

Hutt Central School

Empowering our children to meet the future with confidence

Hutt Central School Newsletter

No 7 14th March - 18th March Term 1 2022

Kia ora Tatou,

Hutt Central Whānau - we've got this. We have been blown away with how our whole community has approached these challenging times. The children really are doing an amazing job of adapting to the conditions. You only need to see a Stuff update or glimpse a news item to be reminded that we are in a challenging time. We have had very high rates of absences, 45% of our school being away has been our highest number so far. There are now days when some classes are combining to cater for our teachers, teacher aides and support staff having to be at home. Our crew onsite are supporting each other to keep school a great place to be. I see this as a wave, and it could be that the surge keeps going for some time. We still ask that you keep us informed of the situation in your home, email or call and we will quickly respond and reach out to see if you need anything. I am pleased to say that we are seeing many smiling faces who are excited to be back at school after isolating at home.

The teachers have worked hard to create options for home learning for the tamariki if they are well and up to it. There is a great programme running at school too, so I want to acknowledge the masses of communication that teachers are doing to keep both home and school learning going. This is not something we have done before, but here we are, doing it.

It is always amazing when our school values shine. Before school this week an amazing game of Ultimate Tag started and has continued in break times during the day. There were Year 1-6 children playing together and not a single issue, injury or short word. We are so impressed with the way our tamariki include others and have fun together.

We have a dedicated crew providing an amazing service in the 'shade sail library.' A reliever this week was so impressed that they took these photos and sent them to me. I was happy to explain to them that they are doing this every day and just love it. Our keen garden helpers are really making a difference to our veggie garden. Thanks so much Liesbeth for creating an amazing learning and harvesting space for all.



Staff

Claire Tiffen will be taking maternity leave at the end of Term 1 and we wish her and Phil all the very best on the start of this exciting journey. While Claire is on leave, Lizzy Butler will be teaching in Room 8. We welcome Lizzy who is currently teaching at Rata Street School. Lizzy will spend a day in the class before the end of term to meet the class and catch up with Claire before she starts with us next term.

New Students

Welcome to Aria and Ella who have started at Hutt Central School this week. It is great to have you with us.

School Donation

Thank you to all the families that have generously paid their voluntary donations already. The donations go towards providing resources that we deem essential for our students' learning. The Board of Trustees has set the donation at \$45.00 per term per child with a reduced rate of \$160.00 if the total is paid before 31.03.2022.

If you would like to pay via the internet our account details are Hutt Central School 06 0996 0379750 00 . When paying by direct credit please include your child's name and what payment is for. Remember to keep your receipts and you are able to claim back the cost from your tax. We appreciate your support and contribution to the school.

Please keep in touch and don't hesitate to email me or call the office.

Ngā mihi nui,

Steph Campbell

Acting Principal

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Movin' March

Did you walk, wheel or scoot to school today? It's all about 'moving' for the month of March. Check out these photos showing our tamariki in action. We loved the way Grace and Zoe bounced to school together! A very creative way of getting to school - it's great to see one of our School Values in action too (auahatanga - creativity). William has been getting some basketball practise in, and going on a hikoi in the bush with his whanau.

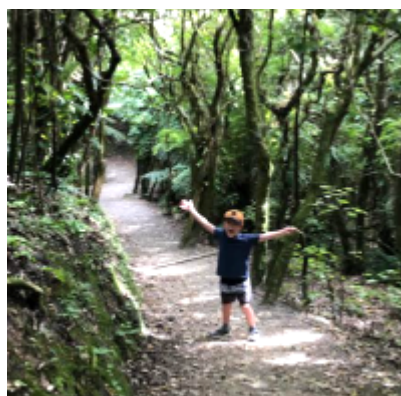
We LOVE seeing these photos - so please keep them coming! Send your favourite photos of 'moving' to Andrea Rogers at rogersa@huttcentral.school.nz to be in the next school newsletter, and also to be entered onto the Movin' March Facebook page for a chance to win prizes. Or enter them yourself at: www.facebook.com/movinmarch Please include a comment about what you love about your

neighbourhood as you walk 🚶 or wheel 🚲 or scoot 🛹 to school. You could win a Micro Scooter from Micro Scooters Australia & NZ or a Family Pass to Staglands Wildlife Reserve & Cafe or Zealandia Ecosanctuary.

There are **15 prizes to give away** from the Facebook site! All winners announced before Mon 11 April 2022.

Upcoming Event - Wheels Day

Next Friday, 25th March, we will be holding a Wheel's Day at school to celebrate Movin' March. This is a chance for everyone to bring their bikes, scooters, roller blades, skates and skateboards to school for the day. There'll be prizes for the best decorated 'wheels' and a chance to ride around a circuit on the courts for part of the day with their class. We will have some small wheels to play with if some do not have any wheels of their own on the day. As always - **helmets will be compulsory** - as we have a NO HELMET, NO WHEELS policy for this type of event.



