

Hutt Central School Newsletter No 3 - 26th February 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

What a busy and eventful week we have had. Let's hope the weather holds for our school picnic coming up in week 6. (A separate newsletter about our picnic will be sent home early next week.)

Building Update

The building works are now under way for our new classrooms. We started off our Wednesday with a bit of excitement when the fire alarms were set off by the electricians. I was so proud of the way both the staff and children evacuated the buildings quickly and quietly without any fuss or anxiety.

Please be aware of the construction area as you enter the school from the eastern end of the grounds.

Upcoming Events

Week 6 - Wednesday 11th March - Goal Setting Parent Meetings
 Friday 13th March - School Picnic Wainuiomata Pool
Week 7 - Monday 16th March - Senior Syndicate trip to Kaitoke
Week 9 - Friday 3rd April - Bring 'n' Buy

Upcoming Sports Events

10th March Y5/6 Ripa Rugby Tournament
Week 5 Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off
Wednesday 25th March Interschool Swimming - Huia Pool
Thursday 2nd April InterZone Swimming - Naenae Pool

- **Yummy Stickers** - Please keep collecting all YUMMY stickers throughout the year. We use them to get free sports gear.
- **KiwiTri - Fun Duathlons and Triathlons** held during February around Wellington. For more information, call 801 4479 or visit www.feelinggreat.co.nz. A limited number of entry forms available from the school office.
- **Weet-Bix Tryathlon** - Sunday 8 March. Enter online at www.weetbix.co.nz
- **Lower Hutt City AFC** - Registrations for 2009 - Information available from the school office.

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off

This will be held next Thursday 5th March (postponement date Friday 6th March) at school for the whole school starting at 9.15am.

Information and sponsorship details were sent home this week.

Great prizes for collection of sponsorship money.

School Travel Plan

The main aim of our school travel plan is to promote the idea of getting our children walking, biking scootering etc..... to school.

Yesterday five of our children - Gus Thompson, Abby Braid, Tom McCartan, Jack McGoldrick and Casey Cawthra went to interview David Ogden, the Mayor of Lower Hutt, at the Mayoral Chambers. They went to discuss how he travelled to school. Gus Thompson had this to say about the visit: "The Mayoral Chambers were really big and flash. We all got to try on the Mayors medals and even got his business card." The Mayor told them that he usually walked to school

and he even had a scooter! He lived a couple of streets away from his school in Newtown and really enjoyed walking or scooting to school.
The children found this a valuable experience.

Reading for Life

Thank you to those who attended 'Reading for Life' training yesterday. If you were unable to attend, Fiona will be running another session at the school on Friday 6th March - 9.00am - 10.30am. If you still cannot make this session please ring Fiona on 021 671333.

Alison Butler

Wheelers Books

Every time you purchase books with Wheelers online our school benefits!
Wheelers Bookworm is now online which means that you can order discounted books throughout the year from Wheelers quality range of children's and adults titles (over 1.4million). Simply visit wheelers.co.nz and click on The Bookworm to get started, Wheelers will send the books directly to you at home. All friends and family of our school qualify for the Bookworm, so visit wheelers.co.nz today!

PLUS place your order before 31st March to receive 30% off a title of your choice. Simply enter the code BW256 at checkout!

Adoption of a Theft and Fraud Policy

A 'Draft' copy of this policy is available for reading and commenting on on the table in the office foyer.

Fundraising

Our first fundraising meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 3rd March. This meeting will be held in the school staffroom starting at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us and bring your ideas and innovations to help us raise money this year. This is a fun, informal evening and we would love to see you all there.

Dowse Interchange Public Walkover - Saturday 28th February 2009 - 10.00am - 2.00pm.

Volunteers from Western Hills Rotary Club will be running this event, which is a once only chance to meander over the road before it is open to traffic.

Entry will be by Gold Coin Donation and proceeds will be donated to local charity, Te Omanga Hospice.

Maungaraki School has been following the D2P project closely. They will be running a sausage sizzle selling their famous BLT's, cold drinks and sweet treats.

If you are travelling to this event by car please be aware that there is no designated parking and you should allow time to find a suitable park and walk. The access ramps between SH2 and the Interchange will be closed.

Pedestrian access is via Dowse Drive from the west and next to the new roundabout on Hutt Road from the east.

While you are in the area why not visit Percy Scenic Reserve too - it is a great place to take a picnic.

This is an alcohol-free family event which will go ahead come rain or shine! The Dowse Interchange will open to traffic the following week subject to suitable weather conditions.

Judy Pemberton - **Deputy Principal**

