

Hutt Central School Newsletter No 18 - 25th June 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had lots of exciting activities going on around the school this week. Starting with the middle and senior school visiting the Dowse, Inter Zone Cross Country, a flipperball tournament, Australasian exams and of course the start of the scrumptious chocolate making in the middle school.

Winter Illness/Flu

It is vital with so many different bugs around this winter to keep children home if they are showing any of the following symptoms:

- Runny nose/cold symptoms
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Temperature

We are trying to be vigilant about hygiene and hand washing at school. It would be a good idea to put some hand sanitiser in your child's bag for them to use at school.

All classes now have hand sanitiser for regular hand cleaning stops.

Thank you all for your cooperation during these winter months.

Zayed's and Toka's thoughts on their flippaball tournament:

On Tuesday 23rd June the Hutt Central flippaball team went to a tournament at H2O Extreme in Upper Hutt. We played four games and had tough competition, but won them all. That meant we got into the semis against the top team, Plateau School. We played really well and had a great game but lost by one goal. We then played off for third and fourth and drew the game. We finished third equal, what a great result.

We would like to thank Suzanne Hewitt Matheson for organising us, and Paul Tainui and Lene Sopoaga for transporting us. It was awesome fun, great games and we think the team did really well.

By Zayed Studd and Toka Sopoaga

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday 1st July - School Open Afternoon 2.30pm - 3.00pm
This is an informal opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and have a look at the work that has been going on during the term.
- Friday 3rd July - Term 2 finishes - 1.00pm
Alicetown After School Care will be operating in the school hall from 1.00pm. If you require this service please ring Sue Blackett 938 4038 or 021 2126321 for a booking.
- Tuesday 4th August - Board of Trustees Meeting - 7.30pm - School Staffroom
- Tuesday 8th September - Board of Trustees meeting - 7.30pm - School Staffroom

Farewell

It is with great sadness that we will be saying farewell to one of our amazing teachers in week 3 of next term. Kirsten Reid is taking a year's leave to take up a teaching position in China. This is a fantastic opportunity for Kirsten and her teaching career. It is very hard to put in to words the impact and dedication Kirsten has made to the children and community over the last 13 years. We are all very sad to say goodbye, but wish Kirsten and her family all the best for their move to China.

Sports News

Senior Basketball - Our sixth game of the season saw another great win against Boulcott School

Inter Zone Cross Country - Well done to all ten runners. Brelyn Little 8th Y4 Boys, Sarah Tetzlaff 8th Yr 5 Girls, Tipene Maguren 1st Y6 Boys. These three children are off to represent Lower Hutt at the regionals next Tuesday at Harcourt Park.

YUMMY Fruit stickers - Please keep collecting the stickers and send to school so we can get free sports gear.

Wellington School of Cricket Holiday Programme - Hey kids the Wellington School of Cricket are running their mid winter School Holiday programme and they want you to be involved. For more information or to register for this fantastic programme please visit www.cricketwellington.co.nz/content/school-of-cricket/holiday-programmes.aspx or contact: Ivan Tissera 021 894-338, i.tissera@firebirds.co.nz or Glenn Pocknall 021 409-864, g.pocknall@firebirds.co.nz

Hutt Central School children and families have been invited by Basketball New Zealand to go and see their national U19 team play before they take on the world in Auckland on July 2-12.

As part of the build up to the FIBA U19 World Championships for Men 2009, our national U19 team, the Junior Tall Blacks will be having 3 games that are open to the public.

Basketball NZ would love to give the boys some experience playing in front of a big crowd and need your help to get people there...and it's FREE ENTRY.

Who: NZ v Egypt, Thursday June 25, NZ v Lithuania, Saturday
June 27

Curtain-raisers teams TBC

When: All games at 7.30pm Curtain-raisers: 5pm

Where: Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua - if you haven't been there yet, it is a great brand new facility (located next to Countdown and Pak 'n Save), and now second home to the Wellington Century City Saints

Term Trophies

Could all children who received a trophy last term please return them to the school office as soon as possible.

Walking School Bus

We will be meeting on the corner of Beaumont Ave and Moa Street on Tuesday 30th June at 8.25am. All welcome to join us to walk to school. On arrival at school please feel free to join Sherie Wright, our School Travel Planner, for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat about setting up a WSB in the area. This will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes.

Walking to School is a really healthy option for your children and a WSB can make this easy for everyone.

From the Fundraising Committee

Chocolates - There is still a lot of money to be returned to school. Please do so urgently as we need to settle our account.

Quiz Night - We are starting to plan our Quiz Night for next term. This is always a very popular evening with great prizes. Now is a good time to start thinking about your teams as we will be capping the number of tickets available and they will be sold on a first come first served basis.

Scarves/Beanies - We have been given the opportunity from a family in our school to offer you the chance to purchase Hutt Central School polar fleece scarves and beanies. These are great quality and good for keeping your children warm over this long winter.

Keep an eye out for the order forms that will be given out to the children soon.

Judy Pemberton - **Acting Principal**

