#### **Hutt Central School**

Empowering our children to meet the future with confidence

# Hutt Central School Newsletter No 1 2nd - 4th February Term 1 2022

#### Kia ora Tatou,

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Hutt Central School.

I hope that everyone had a fantastic break and that you are all ready for the school year! It has been great to see our returning students and hear about their adventures over the holidays. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new students and whānau, and share in their enjoyable transition to our school. Thank you to our fantastic staff for their work over the holiday break to prepare for the 2022 school year and welcome our students to school!

#### **RED Light Setting**

As you are all aware we are now in the Red Light setting of the COVID Protection Framework (CPF). Schools will remain open at all traffic light settings. See the guidance table for Red setting.

The Ministry of Education is supporting us with planning our processes for Red. We'll work through this information and provide the <u>COVID-19 Protection Framework (the framework)</u> that helps to protect Aotearoa from COVID-19.

#### **Health Measures**

- -All staff are fully vaccinated. And by March, all will have received their Booster.
- -Face coverings are **required for all children Year 4 and upwards when indoors** or in close contact with others. Teachers and staff must also wear face coverings for classes Years 4 and up. Public health advice is that an appropriate face covering will fit snugly and seal well around facial contours.
- -Please ensure your year 4-6 child has an appropriate mask (NAMED) to bring to school each day, taking it home again to ensure a fresh mask is brought to school each day.
- -We encourage good hygiene practices, including regular hand washing/sanitising (sanitiser is provided in all classrooms); cough and sneeze etiquette.
- -Cleaners will regularly clean high touch surfaces.
- -Staff will ensure windows and doors are adjusted where possible to improve ventilation.
- -We ask that students and staff stay home if sick and get tested if displaying any covid symptoms.

**Please update the school of your situation**, it is essential that we are informed of any confirmed cases. Do this by calling the office immediately.

- If children display any symptoms or become unwell while at school, we will ensure they are masked immediately and caregivers will be contacted and asked to take them home and get tested.

#### **Omicron and Testing**

We have all seen the huge numbers of cases overseas, and we will likely see larger case numbers in Aotearoa than we have previously experienced in the last two years. While Omicron is more transmissible than previous strains, most people who get COVID-19 will have a mild to moderate illness and fully recover in their own homes.

However, some immune-compromised communities are vulnerable, even when fully vaccinated. Therefore, we all need to continue to play our part to minimise the spread of the virus.

#### There are additional measures that we will take while in the Red Light setting:

- -We will not be holding any large hui and gatherings. School assemblies will be online and will start from Friday 11th February.
- -We ask that children arrive at school from 8:30 am. If they are before this they will be asked to wait outside the classroom until 8:30 am. We will be encouraging children to stay outside as much as possible.

- -We encourage parents and caregivers if possible to say goodbye at the gate and pick up from the gate, not coming into the school grounds. We do encourage use of the walking pou on Te Mome Road. Please don't use the school car park.
- If your child is needing your support or is starting school you can come in to school but please ensure you are masked, use the covid tracing sign-in or paper sign-in at the office and sanitise.
- -Please stay off the decks and out of the classrooms if you need to drop your child at their class. We appreciate this may be very difficult for children starting school so please keep in contact with your child's teacher regarding this.
- -Playgrounds will be closed after school to encourage all to quickly make their way out of the grounds.
- -Parent and caregiver meetings planned for week 4 of this term will be virtual or held in well-ventilated rooms with a 2m distance between participants. More information on this is to come.

#### Managing cases in our school

The Ministry of Health or the Ministry of Education will advise us on a positive Covid case recorded at school. We have a sound contact tracing system in place so that if there is a confirmed case of someone who has been at school while infectious, we can quickly identify who was a 'close contact' with that person. We will then quickly advise those contacts of what they need to do.

#### **Student Contact Details**

This week the children have brought home a letter that asks you to check and update the contact details that we have on file for your child/children at Hutt Central School.

