



NEWSLETTER #10

7th July 2011

Principal's Perspective

As we near the end of an 11 week Term I would like to pass on my thanks to our school community for their continual perseverance and effort. Our students once again have performed admirably in a wide variety of activities.

YEAR 11-13 REPORTS

I have read through the Year 11 -13 NCEA Senior School Reports.

These give a fair and accurate review of where each student is at, and just as importantly, what they have to do in order to get where they want to be by the end of the year. It was encouraging to see so many parents attend our Year 11-13 Teacher Interviews and share this information with teachers.

It is important as a parent you seek clarification of the comments on school reports. A lot of consideration goes into the writing of these reports. Comments on reports often differ from the message you are getting from your son or daughter. My advice is, always hear both sides of the story! An understanding of what is expected by the school in terms of revision and homework allows us to work more effectively with students, thus creating better achievement outcomes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORTS

Year 9 and 10 Reports will be issued next week.

These will also give a detailed summary of current levels of effort and achievement. An initiative we are going to introduce next term for our "Middle School" (Years 7-10) is a Monthly Learning Check. This will involve Form Teachers e-mailing parents (or posting if they wish) a regular monthly update of the learning taking place across core subject areas.

This is an area of our school where we need to create and maintain a closer and stronger link with home.

More details will follow next term.

After nursing the bumps and bruises from this weeks ice skating the Junior School will be running a Book Fair in the Library starting on Monday at 9am. This will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reading, purchase a bargain and support the school.

I look forward to seeing you there.

HOUSE SINGING

Another exciting event coming up is our annual inter-house singing competition to be held on the last day of term. Our senior students have planned, organised, coached and enthused their houses to produce an entertaining spectacle. Word is that Maniototo's answer to Simon Cowell will be in attendance as one of the judges. Feel free to come along and watch, it will be an amusing afternoon.

NZ AREA SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Good luck to Tamara Hawkins, Andre Fonternel, Luke Steele and James Hollows who head to Taupo in the holidays for the NZ Area Schools Sports Tournament. A great opportunity to test themselves against pupils from all corners of New Zealand.

And finally a special mention for Ashleigh Smith. Ashleigh was awarded a most promising umpire award at a recent Netball course in Dunedin and by all accounts is developing into an extremely proficient umpire. She is travelling to Christchurch in the holidays to umpire the National Year 9 and 10 Netball Tournament. Maniototo Netball are fundraising for her on Thursday 14th July at Dunc'n Inn. Well worth supporting.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Regards

David Hunter

Principal

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Wool fadges for our recycling
If you can help out, please contact the
school office.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL BUZZ



BOOK WEEK

We are gearing up for a fabulous week celebrating reading, there is a book character dress-up on Wednesday, buddy reading sessions, reading in the community, and much much more! A separate notice outlining your child's class activities should have come home earlier in the week.

Buddy Reading



Also next week is a

BOOK FAIR

Set up in the Library during Library hours. Come and browse the great selection of scholastic books at great prices. All books bought earn dollars for us to spend on books for our classrooms.

(Cash and credit card purchasing is available).

All year 1-8 children will visit the book fair on Monday and bring home a wishlist. Tell as many people as you can!

NAESBY WINTER SPORTS REMINDER FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Monday 11th July and Tuesday 2nd August, weather permitting. Thank you for the great response from parents to come and help us out during the day. Remember to send your child to school with appropriate warm clothing. See you there!

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

Come along on Thursday afternoon (14th July) at 2:15pm in the Art Room and enjoy seeing the childrens creativity in the spotlight from their Funky Friday Afternoons this term. You will be impressed! This terms Citizenship award will also be presented to a deserving student.

Thank you our busy team on the PTA who have bought delicious hot lunches to school on a Thursday, the children are certainly enjoying them!



Funky Friday Cooking Class

News Stories from Kowhai Class

(Year 2 Pupils)

My Uncle Andrew plays for the All Blacks and sometimes he plays for the Maggots. He is going to play for another team. I hope it is the Highlanders.

Max Hore

Happy Feet ate some sand. He got chucked on a ship and thrown overboard. He swam to New Zealand and got there on a beach. He has a tube in him to get the sand out.

Billy Hunter

Mrs Michael went to Dunedin to watch the Winter Festival. She saw a spider and her grandson was on a bumble bee!

Will Pringle

My Grandad died because he was really, really sick. He was an old man. My granddad was handsome in the coffin. My two aunties, Grandma, three uncles and one cousin carried the coffin to the graveyard. Phoenix's Dad cleaned the garage and so did Jerry. I cried at the funeral, so did Mum. She had a big breath. Me, my brother and two cousins handed out the cards. I was all dressed in pink.

