

# Hutt Central School

*Empowering our children to meet the future with confidence*

Hutt Central School Newsletter No 5 Term 3 21 August - 25 August 2017

## **Kia ora Everyone,**

Thank you to everyone from our community who supported us with our Arts Display last night. It was a great occasion that allowed our students to share what they have learned in the Arts. I would like to acknowledge all of our students and staff who put in a great deal of effort into their learning and programmes to produce a great exhibition for us all. Thank you to the Fundraising group for providing the food and drink for the evening.

We welcome your feedback on the Arts Display. Please email this to: [admin@huttcentral.school.nz](mailto:admin@huttcentral.school.nz).

## **South West Zone Basketball**

We entered a Year 3 and 4, and a Year 5 and 6 team in the South West Zone Competitive Basketball Tournament on Tuesday 22 August. The top two teams in our zone qualify for the Inter-zone Competition. It was a great day of tough competition and our students played with great spirit throughout the tournament. Both of our teams finished second in their age group and have qualified for the Inter-zone competition. Congratulations to the following students:

Year 3 and 4 team:-Tova Leslie, Alison Masters, Lucy Channer, Toby Webb, Ethan Nash, Lachie Marshall, Nate Amaru, Matisse Clamp, Kane Kelly

Year 5 and 6 Team:-Emily McCormick, Ellie Johnson, Jessica Owens-Blackmore, Cooper Marshall, Mason Carey, Arlo Hofmann, Elliot Gray, Dontae Cobb

## **Policy Review**

As part of our SchoolDocs policy organisation we regularly review our policies and procedures. This term we are reviewing our policy: Students with Special Needs / Learning Support. Please follow the directions below to take part in this review. You are also able to email me directly with your thoughts and comments by clicking on the 'green' feedback button on the top right of the policy or email me directly:

[principal@huttcentral.school.nz](mailto:principal@huttcentral.school.nz).

## **Te Reo**

As a school we are learning, reviewing and refining our conversational Te Reo. This week's phrases are: Ngā mihi - formal greeting (Beginning or end), Ngā mahana - warm greetings, Kia pai tō rā - have a great day, Kia pai to wiki - have a great week.

## **Great students**

Caleb Fauvel and Ryder Marychurch shared excellent progress in their learning of Basic Facts with me this week. Well Done!

Kia ora, Naku noa  
Michael Gendall

## **Thank you**

A huge 'Thank You' from the Fundraising Committee for the support at the Arts Display from the school community and the school staff - especially Craig Webb who does so much for us. We raised just over \$1500 that will be spent on resources or activities for the children at school. The weather gods were totally in our favour and it was a wonderful evening.

## **Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme**

*The Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme consists of a range of sessions to help children and young people learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. The whole school will be participating in this programme, starting Monday 28th August. Constable Julie Orr will be in school to work in classes throughout this unit. There will be a parent meeting on **Thursday 24th 3:00pm***

**-3:30pm** with Constable Julie in the school library. She will also be available to talk with any parents after school in the library on Monday 28th - Thursday 31st in the school library. This is for any parents that would like to know more about the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. More information is available on the link below.

<http://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/successful-relationships/keeping>



The school is scheduled to review the policy and procedures for - **Students with Special Needs/Learning Support**. Please follow these instructions if you would like to review this document and give feedback.

1. Log into School Docs - [http:// www.schooldocs.co.nz/](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz/)
2. Search for Hutt Central School
3. Click on Policy Review
4. Click on Students with Special Needs /Learning Support.
5. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
6. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

Kia ora Hutt Central School Whānau

Well, we are firmly into Term 3 and whilst the weather has not been very kind, it didn't stop the recent student volunteer army planting fruit trees, our students participating in a very informative garden trip and seeing some fantastic effort in the cross country.

Since our last update, the school has been refining our conversational te reo. We can all agree normalising our extended te reo language skills, is not only fantastic for our student's development but exciting for all the family. Ka pai everyone. Meanwhile, with a continued focus on our writing and reading it is showing some great results from the students.

In our last update, the board thanked parents and the community who participated in the school community survey. We have invested a lot of time reviewing these results and understanding your thoughts on what the school is doing well and where we need further development and communication. Your views and input are now shaping the strategic direction of the school.

