

## Hutt Central School Newsletter No 10 Term 2 26 June - 30 June 2023

### Kia ora Tatou,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff and students for a great Term Two. Our learning has focused around 'Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi', (With your basket and my basket the people will thrive) and tonight we celebrate Matariki with our Hangi. I thank those in our community who have supported us throughout the term and wish you all a safe time away for our Term Break.

### Matariki Hangi

Tonight we have our Matariki Hangi and we are really looking forward to sharing some kai (food) me te korero (conversation) with you all. Please bring your children to their class at 4:15pm, we will assemble on the Junior Field at 4:30pm then share a meal together from around 5pm. Thank you to our Whanau Group, the many people in our community who have supported our organisation and preparation, and our Te Ao Maori team (Rebecca, Claire, Jacqui, Amina) who have guided our students through their learning and organisation for the Hangi.

### Support Staff

This week we are celebrating our fantastic support staff. At Hutt Central we are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated and enthusiastic team of support staff who are always willing to go the extra mile for our students and our school. It has been a pleasure acknowledging them and their mahi this week!



### HuttFest

A group of 34 of our students participated in the Huttfest Kapa haka and Poly festival on Monday 26 June. We are incredibly proud of all of our students who shared our waiata and dance. It was fantastic to take part in an awesome event and we look forward to sharing again in 2024. Thank you to our parents and caregivers who supported us on the evening and to Jess, Amina and Rebecca who prepared us for our performance.



### Shared Vision

Our team of 'wordsmiths' have written three iterations of our shared vision based on the ideas that we as a community shared, sorted and voted. We are currently refining our wording on the shared vision and I was hoping to have our first iteration ready to share today... unfortunately events have interfered with our process and we will have this ready to share at the start of Term 3.

### Reports and Kaiako Whānau Hui

Written reports will be coming home today.. These are designed to give you information about your children that will contribute to a conversation about their learning at a Kaiako and Whānau Hui.

The Kaiako and Whānau Hui will be held on Wednesday 19th July from 3:15 to 5.30 pm and Thursday 20th July from 3:15 to 8.00 pm.

To make a booking to visit with your child's teacher please follow this link:- [Kaiaki and Whānau Hui](#) and 'Make a Booking' with the event code **4rv9a**. The teachers and the office staff are able to help if needed. [Parent Teacher Conversations](#) and Make a Booking' with the event code **4rv9a**

## Kids Online Presentation

We have organised Author, Filmmaker and Speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online" to come and give what promises to be a humorous and eye-opening evening talk to our parent community. Our presence at Rob's presentation will support us to take collective action as a community for our tamariki - now and in the future.

His talk will cover

- **Cyberbullying** - How cyberbullies can reach our kids 24/7
- **Social media** - The pressure for kids to build an online brand that is often far removed from their authentic selves. FOMO, Highlight Reels
- **Gaming and the developing brain** - An oversupply of dopamine leading to dopamine deficiency, synaptic pruning, and the underdevelopment of social skills and empathy
- **Naked Selfies** - The pressure to send nudes from intermediate up through high school
- **Online predators** - The methods they use, how to spot them, and how to get out from under their control if your child has been trapped
- **Online porn vs healthy sexuality** - How consuming online pornography as a child or teen can create a sexual template where violence, aggression, and dominance are seen as normal and consent can become very blurry

Solutions

- **Filters** - Which filters are best and how to install them
- **Smartphones** - How to lock down a smartphone to make it a safe phone
- **Boundaries** - How to put good boundaries in place around device use
- **3 golden rules** - The 3 golden rules that will keep your kids safe
- **Talking to your kids** - How to have difficult conversations with your kids
- **Challenging our own phone and device usage** - Reconnecting as a family.

[Here is a promotional video for you to watch](#) [Our Kids Online Parent Evening](#).

The presentation will be held in our school hall on **Thursday 27th July from 7-9 pm.**

We really want at least one adult from each family attend, this topic is too big for us not to pay attention.

