

Hutt Central School Newsletter No 38 - 10th December 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is incredible to think that this is our last full week of school for 2009 and our last newsletter for the year.

Term 4 finishes next Wednesday 16th December at 1.00pm - we will not be having a lunch break on this day. Assembly will start at 12.30pm.

After School Care will be operating in the school hall on this day. If you require this service please phone Sue Blackett on 938 4038 or 021 2126321.

Term 1 2010 starts Wednesday 3rd February at 8.55am.

Staff Changes

We have appointed two new teachers to start next year.

- Heidi-Jane Humphries - who will teach in Room 10 in the middle syndicate. Heidi-Jane has been travelling in the UK and competing internationally as a triathlete but has now decided to return to New Zealand.
- Sarah de Wattignar - comes to us from Avalon Primary School, and will be teaching in Room 8 in the junior syndicate.
- Jodi Mitchell, who has been working part-time as a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour, has been appointed to a fulltime position from the beginning of 2010. Congratulations Jodi.
- Sarah Stevens and Andrea Brown, who have been teaching part-time in Room 6 this year, are leaving us. Sarah's baby is due in March and Andrea is moving to a fulltime position at Hutt Intermediate. We wish you both all the best.
- Andrea Woolford, who has been working part-time as a Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour, is leaving us to have her second child. All the best Andrea.
- Chanel Baldwin, who has been working as a teacher aide at Hutt Central for just over three years is leaving us. All the best with your studies Chanel.

News Flash

This is also my last few days at Hutt Central School.

I have been appointed as Principal of Ohope Beach Primary (near Whakatane), and will start in the position as from late January 2010.

The Board of Trustees will advertise the Principal's position in Term 1. Judy Pemberton, currently deputy principal, will be acting principal during this time.

It is very sad and at the same time exciting for me. Very sad that I am leaving a school that has been such a big part of my life for the last 10 years. I will miss the incredible children and parent community that is here - something very special. The atmosphere in the school is something we can all be proud of. Hutt Central children are so caring, polite and friendly - testament to a great partnership between school and home.

I also leave some amazing staff, a real feature of Hutt Central School. The great teachers and support staff combined set the tone. The children at Hutt Central get a great education in a caring environment.

So it is with sadness that I leave this amazing school and its great community.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and all the best for next year.

Finally a big THANK YOU to all the children, parents, teachers, support staff, extended families and everyone else who has made Hutt Central School such a great school to be part of. I will never forget Hutt Central School- a special place. If you are in Ohope be sure to look me up.

Reminders:

- Community Christmas Carol Evening tonight - School Hall 5.30pm - 6.30pm - hope to see you all there
- School Swimming Sports - Monday 14th December - Huia Pool 10.10am start
- Board of Trustees Meeting - Tuesday 23rd February 2010 - 7.30pm - Staffroom
- School Swimming - There is still a small amount outstanding - if you haven't paid for your child please do so as soon as possible.

Talent Quest

Congratulations to our super talented children who performed at our Hutt Central School Talent Quest on Monday. We certainly have lots of children with many special talents.

Results: 1st equal - Shyla and Cup Crazy (Toka, Aidyn, Ngatungane, Zayed and Devon), 2nd equal - Ngatungane and Bollywood Dancers (Ashlene, Prabhjeet and Jacinta), 3rd - Flubble Bubbles (Kathleen, Micah, Amy, Asti-Jei, Chay, Abby and Georgia).

Sports News

Touch Rugby

All the best to our Y5/6 girls, Flaming Ferns and Y5/6 boys, HC Flyers touch teams who play their finals tomorrow at Hutt Park. A huge thank you to Yvonne Hui Hui (boys) and Steven Crilly (girls) who coached the boys and girls teams respectively.

Alicetown After School Care

Alicetown After School Care is running an Oscar school holiday programme from the:
17th December 2009 until 23rd December 2009

Father Christmas will be coming bearing gifts in December - plus much more.

5th January 2010 until 2nd February 2010

Our programme will be offering:

Fishing, mystery tours, spot prize, computer, Xbox's, play stations, sports, outside playground activities.

Winz Subsidy available - for more details please phone Sue on 04 938 4038 for availability and bookings.

Gifted Education Centre

Bright Pre-schooler? *Small Poppies* is NZ's longest running extension and enrichment programme for bright and gifted pre-schoolers aged 3 - 6 years, run by the Gifted Education Centre Charitable Trust. Now coming to Wellington! Founder and Lead Teacher, Sue Breen, will be at the Johnsonville Community Centre, Johnsonville, Wellington, 26 - 28 January 2010, to hold parent and teacher workshops and to work with children who wish to be considered for the programme. For further information, please contact the Coordinator: Shirley Lawn, phone

04 232 3523, email: shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz, website: www.smallpoppies.co.nz

LEARN TO PLAY TENNIS

Holiday Programme for Primary School Children - Supported by HVTA

Dates: **Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January, 2010.** (wet or fine)

Venue: Mitchell Park (Mitchell Street, Lower Hutt)

Timetable: 9.00am-10.00 am - Girls 5-8 years old, 10.00am-11.00 am- Boys 5-8 years old, 11.00am-12.00 noon- Girls 9 years +, 1.00pm-2.00pm - Boys 9 years +

Cost: \$28.00 for the 3 days. Money to be paid on the first day.

Registration: Contact Gary Nelson -Ph. 5897178 or Email - a.nelson@xtra.co.nz by **Wednesday 20 January, 2010.**

EARLY ENROLMENT is advised as this programme is very popular and the first 12 enrolments in each age group will be accepted.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

All the best to our Year 6 students who are moving on to Intermediate next year, enjoy your next challenge.

Tony Horsfall - **Principal**

