

Hutt Central School Newsletter No 4 - 5th March 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Another busy week has almost passed. Our terms calendar is filling up fast so please keep an eye out for newsletters, permission slips etc.

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

School Picnic

A separate newsletter with permission slip attached was sent home this week. The cost of this trip is \$5.00 per student. Please return signed slip with the \$5.00 included to the school office before Friday 13th March.

All parents/caregivers are welcome to come along and join us for the day. Unfortunately there will be no room for parents/caregivers on the buses. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Goal Setting

A notice explaining this years goal setting evening on Wednesday 11th March has been sent home today along with your child's individual goals for Term 1 and 2.

Please read through these goals with your child. If you require a meeting with your child's teacher please fill out the form provided and return to school by Monday 9th March.

School Wide Goals

Along with your child's individual goals being set at school, we have as a whole school, developed a school wide goal. Each class has this goal displayed in their classroom and are working towards this goal throughout the term.

Our school goal for this term is 'To keep our school a happy and safe place!' We are presenting a social skill at our Monday morning assemblies. These skills demonstrate how to achieve the school goal.

Reading for Life

Reading for Life morning tea tomorrow at 10.25am - school staffroom. All volunteers welcome, we'd love to see you there. If you can't make it, please touch base with the class teacher at some stage and let them know the day/time you intend to come and work with the child. It would be lovely if you can meet your buddy when you visit the teacher.

School Travel Plan

I'm Lisa Leader - Room 10 Teacher, Sports Coordinator, School Travel Plan (STP) lead teacher. STP's main focus is to get more children walking to school and a great way to do this is to have more Walking School Buses (WSB) up & running.

I'm starting a new WSB in the Pharazyn St., Marsden St. area. Meet me with your child(ren) 8:30am Wednesday 11th March corner Pharazyn & Marsden Streets.

I'll get details and we'll be able to have another regular Walk to School Wednesday group. This will free you up (I will walk the children to school from there), give us more exercise and help reduce traffic congestion round our school.

Once this WSB is up and running I'll be starting one up for Kiwi, Moe, Tui streets, Te Mome and Hutt Roads.

Statements

These were sent home recently - thank you to everyone who has paid their donations so promptly. Please remember there is a discount if the full year is paid before 31st March 2009.

Included with these statements was your child's information form, could these please be checked, altered if necessary and sent back to the office. If there are no changes please send back also as we are following up all forms not returned.

Lost Property

Sadly the cooler weather is coming and more clothing will be worn to school. Please check that your child's clothing is clearly named as this helps to keep our 'Lost Property Box' empty! - **Martin Hodge R6**

Sports News

BMX School Challenge - Thursday 26th February

Our team of 16 defended our 1st place shield and brought it back. Well done to:

Nathan Hartley, Liam McIndoe, Harrison Tolley-Jensen, Hayden Kennedy, Joshua Garcia-Hernandez, Robert Urwin, Ezekiel Whitehead, Liam Sorenson, Angel Nicol, Caleb Whitehead, Kathleen Laurence, Chay Laurence, Jason Musgrave, Jack Matheson, Matthew Harcourt and Jennifer Laurence

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off

This was held at school today - please send in sponsors/donations to the school office as soon as possible.

Congratulations to our two girls' soccer teams who enjoyed a full days play at Te Whiti Park. Well done and thanks for all the parent help - awesome! - **Simon Ashby**

Upcoming Sports Events

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
- **Weet-Bix Tryathlon** - Sunday 8 March. Enter online at www.weetbix.co.nz

Fundraising - Propix Photography

On Saturday 21st March, we have Propix Photography coming to the school as a fundraiser. Reminder notices have been sent home and time slots given for those that have replied. There are still plenty of time slots available so please fill out your voucher and send it into school with your \$10. Extra vouchers are available at the office if you have family or friends that are interested. If you haven't received your time slot, please phone the office.

Fundraising 2009

Last year the Hutt Central School fundraising committee worked very hard and raised over \$17,000 for the benefit of the school, staff, students and wider community. The fundraising committee once again wish to thank the staff, parents, sponsors and supporters for getting behind the 2008 fundraising events. The committee has kicked off the 2009 year and is planning a few main fundraising events. Look out for these events during the year: - Family Photos (book now), - Entertainments Books, - Movie Night, - Boxes of Chocolates, - Quiz Night, - Student Calendars, - School Disco.

We are always on the lookout for new fundraising ideas, sponsors, donators **AND** new committee members. We'd also love to hear from parents who may be unable to commit to being a committee member but are happy to help out on a casual basis with particular events. If you can help out please call Stu Turner ph 586 4030.

Wanted

Responsible, professional couple with 2 children require short term rental or house sitting arrangement from mid-late March for 4-5 months. Please call 586 5864 or 021 749024.

Basketball Training

Some middle and senior children are having basketball training each Friday, for 4 weeks, with basketball pro Terry Stallworth. HCS has a lot of talent and if your child would like to develop her/his skills Terry runs Hoop Club at Walter Nash Stadium each Saturday morning at 8am, \$25 per term (less this term as we're in week 5). For more information call Terry 5649081, 0272749511.

9 - 15 March is Kidney Health NZ's National Just Water Week

Kidney Health NZ is very concerned with the rise in obesity and its subsequent impact on health, in particular the alarming rise in the number of children & young adults being diagnosed with diabetes mellitus every year in NZ.

Diabetes is the biggest cause of kidney disease in NZ.

Kidney Health NZ is urging every person in New Zealand to lead a healthier lifestyle with the simple message to encourage people to drink water instead of the sugar laden fizzy drinks.

More information on the Sports Notice Board or visit www.kidneys.co.nz

Judy Pemberton

Deputy Principal

