

NEWSLETTER WEEK 8 TERM 2 2023

Friday 16th June

Thank you for your support with today's school closure, a separate notice has been sent out on Skool Loop regarding this.

We are now moving into the winter months, luckily the weather has been settled and allowed our tamariki to get outside most days. As you can see, our field redevelopment is taking shape with our rugby field and soccer field nearly finished. We also have collated the ideas from the Outdoor Learning Spaces Survey so thanks to those who provided feedback for this kaupapa. We will look to share a plan with you about the next steps shortly.

I can tell you first hand, our Hutt Fest Kapa Haka Roopu have been putting in a shift at their daily practices over the last week. The intensity, discipline and commitment has gone to another level. We are looking forward to them taking the stage at Walter Nash, but before then, they will perform a dress rehearsal next Friday 22nd June in the school hall at 2pm. Whānau are most welcome to attend this. Ngā mihi nui to all the whānau support so far from creating kakahu, korowai, poi and other decorations. It is much appreciated.

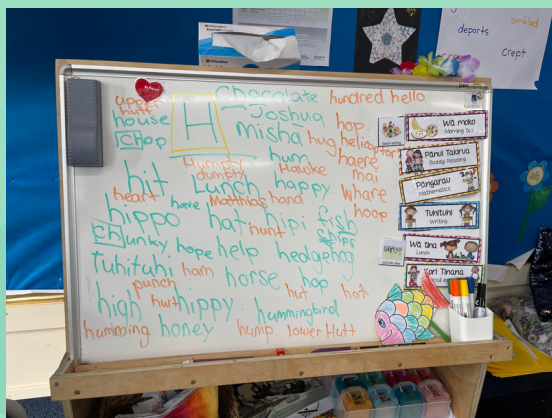
Mid year progress reports will be distributed in the final week of term. The purpose of these reports is to provide whānau with a snapshot of where your child is achieving in the curriculum. You will also notice that Reading, Writing and Maths levels will be shared to show you where your child is currently placed. We have added another aspect in trying to capture the strengths of each child through a Mana comment. These are just bullet points from the view of the teacher about your child and what strengths they bring to our kura. The rest of report template will be similar to last year's format.

We are on the countdown to moving our Ako nui team into their new spaces. Our goal is that by the end of the term, all classes will have moved out of their current spaces. Over the holidays new furniture will arrive and kaiako will set up the new spaces accordingly. On Day 1, Term 3, these classes will be set and ready to go. This is a milestone in terms of providing more modern and flexible classroom spaces for our tamariki. This will also follow closely by the reinstatement of the sunshade sail in the quadrant outside.

Finally, I am thrilled to announce that Kendyl Taylor has accepted an offer to become the full time teacher in Room 5 (Room 10 from Term 3 onwards) until the end of the year. Kendyl has already established strong relationships with the tamariki, and knows our systems and ways of working.

Kia pai te rā whakata

Lee Ewington
Tumuaki/ Principal



Dates to remember:

- Saturday 17th June - Hutt Fest Sewing Bee.
- Sunday 18th June - school ticket sales close for Hutt Fest.
- Friday 23rd June - Hutt Fest Dress Rehearsal 2:00 p.m.
- Friday 23rd of June Whole School Assembly 2:15 p.m.
- Monday 26th June - Hutt Fest Performance 5:30 p.m.

From the Link-Up Committee



The Link-Up committee is our friendly and laid-back parent-led "fun and fundraising" committee.

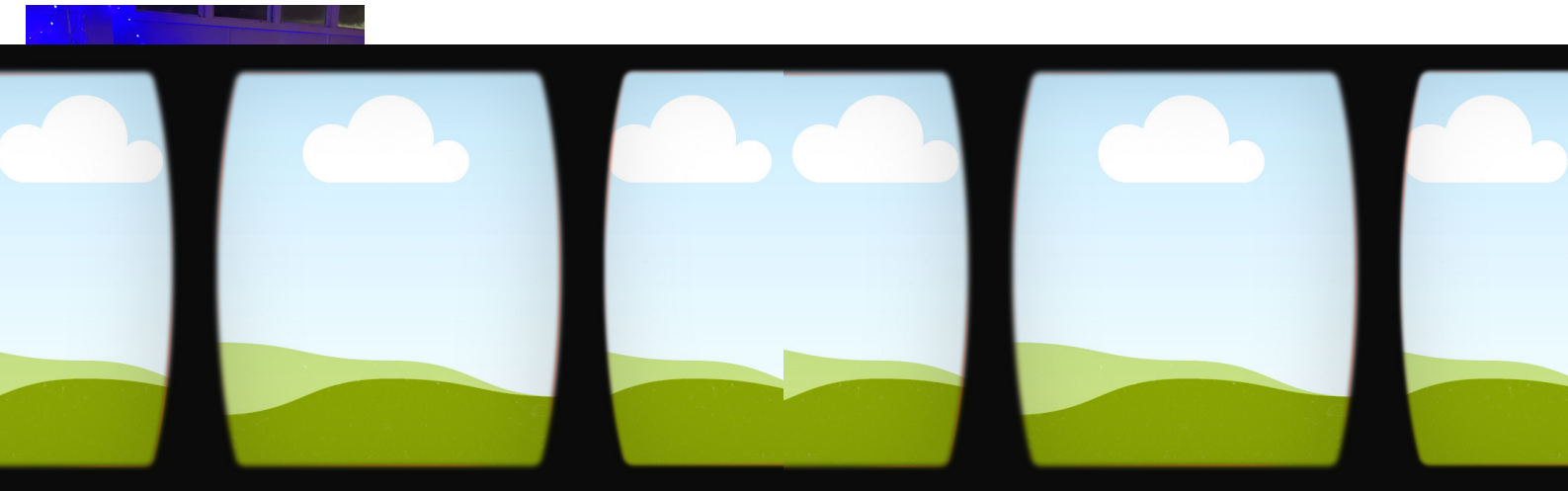
They are always looking for parents and friends of the school to get involved! If you'd like to know how you can be part of it email linkupdyerstreet@gmail.com

Disco Friday 9th June

Wow - our disco was, as one parent said on Facebook, "the social event of the year". Thank you so much to the committee and the wider school community who helped organise, set up, run and attend the disco. We raised over \$550 towards camp and most importantly the kids had an awesome time.

The **next Link Up committee meeting is on Monday June 12th** held in the school library at 7:30 p.m. We welcome new faces and attending doesn't commit you to anything! Feel free just to come along to chat with other DSS parents.

On the agenda will be organising a fundraising quiz night, a bake sale for camp fundraising and starting to prepare for our LEGO show in Term 4.



Hutt Fest Preparation

Our performance slot has been confirmed - we will be performing on Monday 26th June in the 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. slot. Tickets on Sale now - see info on Facebook or Skool Loop

Our Sewing Bee for the girl's kakahu is on tomorrow (Saturday 17th) in the school library from 9:30 onwards. Everyone welcome, no sewing ability needed but keen sewers also welcome! If you have pins and sewing scissors please bring them along.