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Wednesday 30 November 2011

Week 6 Term 4

We are all set for a busy last 2 ½ weeks of the school year. Teachers have been writing student **reports** for the past four or so weeks and I am reading through them at present. These will be sent home on the last Tuesday of term. I thank the teachers for the hours of work that have gone into these reports and know that they will provide a clear indication of children's achievement in core areas.

Families will be informed about classes for next year in the reports also. **Student portfolios** will come home on Friday 9 December. It will be appreciated if Year 0 - 5 students could return their portfolio to school by the end of term.

The first day of the 2012 school year is on Monday 30 January, starting with **3 Way Conferences**. Bookings for these will be done through the school office and all students will receive a time when their reports come home. If this time is not suitable, please see Annette in the school office. Children are required to attend the 3WCs with their parents as usual. Their attendance at school on this day is for the 3WCs only and any necessary uniform or stationery purchases.

Our **Uniform Shop** has been up and running for some time now. Many thanks to Debbie Arnold and Kylie Watkins who open this up twice a week. This time last year, the Board made a commitment to fully introduce the **green polo shirts** by the start of 2013.

There will be a two-year phase in period - this year and in 2012. Come 2013, the yellow polo will no longer be part of our school uniform. We ask that as parents update their child's polos, they purchase the green one from the school Uniform Shop, not the yellow one from Postie Plus or other such retailers.

We are now able to update school families regarding **staff appointments** for 2012. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Miss Whitney Saunders to a Year 4 position for 2012. Whitney currently teaches a Year 4 / 5 class at Highfield School in Timaru. We also look forward to working with Richard and La Toya Leef, who will tutor our kapa haka group.

I know the school community will join with me early next year to welcome our new staff to the school.

Finally, our **end of year assembly** will be held on Thursday 15 December at 1pm. Weather permitting, we will be gathering outside the hall to formally opening the new foyer, before moving into the hall for the assembly proper. I hope that all Netherby families are able to join us for this event to end the school year together.

There are a number of other happenings between now and the end of term - please see the calendar in this newsletter for details.

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton
Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

Cornerstone Values

Our value this term is **Kindness**. The meaning of Kindness that we are working with is:

A willingness to help, show concern for and be friendly to others

Our most recent MVPs for the value of Kindness were:

Cody

Devon

Tegan

Evan

Hunter

Families are encouraged to reinforce this value at home. Students in each class are awarded with MVP (Most Valued Person) awards at assemblies, based on this focus value.

Office hours January 2012

The school office will reopen for 2012 with the following hours:

- Thursday 26 January - 9am - 2pm
- Friday 27 January - 9am - 2pm

From Monday 30 January, the office hours will return to normal, from 8.30am - 3pm.

Stationery packs can be purchased from the school office on these days - details will follow shortly. All children are required to have the necessary equipment before the start of term.

Please note that the teaching staff will be offsite preparing for the year from Wednesday 25 - Friday 27 January.

Uniform Shop hours January 2012

The Uniform shop will be open on Thursday 26 January and Friday 27 January from 9am-11am and all day on Monday 30th January.

2012 class placements

We are in the final stages of considering classes for next year. If parents know of any students who are likely to start attending Netherby in 2012, please share this information with Andrew Leverton as soon as possible. If families know that their child(ren) will not be at Netherby in 2012, please contact him also. Both items of information may alter how class groups are formed.

School sports team results

Slow pitch and T-Ball

It is wonderful that we have so many children playing either Slow Pitch or T-Ball. These 46 people equate to around one-third of the school, which is amazing! A big well done to the teachers, parents and students involved in our four teams.

Week 4

Dynamite	19	Hampstead	5	(POTD - Ella)
Detonators	21	Rakaia	14	(POTD - Tane E-S)
Power	33	Longbeach	26	(POTD - Matthew)
Bunters	10	Hampstead	30	(POTD - Lily)

Week 5

Dynamite	11	Hampstead All Stars	10	(POTD - Taumaoe)
Detonators	21	Christian All Saints	12	(POTD - Jane)
Power	28	St Josephs	25	(POTD - Anna)
Bunters	27	Hampstead Yellow	31	(POTD - Ethan)

Board of Trustees

Congratulations to Rachel Hyde who was elected unopposed to the Board, effective as of the start of 2012.

