 December**

**24/10 Labour Day**

***Totō hau tōkiga nei auā na tupulaga e fāi mai.***

*Plant a seed today for your future generations.*

***Ka Whangaia, Ka Tupu, Ka Puawai***

*That which is nurtured grows, develops and blossoms.*

### **\*\* Holiday Art Classes at The Art Club \*\***

We have a wonderful variety of art and craft classes available in January 2016 for children aged 5-13 years. If you'd like to receive the program send an e-mail or text request to Angela at [sandsfam@ihug.co.nz](mailto:sandsfam@ihug.co.nz) or 0211 021 861 or call 7533 747 a/h Bookings also being taken for after school and Saturday term time classes - Like The Art Club on Facebook :)

### **Pukekura Park Tennis Club**

Upjohn Street, New Plymouth

### ***Blitz Tennis Holiday Programme Mon 25 – Fri 29***

***January:*** Whether your child is a beginner or has had lessons regularly during the season, this is a good way to play loads of tennis and have a great time. You don't need to be a member of Pukekura Park Tennis Club to participate - anyone interested in tennis is welcome. There are morning and full-day options, and the programme will be run rain or shine, with plenty of inside activities planned just in case! Register at [www.blitztennis.co.nz](http://www.blitztennis.co.nz)

***Term 1 Tennis Coaching:*** The very popular junior coaching programme continues next term, with beginner sessions on Wednesday or Sunday afternoons, and more experienced players on a Tuesday. New members are very welcome! And for parents, there is Cardio Tennis on Sunday afternoons and Beginners/Improvers Coaching on Friday mornings during the school terms.

For more information please contact Junior Coordinator Vicki Haylock ph 06 759 4696 or email [coaching@blitztennis.co.nz](mailto:coaching@blitztennis.co.nz)