

Newsletter No 35 - 27th November 2008

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

End of term/year is fast approaching - not to mention Christmas!

No Assembly - Friday 5th December

There will be no school assembly next Friday 5th December due to Education Outside the Classroom activities.

2008 school year ends on Friday 19th December at 1.00pm

2009 school year starts Wednesday 4th February 8.55am

Calendar of Events

Tuesday 2 nd December	-	Board of Trustees Meeting - 7.30pm - Staffroom
1 st - 5 th December	-	Middle Syndicate E.O.T.C. week
Wednesday 3 rd December	-	Senior School Dowse Visits
Monday 8 th - Wed. 10 th December	-	Whole School Swimming Huia Pool
Monday 15 th - Fri. 19 th December	-	Whole School Swimming Huia Pool
Thursday 11 th December	-	Parent Helpers Morning Tea - 10.25am
Friday 12 th December	-	Junior Syndicate Dowse Visits
Friday 12 th December	-	Reports sent home
Friday 12 th December	-	Class Lists for 2009 displayed
Wednesday 17 th December	-	Y6 Social in School Hall - 7.00pm
		More details out soon

Health News

- We have had a few cases of headlice reported, so please keep checking your children's hair on a regular basis and treat if necessary.
- We have had one case of scabies reported, so if you notice any unusual spots on your child's skin please get them checked out by a doctor as this is an infectious disease.

School Disco

A great disco last week, thanks must go to Richard Perry for his kind donation of sound equipment, his time and expertise.

Also thanks to all of the fundraising committee for their time and effort not only during the disco, but all of the fantastic fundraising this year!

-Judy Pemberton - Deputy Principal

Room 6 Refurbishment

As part of the Ministry of Education 1:18 initiative our school is one of the few schools that has received special funding to help cater for 1:18 programmes. This funding is to be spent on year 1 classroom improvement.

Things have happened very fast with all the building planning and the builders will move in on Monday - with the aim of completing the work by the start of the 2009 school year.

This means that Room 6 (Mr Hodge's class) will move into the PMP room, by the netball courts, on Monday until the end of the year. A little disruptive, but with all the activities that are happening in the next 3 weeks it should not cause too much of a problem.

The extra classroom project is still very much in the early planning stage, but we should have more definite news on this next week after the Board of Trustees meeting.

Wanted

The junior syndicate would really like some more soft timber e.g. pinex or thin timber off cuts for their carpentry tables.

This can be taken to Room 4 and would be very much appreciated.

P.T. O.

Funrazor - Child Cancer Foundation

I am going to participate in the Child Cancer Foundation Funrazor 2008. I am going to have my hair shaved off on the 4th December to raise money for children affected by childhood cancer.

Would you like to sponsor me? If you do, please put your donation in my fundraising box in the school's office. Thanks, Luke Evison Room 7

Christmas Parade

The Lower Hutt Christmas Parade is on this Saturday. All of our Walking School Bus children are invited to attend and be involved in the parade. Meet in the Hutt riverbank car park at 2pm wearing something orange if possible. You'll finish approximately 5pm with a sausage sizzle and drinks.

Road Safety Training

Over the last couple of weeks Sherie Wright, our School Travel Planner has taken each junior and middle class out for training. This has been very successful and we have had many positive comments from parents and children.

Many children have commented on family members' texting and talking on mobile phones. This has been studied worldwide and has been found to be the biggest hazard, not only when driving, but walking & crossing roads as well.

Walking & Wheels Wednesdays

It's been great seeing many more children and families walking to and from school more often. We would like to encourage everyone to continue, or start walking, even if only on Wednesdays to begin with.

We will be straight back in to promoting walking to school and Walking School Buses first week of Term 1. We will be having a Walkin' N Wheelin' Wednesday early next term.

Please see Lisa Leader in Room 10 if you're interested in starting up a Walking School Bus.

Move the Nation

Hutt Central School was involved in the month long Move the Nation programme. Children recorded and calculated their physical activity and teachers converted time to kilometers. Some classes walked the nation many times over! We entered our Fancy Feet Friday PowerPoint, produced by Dave Whiteman, into the Move the Nation competition and Hutt Central School won first prize out of all of the Wellington Schools! We win a special assembly with entertainment and prizes.

Lost Property

The pile isn't getting any smaller, please keep checking. All unclaimed clothing will be donated to a worthy cause during the holidays. Please name all clothing as it will always be returned to its owner.

Sports News

Congratulations to Sarah Tetzlaff, Room 10, who won 1st place at Capital Gymnastics for the most outstanding gymnast. Sarah also won 1st place in the Artistic section!

Southern Zone Athletics Results - Still waiting on these - will be published next week

Christmas Special - Alicetown After School Care

Alicetown After School Care is running a holiday programme on Monday 22nd December and Tuesday 23rd December 2008. On these two days we will be having lots of Christmas fun with a Christmas party and card making. We cannot have a party without inviting Father Christmas; he will be making an appearance sometime during the day bearing gifts for all. We will be operating out of the Hall at Hutt Central School, between the hours 8am to 6pm daily.

If you would like your child to attend the Christmas special, please contact Sue Blackett on 938 4038.

Our normal holiday programme will start on the Monday 5th January 2009 and go through to the start of school on 4th February 2009.

We also offer the Winz subsidy.

Sue Blackett - Alicetown After School Care

NZ Communities Football Cup

Come and watch the best **community** football teams in the country compete for the first ever New Zealand Communities Football Cup!

A fun event for families. Rongotai College grounds, Coutts St, Kilbirnie. 10 - 5pm Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November.

Tony Horsfall - Principal