Huntah Menzies-Cook

RAFFLE NIGHT

@ Dunc'n Inn

Thursday 14th July



MANIOTOTO NETBALL CLUB
(Fundraising for Ashleigh Smith attend
Secondary Schools Tournament
on 16-19 July in Christchurch)



Ski Trip 2011



• In spite of the current lack of snow, a booking has been made for a school ski trip to Cardrona, for Friday 12th August, i.e. week 2 next term (and a back up day for postponement of 18th August).

- The trip is open to all students and their immediate family members, however students in Year 8 and below must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.
- There will be a limited number of seats available in school vans.
- Prices for a lesson, lift and hire will be \$62 for skiers and \$68 for boarders and APPROX. \$28 per head for the van, depending on numbers.
- As our chances of getting there are doubtful at this stage so we'll hold off with the bookings and payment until the first week back after the holidays. If the trip does go ahead families will only be given very short notice so be prepared to make your bookings and payment promptly at the start of the term. A notice will be sent out with students if the snow arrives.

Deirdre Anderson

HOUSE SINGING COMPETITION

Each house have been practicing their singing this term and will perform at the House Singing Competition to be held in the Gym at 2pm on the last day of term.

Good luck to all the Houses.

All supporters are welcome to come along and show their encouragement.

POETRY FROM HIRIWA CLASS

Filthy interior, covered in sand and rocks
Rolling and hopping into your socks
Occasionally scratching on your mats
Getting annoying when they fall in the gaps
The sun sets on your dirty windscreen
Oh gosh, my car needs a good clean!

*By Neil McCallum
(Year 7)*



House Competitions

The singing competition is coming up fast

My predictions are that Garibaldi's last
Oh how they'll cry, oh how they'll weep

Until they wail themselves to sleep.

Poor Serpentine that sad old snake

Please don't sing for our sake

Dansey's they're horrible, they are seriously stuck

They'll never win. They're out of luck

Now Hamilton's, they never get beaten

They always play fair, they're never cheatin'

So these are the houses of the 21st century

Hamilton's are awesome and cool, don't you agree?

By Candy Ferdinands (Year 7)



Important School Dates

****Please remember to update your calendar at home*****

8 July	Skating (Years 7&8)	<u>PLUS</u>	Funky Friday (Junior School)
11 July	Skating (Years 1-6)	<u>PLUS</u>	“Attitude” Presentations (Years 7-13)
11-15 July	Book Fair		
14 July	Junior Assembly 2.15pm (All classes to host)		
15 July	Last Day of Term 2	Music Tuition <u>PLUS</u>	House singing Competition
1 August	Term 3 Begins		
3 August	Rippa @ Carisbrook (Year 3/4 Team)		
5 August	Class Act		
12 August	Ski Trip		
17 August	Cross Country (Cancellation Date 24th August)		
18 August	Ski Trip (Back-up Day)		
9 September	Otago Primary Cross Country (Dunedin)		
16 September	School Photos		
7 October	Term 3 ends		
24 October	Labour Day—SCHOOL CLOSED		
25 October	Term 4 begins		
13 December	Term 4 ends (half day of school)		

School Holiday

FUN DANCE CLASSES

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN 4YR TO 14+YRS

- ◇ And even some adult classes
 - ◇ Open to All
- ◇ No Experience Necessary
- ◇ Dance Away your Winter Blues

July School Holidays 22nd - 24th
In Alexandra

RING for a registration form

Or for more information Ph 03 4488782,
or email jtmaw@xnet.co.nz, CELL 0272260909

- U3A Alexandra – Climate Change next session 8 July
- Upholstery Workshop 17/18 September with Reg Bartlett
- Pizza Tool Making for your pizza oven, 16 July
- Heading Back to Work 10 August, 9.30am – 2.30pm, FREE
- Sewing for Beginners & more 8 weeks starting 10 August
- Beginners Woodwork 8 weeks starting 8 August
- Anam Cara Writing Journey Weekend Retreat, 13/14 August
- One to One Computer Tuition
90 minute FREE assessment session with Gavin Dann
- One to One Literacy & Numeracy Tuition – FREE

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Plunket together with CO REAP

would like to invite you to

“Healthy Cooking on a Small Budget.”

One night a month we will be cooking and learning to get back to basic, interesting and tasty food on a budget.

Cost: \$10

Dates: 13 July, 16 August, 5 Oct, 8 Nov

Time: 7–9pm

Where: MAS Home Ec Room

Register with REAP on 0800 267 327

Come and Support Ranfurly Playcentre

Bake stall

Friday 8th July

10am onwards

outside Books n Things

Yummy bits to buy!