The board has developed and now presented the strategic goals and key focus for the forthcoming years to the senior leadership team and staff. Our school vision and your feedback have helped develop key areas of learning programmes at school, increasing awareness of tikanga Māori, supporting those with diverse needs, providing clear and transparent progress for students and personalising learning to cater for all learners. Of course we have a little way to go, and the board will be working with staff through a reflection day on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October to see how we can realise the results of your feedback. We hope to have these available for December, ready for our next year.

Meanwhile, 'School Docs' is now live with information available in the recent school newsletter. This is an easily accessible and searchable online platform which allows you to visually see and understand the policies and procedures at school.

With a recent board member stepping down, the board are still in a strong position to make decisions and work on behalf of the school. We will be reviewing the needs of the school before looking at a process to appoint a new board member. We are looking to review this position in November.

The board would like to take the time to thank all the families that have generously provided their voluntary donations to the school. The board have set the donation at \$45.00 per child per term, but we value all donations and appreciate your contributions.

In other news, you may be aware of developments around cohort entry, which is about allowing schools to have further options for children starting school. The education act update 2017 was amended to enable schools to consider adopting cohort entry. If the school decides to develop a policy of cohort entry or if the school considers progressing cohort entry further, it would involve consultation with our school community.

For schools which introduce cohort entry, new entrants can start school as part of a cohort at the beginning of the term closest to their fifth birthday rather than on their fifth birthday or soon afterwards. I have attached a link below so you may read a little more on the Education (Update) Amendment Act 2017 regarding cohort entry:

<https://education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Legislation/Ed-Act-Update-Factsheets/Ed-Act-Update-FS-8-Enabling-schools-to-introduce-cohort-entry.pdf>

Meanwhile, as a reminder, the Education (Update) Amendment Act 2017 came into effect on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2017. The new Act introduced the setting of objectives for the early childhood and compulsory education system and a new stand-alone document called the statement of National Education and Learning Priorities (NELP). This document is what the Government of the day will use to set its education priorities.

The Act is also designed to help schools to deliver an education for New Zealand's children and young people and introduces a range of ways that the Ministry of Education can give quicker support to schools to help get them back on track. I have attached a link below so you may read a little more on the Education (Update) Amendment Act 2017:

<https://education.govt.nz/ministry-of-education/legislation/the-education-update-amendment-act/>

If parents and whānau could please keep an eye on some of the activities the fundraisers are doing for the school and where possible we would encourage your participation. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents and those who work and support our school.

Finally, community health and safety is a vitally important topic for the school and our students. Please take the time to support some of the work the school are doing, to keep our children safe and healthy. More information on our keeping ourselves safe initiative in the school newsletter.

Thank you everyone, ngā mihi

Wayne Goodfellow,

Board Chair.



**Tuesday 29th August** will be the last opportunity that you have to support Hutt Central School at the infamous Sprig & Fern Quiz Nights. Lock this date in your diaries.

**Everyone is welcome to join this fun night - no pressure to be the winning team!**

You pay a \$2 fee each to do the quiz and if you have team of over 6 people you pay an additional \$5 for each extra person. There are raffles to buy on the night too.

The proceeds of the gold coin donations and the raffles all come to Hutt Central. Did we mention you can BYO your own snacks too! We would love to see you there!

## Hutt Central School Calendar

Visit our website for an updating Calendar <http://www.huttcentral.school.nz/>

<b>Week 5 Term 3 ( 21 August - 25 August)</b>	Thursday 24th - Keeping Ourselves Safe programme - Parent meeting School Library 3.30pm
<b>Week 6 Term 3 ( 28 August - 1 September)</b>	Monday 28th - Thursday 31st - Constable Julie Scott - school library - 3pm- Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Tuesday 29th - Sprig & Fern Petone Quiz 7.00pm start
<b>Week 7 Term 3 (4 September - 8 September)</b>	Friday 8th - Wellington Free Ambulance 'Onesie Day'