**Rob's mantra** - *"We need to tackle this as a community so that all of our kids are safe. When you protect your kids online, you are also protecting mine and when I protect my kids online, I am also protecting yours."*

**Please complete the Signmee that was sent home this week to ensure you reserve your space.**

## Steph farewell

Finally today I acknowledge and farewell Steph Campbell, our Deputy Principal who has her last day with us tomorrow. We are all the richer having had a connection with Steph through our school over the last 9-10 years. I am really proud and excited for her in her new direction of Tumuaki (Principal) of Upper Hutt School. Steph's poroporoaki will be held in the school from 2:30pm tomorrow (Friday).

Ngā mihi nui,  
Michael Gendall  
Principal

## **BRING AND BUY - FRIDAY 28th July** **Week 2 Term 3** **REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE**

If you are planning a cleanout in the holidays, please consider putting good quality toys and books that you no longer require aside and bringing them in next term for the Bring & Buy. All money raised goes towards 2024 Senior School Camp.

More information will be provided early next term.



# Call for Scholastic Bookfair Volunteers

From Wednesday 19th July to Tuesday 25 July (Weeks 1 and 2 of next term), our school will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair. We are calling for volunteers to help run the stall in the School Library. As teachers are often in meetings before and after school we need parent volunteers to help man the desk for **half hour or one hour slots** before and after school, and on the afternoons/evenings of our Parent Teacher Interviews.

We need volunteers for the following dates/times:

Wed 19 July	Thurs 20 July
3.00–5.00pm	3.00–5.30pm and 6.00–7.45pm

This is a great fundraiser, as a percentage from every book that is sold goes towards purchasing new books for our School Library. So, please **check your calendars, and if you can spare half an hour or longer on one of these days, let Kylie Penny know ASAP: pennyk@huttcentral.school.nz.**

*Kia ora Tātou,*

*Our whānau group is supporting us to organise a Hāngī to celebrate Matariki and come together as a community to share a meal.*

*This is going to be held today - we will come together at 4:15pm, lift the Hāngī at 4:45 then start serving kai. We are really looking forward to coming together as a wider community and we invite all whānau to join us.*

*We would love to see you all there.*

*Ngā mihi,*

*HCS Whānau Group and the Te Ao Māori team*



## School absences

**Please remember to notify school before 9.00am** if your child will not be at school for all or part of the day. You can do this via our website [Absences](#) or by calling our absence line **PH: 566 0059** This reduces the lengthy process of contacting you to check on absences. We use an electronic absence notification system, which means you will be initially contacted via text message and/or phone call when your child is away and no notification has been received.

Students arriving late for school must sign in using Vistab on arrival before going to class. This is located at the school office.

## ICAS Assessments for Years 3-6 - REMINDER

An email was sent home on the 1st June to families of students who are in Years 3 to 6, inviting them to sign up online for ICAS ( International Competitions and Assessments for Schools). These assessments are done at school during school time.

We don't know the exact date of each exam yet but it is likely they will be as follows:-

English The week of 14th August Science - The week of 21st August Mathematics - The week of 28th August

For more information <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas/>



## Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is in the school hall every school day from 8.30am-8.50am.

Everybody who'd like a bite to eat or some company at that time is welcome.

If you're interested in volunteering at Breakfast Club once a week or once a fortnight, please contact Kathryn Rose at [kathrynrose11771@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynrose11771@gmail.com).

Visit our website for links to the classes, contacts for teachers and an updated calendar  
<http://www.huttcentral.school.nz/>

Week 10 Term 2 26th June - 30th June	Monday- Hutt Fest performance Thursday - School Hangi Friday - Last day of term - Assembly
Week 1 Term 3 17th July - 21st July	Monday - Term 3 begins Chocolate Fundraising Drive starts Wednesday + Thursday - Kaiako Whānau Hui Wednesday - Friday - Scholastic Book Fair
Week 2 Term 3 24th July - 28th July	Monday - Tuesday - Scholastic Book Fair Thursday - Kids Online Presentation 7pm School hall Friday - School Bring and Buy Friday - Assembly
Week 3 Term 3 31st July - 4th August	Wednesday - Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm staffroom

### Our 2023 Seesaw Blogs

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any problems viewing their individual learning journal.

Room 1	<a href="https://app.seesaw.me/blog/hcsruma12023">https://app.seesaw.me/blog/hcsruma12023</a>
Room 2	<a href="https://app.seesaw.me/blog/hcsruma22023">https://app.seesaw.me/blog/hcsruma22023</a>
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**Community News can be found on the separate attachment.**