

Newsletter No 33 - 13<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are officially half way through Term 4 - only 5 weeks to go.

**School finishes for the year on Friday 19 December 2008 - 1.00pm**

**School reopens on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009 - 8.55am**

### **Staff and Organisation Changes**

As for every new school year there is change and reorganisation in schools, we are no different. We have a number of changes happening.

Unfortunately have two current teachers leaving us:

- Sarah Guthardt from Room 5 is off to Australia - Sarah has been at Hutt Central School for 3 years and we are very sorry to lose her - we wish Sarah and Chris all the best
- Janet Arcus (nee Grigg) from Room 9 is off to Tauranga, and will be teaching at Tauriko School - we wish her and James all the best

### **Roll Growth**

Hutt Central's roll has been increasing over the last 3 - 4 years; we now have just over 300 students.

This roll growth has given us the opportunity to release Judy Pemberton as a classroom teacher to walking deputy principal. This means Judy will not have a class next year. Judy will still have primary responsibility for the senior syndicate and will still work very closely with all staff and students in the syndicate.

We see this as a very exciting and positive change, enabling Judy and I to share some of the administration, and therefore enable Judy and myself to spend time in all classes, offering assistance and developing programmes.

This means we will be building two new classrooms (hopefully over the Christmas break). The classrooms will be similar to Rooms 9 & 10. One of these rooms will be used for a new senior class.

We have appointed 3 new teachers, some of whom you may have met as they have been working in the school at different times over the last 2 years.

### **Fulltime Teaching Staff 2009**

Principal		-	Tony Horsfall	
Deputy Principal		-	Judy Pemberton	
Room 1	Y5/6	-	Simon Ashby	
Room 2	Y5/6	-	Dave Turnbull (New Teacher)	
Room 3	Y5/6	-	Caryl Titcombe - Senior Teacher	
Room 13 (new room)	Y5/6	-	To be confirmed	P.T.O.

Room4	Y1/2	-	Heather Burrell
Room 5	Y1/2	-	Kirsten Reid
Room 6	New Entrants	-	Martin Hodge - Assistant Principal
Room 7	Y1/2	-	Kate Perrins
Room 8	Y1/2	-	Caroline Scott (New Teacher)
Room 9	Y3/4	-	Kath Leach (New Teacher)
Room 10	Y3/4	-	Lisa Leader
Room 11	Y3/4	-	Alison Butler - Senior Teacher
Room 12	Y3/4	-	Dave Whiteman

### Lost Property

There is a **HUGE** amount of lost property already this term. Please check in Room 10.

### Fundraising News

#### **School Christmas Disco**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall  
 Junior Disco 5.30 - 6.30pm      Senior Disco 6.45 - 8.00pm  
 Middle school children can choose which one they would like to attend  
**Tickets \$5.00 each - available from the school office**

#### **Calendars and Cards**

Due to popular demand we are creating another deadline (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November) for these orders to come into the office. We are going to send 2 batches of orders to the suppliers, so if you have your order in by tomorrow 3 o'clock, it will be sent in with the initial order.

#### Jewellery Fundraiser

Jewellery on display every Thursday in the school foyer for the month of November from 2.30pm - 3.15pm. 20% of sales for the whole month will be donated to the school.

#### Wilford School Twilight Gala

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November - 4.00pm - 7.00pm. Featuring: Crafts, Plants, Games, Raffles, Garage Sale, Cake Stall, Café & Deli, Petting Zoo, Bouncy Castle and lots more.

#### The Hutt Valley Big Backyard Open Day

The Department of Conservation and Hutt City i-SITE Visitor Centre are holding the Hutt Valley Big Backyard Open Day on Sunday 23 November.

There will be speakers, presentations and displays from DOC, Greater Wellington Regional Council, Community Rescue, Kathmandu, Dwight's and Hunting and Fishing.

Learn more about the walks and activities that are available to you right here in the Hutt Valley.

Enter draws for spot prizes or go in the short orienteering course.

Activities will take place in and around the Hutt City i-SITE Visitor Centre

The Pavilion

25 Laings Road

(opposite the Town Hall)

Lower Hutt

For further information visit <http://www.huttvalleynz.com/Events/Big-Backyard-Open-Day/>

Tony Horsfall - Principal