### Check out our Class Blogs

Room 1	Mrs Campbell	<a href="https://blog.seesaw.me/teamtahi2017/">https://blog.seesaw.me/teamtahi2017/</a>
Room 2	Miss Mahoney	<a href="https://blog.seesaw.me/teamrua2017/">https://blog.seesaw.me/teamrua2017/</a>
Room 3	Mr Burgess	<a href="https://blog.seesaw.me/teamtoru2017/">https://blog.seesaw.me/teamtoru2017/</a>
Room 4	Miss Tiffen	<a href="http://kowhanga.blogspot.co.nz/">http://kowhanga.blogspot.co.nz/</a>
Room 5	Mrs Fleming	<a href="http://kowhanga.blogspot.co.nz/">http://kowhanga.blogspot.co.nz/</a>
Room 6	Mr Hodge	<a href="http://centralroom6.blogspot.co.nz/">http://centralroom6.blogspot.co.nz/</a>
Room 7	Mrs Burrell	<a href="http://hccroom7.blogspot.co.nz/">http://hccroom7.blogspot.co.nz/</a>
Room 8	Mrs Ronchetti	<a href="https://room8hcs.blogspot.co.nz/">https://room8hcs.blogspot.co.nz/</a>
Room 9	Mrs Scott	<a href="https://blog.seesaw.me/theamazingroom9">https://blog.seesaw.me/theamazingroom9</a>
Room 10	Mrs Braddock	<a href="https://blog.seesaw.me/room10hcs">https://blog.seesaw.me/room10hcs</a>
Room 11	Mrs Gould	<a href="http://wonderfulroomelevenhcs.blogspot.com/">http://wonderfulroomelevenhcs.blogspot.com/</a>
Room 12	Mrs Butler	<a href="http://room12hcs.blogspot.co.nz/">http://room12hcs.blogspot.co.nz/</a>
Room 13	Miss Smith	<a href="https://blog.seesaw.me/tekaumatorublog/">https://blog.seesaw.me/tekaumatorublog/</a>
Our School Library		<a href="http://huttcentralschoollibrary.blogspot.co.nz">huttcentralschoollibrary.blogspot.co.nz</a>

### Community Notices

#### HUTT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL -

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

Enrolments close at 3pm Friday 1st September. NO late out of zone enrolments will be accepted, even if siblings or parents have attended in the past.

All in zone enrolments must have

- A proof of residential address attached or they cannot be accepted. Acceptable proof of address is Rental Agreement, Sale and Purchase Agreement, Rates Bill, Power Bill or Landline phone bill.
- A copy of birth certificate or passport (if not a New Zealand or Australian citizen) is also required. If a student is on a foreign passport there needs to be proof of residency, citizenship or a study visa.

The Ballot will be held on Monday 18th September and all letters of confirmation or otherwise will be sent prior to the end of Term 3.



#### **Goodtime Music Academy - School holiday programme**

Registrations have now opened to secure your child's place in the October holiday programme [www.holiday.gtma.co.nz](http://www.holiday.gtma.co.nz) phone 5682237 or email [holiday@gtma.co.nz](mailto:holiday@gtma.co.nz)

More information available at the school office

#### **Petone Tennis Club**

Free Open Days - Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September from 1pm to 4pm  
Get along to a club near you and give it a go! A fun event for all ages. Racquets supplied.

BBQ, Prizes and giveaways. Free 'Welcome Pack' for all new members while stocks last.



## Carterton Daffodil Festival - Sunday 10th September

It's getting to that time of year when the Daffodil bulbs are popping up all over the Wairarapa district, a sunny little reminder that spring is almost upon us, bringing with it the annual Carterton Daffodil Festival on Sunday 10th September. What is now for many a time-honoured tradition, the festival includes the picking of daffodils at Middlerun, a historic property in Gladstone. As in 2016, there will be FREE buses departing throughout the day starting at 10am from Broadway, to shuttle eager festival goers to and from Middlerun.

The Daffodil Express Steam Train, enroute from Wellington, will be arriving at 10.40am at the Carterton Railway Station before proceeding to Masterton. The short trip between Carterton and Masterton offers local residents and visitors a taste of the historic steam train, whilst still making the most of the festival's activities. To book a round trip Carterton to Masterton return email: [carterton.rail.museum@xnet.co.nz](mailto:carterton.rail.museum@xnet.co.nz) to book a Wellington return trip visit <http://www.steaminc.org.nz/>.

The festival will be as wonderful as ever with the Big Wai Art Sale, live music, the Daffodil Express Steam Train excursion and all the fun of the fair!

There will be the normal public trains running on the day check out the timetable on the Metlink website

[www.metlink.org.nz](http://www.metlink.org.nz)

For more information about the Carterton Daffodil Festival please visit <http://cdc.govt.nz/daffodil-festival/> or our Carterton Daffodil Festival Facebook Page.



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**10am-12pm**  
**2nd September**  
Salvation Army Hall  
72 Cuba Street  
Petone

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