

Hutt Central School Newsletter No 31 - 30th October 2008

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

November is around the corner - where has the year gone?

Term 4 2008 finishes **Friday 19th December - 1.00pm**

Term 1 2009 begins **Wednesday 4th February - 8.55am**

School Driveway/Entrance

We have been experiencing huge problems with parents/caregivers and members of the public using the school entrance and carpark as a drop off and pick up area before and after school.

NO parent/caregiver vehicles allowed in or out of the school carpark or driveway between 8.30 and 9.15 mornings and 2.45 and 3.15 afternoons.

With the number of children and adults moving around our entrance/driveway - a nasty accident is waiting to happen!!

PLEASE DO NOT use the school entrance/carpark for pick up or drop off of children. This is for the safety of all our children.

WALKING TO SCHOOL (Related to the above)

With the increase in traffic congestion in Railway Avenue on the rise, it is an opportune time to start thinking about alternative pickup and drop off areas other than Railway Avenue. The promotion of walking to school - 'Walking School Buses' are options we are promoting.

Walking School Bus

What is a Walking School Bus? It is when a group of families who live in close proximity to each other take turns at walking a group of up to 8 children to school. This is a great community initiative and once you establish a roster is a great timesaver for the parents. You may only have to walk one morning a week, and your children are picked up at your gate the other four, so it frees you up to do other jobs like getting the washing on the line.

It is also really healthy for your children and it is proven that children who walk to school arrive fresher and ready to learn. So now that the weather is nicer make walking a part of the school day.

For further information and enquires please call Sherie Wright 021977978

Fancy Feet Friday

Thank you so much to all the children, families and staff who took part in Fancy Feet Friday. We had a huge turnout in amazing, creative, fancy footwear. We all had a lot of fun in the parade and during the day. The Greater Wellington Council and Hutt News sent photographers and everyone was very impressed!

We were presented with the 'Golden Shoe' trophy - the first school to receive the award. Each year School Travel Plan and 'Walking School Bus' schools will compete for the 'Golden Shoe'.

Statements

These will be sent home in the next few of days. They will include **all upcoming events for all syndicates for the remainder of the year**. Some of these events you will not have information on yet, but we have included them on the statements as it gives parents/caregivers the opportunity to pay everything for the remainder of the year earlier rather than later.

More information about the upcoming junior and senior Dowse visits plus the middle syndicate EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) programme mentioned on the statements will be sent out soon.

Reminders -

- **Book Worm** Orders due back to school by 7th November. **Please write cheques out to 'Wheelers Books' or use the credit card option. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH** as we send all orders directly to Wheelers.
- **Bandannas** - These are on sale from the school office for \$4.00 each
- **Nit-Enz** - Tomorrow last day for orders and money

School Christmas Disco

Thursday 20th November in the school hall

Junior Disco - 5.30pm - 6.30pm Senior Disco 6.45pm - 8.00pm

Middle school can choose which one they go to.

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS

Wholly Pizza

Fliers have been sent home today explaining this easy fundraising venture for our school. If you hand your receipts into the school office before the end of this term we will receive 10% of their value.

Jewellery Fundraiser: see separate notice. 20% of proceeds donated to the school. Come along and see the products Thursdays after school in the foyer (for the month of November only).

Tony Horsfall - **Principal**