At the end of the year, we will be farewelling Chris Bennett from the Board. Chris has been a member of the BOT since August 2005. He has been the Chairperson for the past two years and the school has been very appreciative of his involvement and the leadership that he has provided.

On behalf of the school, I thank Chris for his fine efforts over the past six years. The principals of the Intermediate and College have been alerted that he is, or soon will be available for election there!

Home & School Group

Unfortunately we have had to postpone the family night due to so much happening in the community. We will have a 'Welcome 2012 School Year' evening early in term 1.

Thank you to the families who have sent along items for our Christmas raffle. Could those who have yet to send along their non-perishable item please do so by the end of this week if possible please. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 per number. A raffle card of 10 numbers will be sent home to every family this week. When you have sold all the numbers please send the card and money back to school and you will go into a draw for a spot prize. If you would like to sell extra cards then these will be available from the office. Could we please have all sold / unsold cards back at school by Monday 12 December. Thank you.

The 5 prizes for the raffle are:

- Grocery Hamper
- Four Square Voucher
- Meat Voucher
- Book and box of chocolates
- Box of Biscuits

The Home and School will also be sending home a FREE sunscreen per family as we want everyone to be sunsafe this summer.

Our next meeting will be on 31st January 2012.

Thank you for your continued support of the Home and School and I wish everyone safe and happy holidays.

Michelle Cribb
Convenor

Term dates - 2012

Term 1	30 January - 5 April
Term 2	23 April - 29 June
Term 3	16 July - 28 September
Term 4	15 October - 14 December

The first day of the school year is set aside for 3 Way Conferences to set goals and share information about students. We will again be doing bookings online.

TERM 4 CALENDAR

Week 6

Friday 2 December	Year 6 Big Day Out Assembly, hosted by Room 3 - 9am
Saturday 3 December	Working bee at school, 9am

Week 7

Monday 5 December	School visit to Orari
Tuesday 6 December	Kapa haka / Hip hop groups perform with Mayfield & Rakaia Schools for local pre schools and kindergartens, 10am
Friday 9 December	Portfolios home
Saturday 10 December	Working bee at school, 9am
Sunday 11 December	Working bee at school, 10am

Week 8

Monday 12 December	Final Kapa haka practice, 3pm
Tuesday 13 December	Water slide (afternoon) Reports home / class placements announced
Thursday 15 December	Portfolios returned to school (Year 0 - 5) Final Assembly - 1pm
Friday 16 December	School clean up morning Term 4 ends - 12.30pm

LOST CLOTHING

Can you please check your child's clothing as Xavier Teroi has lost his named polar fleece jacket and would dearly love to have it back. Parents may like to have a look in the lost property in Room 1 as there are numerous un-named sweatshirts and other items of clothing.

End of year school trip to Orari Farmyard

5 December

Please remember that we are leaving at 9.00am and returning at approximately 4.00pm. The children will need to be at school by 8.45am

The children will need mufti clothing

- Sunhats, summer clothes, sensible shoes and jacket
- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- Named swimming togs and towel in a bag
- A bottle of water (No fizzy drinks)
- Tennis racquet and ball - if you have one (Named)

Thanks again to our very generous **Home & School** who have paid for most of the cost of the trip.

If the weather is not suitable the cancellation will come over Classic Hits at 7.30am. We do not have another date for this year but may look at going next year if possible.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:30am until 12:30pm from the **Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch** for the following times:

Monday, 19th December 2011 – Friday, 23rd December 2011 (excluding weekends)

AND

Monday, 9th January 2012 – Friday, 27th January 2012 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing **0800 84 69 83** or **335 4222**.

KIWI SUMMER CHALLENGE

Visit the **Ashburton Public Library** and earn a 'penny' for each children's book issued. Read 20 books cash in your pennies and claim a prize. All prizewinners will go in the draw for a \$50 voucher from Whitcoulls, Ashburton. Your challenge begins on 15th December.