

## Hutt Central School Newsletter No 26 - 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Spring is officially here at last! Let's hope we are in for more settled weather and higher temperatures. We are almost at the end of Week 7 - 3 weeks to go before we finish for the term on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm. Term 4 begins 8.55am Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Fundraising Quiz Night
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Board of Trustees Meeting - 7.30pm - Staffroom - All welcome
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Interzone Netball - Postponement 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Bring 'n' Buy
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Grasshopper Tennis all week
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	-	School Open Afternoon 2.30 - 3.00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	-	School finishes for term - 3.00pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Term 4 begins
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Labour Day - School Closed
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction (A day provided by the Ministry of Education for teachers to work on the New Curriculum)
November 9 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Life Education Trust van will be at school
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Teacher Only Day (This Teacher Only Day is part two of the Ministry of Education days for New Curriculum development, plus Looking at National Standards)
Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup> December	-	School finishes for 2009 at 1.00pm

### Fundraising - Quiz Night Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September - School Hall Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

We are looking forward to a fun night out at the Quiz Night this Saturday. Huge thanks to all the people who have donated wonderful prizes of goods and services for the evening.

There are a few tickets still to be collected from the school office and a couple extra if you still want to come along.

Remember to bring loads of cash for the raffles being offered - no Eft-pos available this year.

No alcohol is permitted to be brought into the school grounds but we have wine, beer and juice available for sale.

### New NZ Curriculum

As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, the teachers have been gradually working through the development of our 'School Curriculum'.

We are now at the stage where we will need input and ideas from our school community. We will be doing some of this around the 'Open Day' this term on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

If you are unable to make the open day we will also be sending out written information. We would appreciate receiving feedback about this information. More information will follow.

The Ministry of Education has provided schools with two Teacher Only Days to concentrate on developing our 'School Curriculum'. At this point we have set our two days as: the day after Labour Day - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The school will be closed for instruction on both these days. These dates are yet to be confirmed, but we should be able to do this by next week.

### **National Standards**

You will have heard a lot of debate and information about National Standards in the media lately. The final standards and how they will operate will be published for schools in early October. The National Standards do not come into effect until 2011 for schools. As soon as we have more information about what the standards are and will look like, we will inform you.

We will be looking at the National Standards as part of our Teacher Only Day to see how they will fit into our 'School Curriculum'.

### **For Sale**

Our gardeners will be selling silverbeet, spinach and spring onions after assembly tomorrow for \$1.00 and \$2.00 each.

**Simon Ashby**

### **Bikes**

Now that the weather is getting warmer more children are riding their bikes/scooters to school. We would like to remind all families that the children are not to ride their bikes/scooters in the school grounds. The painted red lines are the point at which children and adults need to get off their bikes and scooters.

### **Health Surveys**

Hutt Central School's health consultation survey was sent home with your child last week. The survey should take you no more than 10 minutes to complete. We would really appreciate you taking the time to fill this survey in as we are very interested in your feedback. Please place your completed surveys in the return box on the table in the foyer by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Bring 'n' Buy**

The last Bring 'n' Buy for 2009 will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Once again we welcome any donations of books, toys, odds and ends, and of course baking.

*Could we please ask that you check the suitability of the books and toys that you send to school as in the past we have needed to cull inappropriate items.*

We value your continued support of this fundraiser.

Many thanks,

**The Senior Syndicate**

### **School Travel Plan**

Hutt Central School is dedicated to being fit and healthy. Walking, biking, rollerblading and scooting are encouraged as great ways to get to school other than driving, which causes congestion and pollution around our school.

Last term, for a homework project, our middle syndicate interviewed a family member or friend on how they used to get to school. Some of those stories are now online to read at [www.feetfirst.govt.nz](http://www.feetfirst.govt.nz).

**Bandannas**

These will be on sale next month - 16<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October, \$4.00 each. There will be many colours and designs available from well known kiwi celebrities.

**Walking School Bus**

We have some interested parents in the Marsden/Pharazyn Sts area who would like to get a WSB up and running. Any interested families please join Sherie Wright (School Travel Planner) and Viv Winter (keen parent) on our walk to school Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am cnr Marsden and Pharazyn Sts. Come along and enjoy these beautiful spring mornings.

**Sports News**

**LES MILLS SCHOOL OF FITNESS CORNER**

Exercise **MUST** be a part of your daily routines:

When you're shopping, park your car far away from the store.

Plan for this and do it **EVERY** time - especially in the cold weather! (The colder it is, the more calories you will burn.) Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Play a game of hide-and-seek with your kids. When you take the dog for a walk, make it a brisk walk. Can you find some way to sneak in some exercise everyday? Look carefully at your routines and plan something that you don't mind doing. If you like it, chances are you will continue to do it. And don't forget the Group Fitness Classes at Les Mills Hutt City for fun and fitness!

**French Lessons**

Hutt Central School has been offered the opportunity to run French tuition classes as an after school activity. This is being offered by Alliance Francaise de Wellington. It is a Not-For-Profit organisation long established in Wellington. They are willing to send one of their qualified, native French teachers to our school. The lessons would run from one of our classrooms from 3.15pm - 4.15pm once a week. Tuition fees for each student would be \$110 for a ten week term. This includes tutor, class materials and registration. Class size - minimum of 6 maximum of 12 students.

At this stage we just need to know how many students might be interested in this. If you are please fill in the return slip below and return to the school office by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

If they are going to start classes Week 1 next term we really need to get on to this.

Tony Horsfall  
**Principal**

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**Return Slip**

\_\_\_\_\_ is/are interested in taking French  
Child's/ren's Names                      Age/s      Room/s

classes after school hours next term.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Caregiver