

# Hutt Central School

*Empowering our children to meet the future with confidence*

## **Hutt Central School Newsletter No 2 Term 1 5th - 9th February 2024**

### **Kia ora Tatou,**

Our students have been fantastic since the start of the year and we are really proud of the way they are using our values. In particular we have seen some incredible resilience / manawaroa with our students adapting to new classes, routines and expectations as they progress through the school. I am really proud of the responsibility / haepapa our Senior students are using when looking after our younger students in the playground - great tuakana - teina!

I thank you all for supporting our students to wear a full brimmed sun hat. This week has been hot and we are really pleased to note that all of our students have a hat on when we are outside. We have sunscreen available at school for students, we also recommend that our students put some on before they leave home.

### **Marie**

As I write this message, I would like to let you all know that Marie Hartley, one of our Teacher Aides, is in Hospice Care as she struggles in her fight with cancer. Marie has been with our school for 18 years and is a much-loved member of our staff who has a special bond with all children that she works with. I would like to extend our thoughts and best wishes of our school community to Marie and her whanau at this time.

### **Year 5 and 6 Camp Information Evening for Parents**

We are holding an information evening on Thursday 15th February at 7 pm in Room 11 and 12 for parents / caregivers with Year 5 and 6 students going to camp in week 5 this term.

### **New Students**

Welcome to Riley who has started at Hutt Central School this week. It is great to have you with us.

### **Updating Pupil Details**

Next week we will be sending home the details we have on file for your children. Please check the information and make any changes as required then return the form to the office asap. If there are no changes to be made, please return the form with your signature so we know not to chase you up for it.

**Digital User Agreements** - These have come home. Once read and signed they will need to be returned to the class teacher ASAP. This agreement is to help the tamariki and whānau learn about ways to be competent and confident digital citizens.

### **Road Patrol and School Crossings**

We are really proud of students who have been trained for Road Patrol by Constable Leef. They are really organised and keen to support our community to cross our roads safely after school. Please use the crossings before and after school, it is great to have our patrollers on duty and for us as adults to show our students the safest way to cross roads whether they are with us or not.

### **FunFERN Netball Years 1- 4**

Information was sent out via Signmee on Wednesday last week. Registration closes on **Friday 9th February 2024**. The season begins **Saturday 17th February** held at the Taita Netball Courts and runs for 6 weeks. Games are normally held in the mornings starting at 9 am or 10 am.

### **Badminton Years 5-6**

Information has been sent out today on Signmee. Registrations close on **Thursday 15th February 2024**. The games begin on Tuesday 27th February 2024 (Week 5 of the term) and will run for 7 weeks.

## Assembly

Please join us for our celebratory assembly tomorrow in the school hall at 2:20pm.

## Out of School Care Provider

Kelly Club are up and running in our school hall. I thank Vanessa, Judy, Tami and the team for their preparation over the break on our school site. Please visit their site which is for Out of School Care through Kelly Club in our hall: <https://kellyclub.co.nz/hutt-central>

Ngā mihi nui,  
Michael Gendall

## 2024 Term Dates and Public Holidays

**Term 1 Thursday 1 February – Friday 12 April** *Holidays - Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February, Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April and Easter Tuesday 2 April*

**Term 2 Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July** *Holidays - King's Birthday Monday 3 June and Matariki Friday 28 June*

**Term 3 Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September**

**Term 4 Monday 14 October – Tuesday 17 December** *Holiday - Labour Day Monday 28 October*

## Emergency Food Packs

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. The Senior School brought their 2023 boxes home last week and the Junior School students will be bringing theirs home tomorrow (Friday). Please return the container and refreshed contents to your child's classroom asap (ideally by Monday next week).

Pack all the following into an ice cream, or similar, 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



## BREAKFAST CLUB



Hutt Central School Breakfast Club will open each school morning in the hall from **8.30am to 8.50am** starting on **Monday 5th February**. Any children who would like some breakfast or company are welcome.

**Donations of rice bubbles, cornflakes, tinned fruit, margarine, jam, honey and dish washing liquid would be appreciated. This**

**can be taken to the school office.**

If you are interested in being rostered on to pop in to help please get in touch with Kathryn: [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 2 Term 1 2024 5th February - 9th February	Friday - Assembly in school hall 2.20pm
Week 3 Term 1 2024 12th February - 16th February	Thursday - Information Evening for all those parents who have children going to the Yr 5 and 6 School Camp 7pm in Room 11 and 12
Week 4 Term 1 2024 19th February - 23rd February	Friday - Assembly in school hall 2.20pm
Week 5 Term 1 2024 26th February - 1st March	Tuesday to Friday - Year 5 and 6 School Camp -

## Scholastic Book Club



Issue 1 is out and Book Club magazines have been given to the children to bring home this week.

Orders need to be placed online directly to [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP)  
 These offers will expire on Sunday 18th February.

## Junior Tough Guy & Gal Challenge 2024

Hutt Central will be participating on Wednesday 22nd May  
 Camp Wainui – 203 Coast Road, Wainuiomata

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/#wj>

Parents will need to register your own children and will be expected to transport your children to and from the event. You will also need to stay at the event while your child is there.

1. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you select the CORRECT ENTRY, DATE & VENUE for your child
2. Hutt Central School are giving our pupils the opportunity to attend as a school group, so you must select THE TEACHER WILL PICK UP THE RACE NUMBER when you come to the Bib Collection question
3. Please write the School Name in FULL (i.e. Hutt Central School)



## School Lunches

Please ensure you update  
 your child's class for 2024  
 to ensure delivery  
[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

Sushi available on Wednesdays  
 Subway available on Fridays

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## Community News

### Super Science – War Memorial Library

Are you curious about how the world works? Do you enjoy getting your hands messy in the name of experimentation? Do you like kahoot?! If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then you should come along to Super Science!

Super Science is an educational hands-on STEM program held at the War Memorial Library every other Thursday from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Using materials from Hutt Science, we make scientific hypotheses and test them out in a supportive environment.

The following are our dates for Term 1:

- 22nd Feb – Volcanoes
- 7th March – Sea Week
- 21st March – Microscopic World
- 21st September – Dem Bones



Super Science is best suited for ages 8+. There is no need to register – just come along.

### Sketch Club - War Memorial Library and Maungaraki Community Library

Sketch Club is a free programme for ages 7-12 where participants improve their sketching skills through a variety of lessons and challenges over the course of one school term.

The programme runs during term time only at War Memorial Library on Tuesdays, and at Maungaraki Community Library on Thursdays.

Classes run from 3.30-4.30pm, and students are expected to attend each week. Numbers are limited so please register by emailing [huttlib@huttcity.govt.nz](mailto:huttlib@huttcity.govt.nz), indicating which location you prefer.



Embark on an artistic journey in Term 1, 2024! Our weekend art classes, spanning from February 10th to April 12th, offer an immersive experience for kids aged 5-12. Choose from diverse sessions at Johnsonville Community Centre and **Petone Library**. Dive into the world of creativity and expression with our engaging instructors. Secure your child's spot by

booking now at [wonderhouse.co.nz/booknow](http://wonderhouse.co.nz/booknow). Let's make Term 1 a canvas of imagination and discovery!



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 an hour a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills at 12:30pm on Tuesdays! 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. All parents receive weekly class reports too to keep them up to date on their child's development. Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)