



# Straight A's Ltd

**'Helping your child succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century'**

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Dear Parents

A warm welcome to new parents and caregivers who have enrolled students this term. This term seems to have flown! With the long terms now behind us and with term four only being 8 weeks, Christmas is now only just round the corner!

Recently I attended a two day workshop run by Neil Mackay from England. Neil Mackay is one of the world's foremost thinkers on Dyslexia.

He covered a wide range of skills and techniques that can be integrated into the teaching programmes of the dyslexic student.

Dyslexia is widespread in New Zealand, affecting 10% of the population. It is often misunderstood as a problem with reading and writing only. In reality, it can affect a spectrum of skills from auditory and visual perception, planning and organising, and motor skills, through to short term memory and concentration.

However dyslexia can also bring creative gifts ó like innovation, big picture thinking, enhanced spatial understanding and out of the box problem solving.

Many dyslexic individuals excel in engineering, design, building, arts, mathematics, science and entrepreneurship.

Often, dyslexia's greatest difficulty is self-esteem! Recognising dyslexia and accommodating it by making small changes is paramount for the dyslexic student.

Straight A's has the '*Lucid Assessment Software*'. This screening software enables the identification of dyslexia. It assesses the processing areas of phonological awareness, phoneme discrimination, auditory short term memory, visual short term memory and visual and verbal sequencing.

Please see me if you would like your son/ daughter to be assessed for dyslexia.

Last year, Straight A's purchased the highly acclaimed 'Steps' programme. This is a New Zealand programme that works on the processing areas that the 'Lucid software' assesses. We find it has been very successful in increasing our student's skill level in these areas.

Happy holidays and we look forward to seeing you all back next term!

Kind regards

Sally Clarke  
Director



## Holiday Classes

### NCEA/ Cambridge Exam Preparation

Our programme for these upcoming school holidays will concentrate on preparing Year 11, 12 and 13 students for their external exams next term.

Please refer to the timetable at the end of this newsletter for **dates and session times**.

**We will also be running regular holiday classes during the first week of the school holidays.** The classes can be in either Mathematics and/or English and are available for students up to Year 10.

The cost of these lessons is **\$45.00**.

### Lesson times:

Monday 10 October ó Friday 14 October

9:30am ó 10:45am

## Holiday Hours

Straight A's after school classes will finish for the term on **Saturday 8 October 2011** and recommence on **Tuesday 25 October 2011**.

Straight A's office will be closed from Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October until Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

## Term Four Bookings

We are currently booking your child in for the same time next term. If this doesn't suit please let us know as soon as possible.

## Missed Classes

Please make sure you notify the centre if a student is going to be absent. We are able to organise catch up classes for these missed lessons but a student can only accumulate a total of two catch up classes.

## Term Four 2011 Dates and Fees

### Dates

Tuesday 25 October 2011 to Saturday 17 December 2011

### Term Fees

\$360.00 (8 weeks)

### Weekly Fees

\$45.00



## Term Three 2011

### Straight A's Scholarship Winner

The scholarship is awarded on the following criteria:

**Commitment**

**Motivation**



**Integrity  
Diligence  
Attendance**

We are pleased to announce that the scholarship this term has been awarded to **Heetasha Masters**.

**Heetasha** is a Year 10 student currently attending Straight A's for Mathematics tuition.

Congratulations Heetasha!!

As a recipient of the scholarship, Heetasha's tuition in Term 4 at Straight A's will be free of charge.

## NCEA/CAMBRIDGE EXAM PREPARATION

<b>Mon 10 October</b>	<b>Tues 11 October</b>	<b>Wed 12 October</b>	<b>Thurs 13 Oct</b>	<b>Fri 14 Oct</b>
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**PRICE:** \$90.00 per 2 ½ hour session.

Timetable denotes subjects available on that day and time slot.

Available sessions may vary depending on student demand.

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