It is very important that we have accurate details for the children and so we are asking for your support to mark any changes to the letter as needed, or sign the form as correct, and then return it to the school office in the next couple of days.

Because of the Red Level restrictions where we are trying to reduce foot traffic in our school grounds while the children are present, could you please ensure your child either gives the completed letter to their teacher or posts it into the box that will be on a table outside the school office every morning. Please contact the school office on admin@huttcentral.school.nz if you have any questions.

#### **Preparing for COVID-19**

It is wise to prepare for COVID-19, ensuring you and your household have a plan and know what to do. Find out more here:

Be prepared for COVID-19 - https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/be-prepared-for-covid-19/

#### Self-isolating at home because of COVID-19

Many people will be able to manage self-isolation with help from friends and whānau, but there is help available if you need it – both with health support and access to food and other essentials. What to expect when self-isolating at home | Unite against COVID-19 (covid19.govt.nz) - https://covid19.govt.nz/isolation-and-care/what-to-expect-when-self-isolating-at-home/

While this might feel a little overwhelming at times, please know that we are well prepared for the year ahead. We are hopeful that there will not be too much disruption to learning, but like most of New Zealand, we have become experts at adapting quickly to the changing landscape of Covid and education.

Thank you to our community members who helped to keep an eye on our school over the holidays. We really appreciate you using our fantastic grounds out of school hours. There has been some mild vandalism so I would appreciate you contacting me if you see anything while on your travels through our school.

Michael is on sabbatical in Term 1 and we wish him well for his time and study. I'm sure he will be thinking of us as we head into 2022. Martin Hodge and I are working with the team to ensure we are starting this slightly different year well. I am Acting Principal while Michael is away so feel free to get in touch with me, and I will also be leading the Senior Syndicate. Martin is released from the classroom to support me in my Acting Principal role and his Junior Syndicate team. He will return to the classroom (Room 1) during Term 2.

Also we welcome some new staff to the Hutt Central whānau

#### **Junior Syndicate**

Rm 2 Abby Radford NE- Yr1

Rm 3 Anna Grant NE- Yr1

Rm 4 Anneke Corrich Hermans Yr 2 & 3

Rm 5 Kylie Penny Yr 2 & 3

Rm 6 Rebecca Burge Yr 2 & 3

Rm 7 Jo Bate/ Amy Fleming Yr 1

Rm 8 Claire Tiffen Yr 2 & 3

#### **Senior Syndicate**

Rm 9 Jamie Hastilow Yr 4 & 5

Rm 10 Jess BazaloYr 4 & 5

Rm 11 Adam Burgess Yr 5 & 6

Rm 12 Andrea Rogers Yr 5 & 6

Rm 13 Tayla BurnsideYr 4 & 5

Welcome to Avani, Toby, Tobias, May, Franklin, Henry, Isla, Matilda, Marco, Hira-Hinehou, Demi and Charlotte-Rose who have started at Hutt Central School this week. It is great to have you at our school.

Our school values of Resilience, Manawaroa; Respect, Whakaute; Responsibility, Haepapa; Creativity, Auahatanga continue to guide how we 'live' at our school. The values have been a fantastic way to ground us as we return to school. Our students will be rewarded for 'living by' our values at school through tokens and the 'Volume of our Values'. I look forward to our collective reward as we get to the bronze level!

#### **Teacher only Days**

As stated in last years newsletter, The Board of Trustees have approved the following Teacher only Days for 2022. These days are part of the Accord between the Ministry of Educaton and the NZEI. The dates for Hutt Central School are:

- Friday 4 March (Week 5 Term 1)
- Thursday 14 April (Last Day of term)
- Friday 3 June (Week 5 Term 2 Queens Birthday weekend)
- Friday 8 July (Last day of term 2)

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#### **Easter Break**

The school will be closed on Thursday 14th of April for a Teacher only day and of course, Friday 15th April which is the first day of the school holidays.

