

A word from the Principal

The school roll: The 2010 school year has got underway very successfully. Despite the weather on Day One, we had 18 new enrolments for the first week of term bringing our total starting roll to 265. (Our starting roll in 2009 was 264). We have approximately 30 students predicted to arrive by July 1st when we will start up a new entrants class in Room 13. The school is staffed and funded this year on 282 students.

Enrolments: If you have children who you expect to come to Napier Central School this year or even next year, make sure the school office knows now. If you have friends whose children would like to come here, encourage them to contact the school office and put their names down. Napier Central School does not have an enrolment zone.

The first week of school: The children were very excited to come to school last week and catch up with friends and teachers and try out the new Adventure Playground. It was a huge highlight of the day and after school many parents seemed to be vying with their children to try it out. Thanks to the BOT for pushing this project especially Ant Sabiston and Hamish White for their huge efforts in co-ordinating the project and getting charity funding. A HUGE thank you to the Southern Trust for the \$10,000 that completed the project.

Term One is from Feb 2nd to April 1st

(86 half days/9 weeks)

Meetings:

Meet the teacher presentations, 2010. These are this week. The Junior Team will meet parents in their classes at 3.05 on Tuesday 9th February 9th, the Senior Team will meet parents in their classes at 3.05 on Wednesday 10th February and the Middle Team will meet parents in their classes at 3.05 on Thursday 11th February 11th.

The first **PTA meeting** of the year is Tuesday February 9th at 7.30 pm in the staffroom.

Whole school assemblies will be in even weeks this term - on Monday afternoons beginning at 2.10 pm on Mondays February 8th and 22nd and March 8th and 22nd.

The first **Board of Trustees meeting** this term is Tuesday February 16th.

The **Pre-Entry/Kindergarten meeting** for Term One (briefing the parents of new entrants about to start school) is on Thursday February 18th at 9.30 am in the staffroom.

Term 1 Week 2 8th February 2010

National Standards:

"National Standards" are being introduced by the National Government this year.

In November 2009, Napier Central School received copies of the National Standards. Minister of Education Anne Tolley writes in her foreword -

"The National Standards will ... provide sound information about how our students are progressing...

Parents have told us that they want to know how well their children are doing at school - the good and the bad - and what they can do at home to support their children's learning.

From 2010, schools will report to parents ... in writing and in plain language at least twice a year about their child's progress and achievement in relation to the standards.

The reports will also outline the measures the school is taking to improve the student's achievement and what parents can do at home to further support their child's learning."

In reporting to parents, Napier Central School is already-

Reporting to you orally in June with 15 minute three way conferences. This includes written information and graphs.

Reporting in writing in December.

Our mid and end of year reports clearly show how your children are progressing as compared to either school or national expectations in (i) Reading (ii) Writing and (iii) Mathematics.

Our Reading, Writing and Maths Benchmarks were decided by our school's teachers and were based on high expectations for our students and in alignment with the levels in the New Zealand Curriculum.

In addition to the graphs showing where your child is in relation to their peers, the teacher's Literacy and Mathematics comments in the body of the report clearly indicate areas of strength and weakness, what the next step in the learning process is and how parents can support or reinforce the work of the school.

Our present reporting systems only need to be finetuned to meet the expectations in the 'National Standards'.

Ian Hall
Principal

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Photos: Discovery time Room 11

Letters sent home during the last week:

Junior -

Middle -

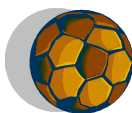
Senior - Camp Letter, Senior Syndicate Newsletter

Whole - Whole School Newsletter



Volunteer required-Chief Ball Pumper

- Full training given on specialist equipment
- Unique environment - the dungeon
- Job satisfaction - helping to promote active children
- Lots of variety - rugby balls, netballs, basketballs, soccer balls



If you are able to devote 1 hour a week to this unique opportunity please see Teresa in Room 6 or email tcuthber@napiercentral.school.nz. If several people volunteer, I will set up a rota.



KIPLING ROAD CROSSING

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE CROSSING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL IN KIPLING ROAD. ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS ARE ASKED TO CROSS AT THE CROSSING AND NOT AT THE TOP OF THE ROAD MERGING WITH NAPIER TERRACE.

TEACHER ASSISTANT COURSE

Reading, visual language, introducing written language

Reading Resource Centre Onekawa School
Friday 19th February 9am to 12.30pm
Contact Helen Thompson by 12th February
8431323
Cost \$35

The next BOT meeting is Tuesday 16th February in the staffroom at 7.30pm.

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

SURF LIFESAVING

Congratulations to the NCS children who took part in the Wellington & Western Surf Lifesaving Champs.



U10 Mens:

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| Jade Wills: | 2nd Diamond | 3rd Run/Swim /Run |
| | 4th Flags | 4th Board |
| Sean Meagher: | 6th Board | 7th Swim/Run/Swim |

Jade

U8s Womens:

Page Wills 5th Beach Sprints and Run/Wade/Run

MANCHESTER UNITY SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking has recommenced for 2020. One lucky winner at the end of Term One will receive a \$50.00 warehouse voucher. If you would like to be a School Banking member please ask at the Office for the forms.

SCARECROW DAY @ THE MAZE

SUNDAY 7th MARCH 2010



Come along and build a scarecrow

All proceeds go to
Riding for the Disabled



PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE this Friday .
\$1.00 per sausage in bread with sauce.
Order before school at the front steps.