Keen to tough it out?

Wednesday the 25th of May is the day HCS students can opt to be apart of this. Please select **Option 2** under the 'how to enter' section.



<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/junior-tough-guy-and-gal-challenge/#tab-id-2>



LOST PROPERTY

As the weather becomes changeable we have a lot of clothing finding its way to the Lost Property Box. Please ask your children to have a look in it for anything they have misplaced lately. The Lost Property Box can be found in the foyer between Room 3 and the Library.

Hutt Central School Easter Raffle

The Fundraising Group's raffles have always been hugely successful and they are about to start a new one - this time being drawn in time for the Easter Holidays!

We would be very grateful if your family could donate a non-perishable food item or something you might like to win for a family movie night or a fun day at home during the holidays. Please ask your children to bring it into the school office next week.

Tickets for you to sell will be sent home next week.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club issue 2 open till Friday 25/3/22

If isolating at home have a look online

www.scholastic.co.nz

Hotcross Bun Fundraiser



The fundraising committee are excited to be selling FIX Federation's famous Hot Cross Buns and other goodies again this year.

Please ask your friends, families and neighbours if they would like to add to your order as Hutt Central School will receive a percentage of all funds sold. There will be prizes for the families with the most sold.

Due to restrictions with Covid19 we are using Signmee to collect orders and internet banking for payments. Please talk to Penny or Jo at the school office if this does not work for you.

We will be collecting orders up to 9.00am on Monday 4th April.

We must have received your payment by this time.

To limit people coming into school, your orders will be delivered to your children's rooms on Thursday 7th April for them to bring home. Please ensure they have an extra bag with them on that day. With any large orders of 8 packs or more, please call the school office and we can arrange times for you to come and collect. It may also be worthwhile thinking of having a 'pick up and deliver buddy' in the case your

family is isolating.

PAYMENT OPTIONS - Online banking to the school account Hutt Central School 06 0996 0379750 00
When paying by direct credit please include your name and Hot Cross bun as references.
Online payments need to be made by Sunday 3rd April.

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

Week 7 Term 1 2022 14 March - 18 March	
Week 8 Term 1 2022 21 March - 25 March	Wednesday - Board of Trustees Meeting 7 pm school staffroom
Week 9 Term 1 2022 28 March - 1 April	

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/hcsrcm22022
Room 3	https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsroom32022
Room 4	https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrcm42022
Room 5	https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrcm52022
Room 6	https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrcm62022
Room 7	https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrcm72022
Room 8	https://blog.seesaw.me/hcsrcm82022
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

"OSCAR House provides quality care - before & after school,
and holiday programmes for tamariki - & their parents/caregivers/whanau.

OSCAR House Holiday Programme



Programme plans, information & enrolments now available

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-junior/>

School Years 0 – 2

<http://www.oscarhouse.co.nz/holiday-programme-middle/>

School Years 3 – 8

We are an MSD OSCAR approved programme & OSCAR subsidies are available.

Our premises are adjacent to Eastern Hutt School.

We welcome new families and we'd love to have you join us!"



Rainbow Kidz Start
Kahukuri Tamariki

School Holiday Programme

Hours: 7:30am – 5:30pm
April School Holiday Programme.

Phone: 021 058 7675
Email: rainbow.kidz.start@gmail.com
Online Enrolment:
www.rainbowkidz.co.nz/site/

Location:
Hutt Central School Hall
Railway Avenue Lower Hutt

OSCAR-MSD approved
WINZ subsidies available

Fees: \$50 (up to 10hrs)
\$45.00 (up to 5hrs $\frac{1}{2}$ day)
Activity fee to be added to daily rate

Week 1

Monday 18th April
Closed
Easter Monday

Tuesday 19th April
Create your own Crystal Necklace
Back and Forth Art Game

Wednesday 20th April
St John's Children's First Aid
Course for children
Decorating Whirling Tops

Thursday 21st April
Paint your own Flower Pots
Anzac Poppy Craft

Friday 22nd April
The White Rabbit's Scavenger Hunt
Baking Anzac Biscuits

Week 2

Monday 25th April
Closed
Anzac Day

Tuesday 26th April
Spin Art Creations
Plant a Sunflower

Wednesday 27th April
Make your own Paper Flowers
Cake Pop decorating

Thursday 28th April
Make your own Sun catchers
Create your own Act of Kindness Calendar

Friday 29th April
Light House Movies
(to be confirmed)