#### **Reminders:**

- ★ Bikes, scooters etc Please walk bikes and scooters in the school grounds for drop off and pick up.
- ★ Toys / special things Students are strongly encouraged to leave toys and special things at home unless being brought to school for class sharing.
- ★ Dogs Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds between the hours of 8am and 4pm, unless they are a working dog or permission has been sought from a staff member.
- ★ Car Park Please keep out of the car park during drop off and pick up times.

With the current settings it is a little tricky but please feel free to give me a call, email me or call the school to talk if you have any questions or queries. <a href="mailto:campbells@huttcentral.school.nz">campbells@huttcentral.school.nz</a>

Ngā mihi nui, Steph Campbell Acting Principal

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Hutt Central School Breakfast Club will open each school morning in the hall starting on



Tuesday 8th February 8.30am to 8.50am

Any children who would like some breakfast or company are welcome

### The Lost Property has moved.....

You will find the Lost Property box in the short corridor outside the library and next to the Room 3 cloakroom.

Visit our website for links to the classes, contacts for teachers and an updating Calendar <a href="http://www.huttcentral.school.nz/">http://www.huttcentral.school.nz/</a>

| Week 1 Term 1 2022<br>2 February - 4 February   | Wednesday - First Day of the School Year                          |
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| Week 2 Term 1 2022<br>7 February - 11 February  | Monday - Waitangi Day - School closed<br>Friday - Online assembly |
| Week 3 Term 1 2022<br>14 February - 18 February |   |

### **Emergency Food Packs**

Your child should have brought home any packs from 2021 this week Please restock and send back to school by <u>Tuesday 8th February</u>

All Parents/ Caregivers are asked to supply an **Emergency Food Pack** that will remain at school to provide for your child/children if the need arises e.g. lockdown. In your pack please cater for any essential dietary needs. At the end of the year, we will return the container and contents for you to refresh for the following year.

Pack all the following into an ice cream container and name clearly.

- 1 small tin meal (approx 400gms, tear top are great)
- 1 small tin of fruit (approx 400gms, tear top are great)
- 3 snack items
- 1 plastic spoon
- 6 10 Barley sugars (wrapped)
- 2 large plastic bags

## **School Lunches**

available from Wednesday
9th February

Please ensure you update your child's class for 2022 to ensure delivery

Sushi available on Wednesdays Subway available on Fridays



#### Our 2022 Seesaw Blogs

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

| Room 2  | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrm22022    |
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| Room 3  | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsroom32022  |
| Room 4  | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrm42022    |
| Room 5  | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrm52022    |
| Room 6  | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrm62022    |
| Room 7  | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrm72022    |
| Room 8  | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrm82022    |
| Room 9  | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsroom92022  |
| Room 10 | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsroom102022 |
| Room 11 | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsroom112022 |
| Room 12 | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcs2022rm12   |
| Room 13 | https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsroom132022 |

#### **Community Notices**

Oh no. The evil Dr. Phineas P. Perti has turned Unicorns into food and is planning on taking over the world! How will Uni-tato get past the wicked 3-headed dog to save the world?!

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?!

Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a

Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz

Or message Joshuwawa: Wellington@Marrzipandrama.co.nz

### **Chess Power**

We are excited to offer after-school ONLINE chess coaching classes, available to all kids across New Zealand and Australia.

Classes are presented by NZ Chess Champion, Paul Macdonald Learn more about Paul

- Classes are from: 4:30pm 5:30pm NZST
- ALL classes take place after school on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Each class will present a fun and instructive game of chess where you can solve puzzles
  along the way. The game will feature two interesting characters, loads of tactics and
  awesome attacks on the king.
- This class suits all students. Students will need to know how the pieces move.
- Students will also have the opportunity to play two tournament games against other students in the class. The class fees are: \$20 per session

Join the Class Now