



Tuesday 15th July 2025

## **Newsletter to Parents and Caregivers of Students in Team Kererū**

Kia ora e te whānau,

Welcome back to you all! I hope you all had a wonderful break. We are fully immersed in our Term 3 programme. Term Two created many highlights, such as the start of our enrichment programme and Hutt Fest.

We are looking forward to another busy and eventful term. The purpose of this newsletter is to outline curriculum focuses and upcoming events for Term Three.

### **Inquiry Learning**

Term Two saw us exploring the concept of 'social justice'. For the first 3 weeks we will be working on our performance task for social justice, considering social injustices in our society, creating a persuasive piece of writing and thinking about solutions.

This term, our students will explore the exciting world of invention, innovation, and design through a hands-on, science-rich unit called "**Push, Pull, Fly.**" This unit is designed to build curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking, while helping students understand the scientific and design processes that shape the modern world.

### **Literacy**

Each class will continue the implementation of its own tailored literacy programme. Information reports and non-fiction texts will be main focuses as they have strong links to the concept of invention, innovation, and design.

### **Mathematics**

Measurement and geometry will be the primary focus areas taught throughout Term Three, with algebra starting before and continuing after the break.

### **Health and PE**

Students are asked to bring their PE gear every day.

Sometime throughout this term, the team will be involved in the Navigating the Journey: Relationships & Sexuality Education programme. More information will be shared before this unit begins later in the term and there is a Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 15 July. Each teacher is expected to share the class focus for each week before teaching it.

### **Languages**

This term we have begun our languages programme. Over the next few weeks our students will either be learning NZSL (H1), Japanese (H4), French (H6), and Italian (H8).



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## **Some Key Dates**

- Whānau Conferences: 7th of August and 12th of August (early finish on the 12th).
- Navigating the Journey Parent Information Evening: 15th July.
- ONTV (Year 8 / H1 and H8 only): Monday 4th Aug. Information to be sent home closer to the time.
- Community Sport: starts 20th of Aug (every Wednesday weeks 6 - 10).

## **Absences**

Please phone the school office absence line on 5861557 before 9.00 a.m. and leave a message explaining your child's absence or send a message via the link on our school website. If emailing an absence note please send it to [secretary@his.school.nz](mailto:secretary@his.school.nz)

## **Newsletter/Website**

Other events that occur will be outlined in the school newsletter published fortnightly on **Thursdays**. This will be emailed out and available from the school's website [www.huttintermediate.school.nz](http://www.huttintermediate.school.nz).

Our team website can be found here. <https://www.his.school.nz/302/pages/106-kereru-home-page>  
This is where you can find updates from our team and classes.

## **Uniform**

This is a reminder regarding our school's expectations about our school uniform.

- Shoes: plain black shoes with a back (terms 2 and 3), or plain black sandals with a back (terms 1 and 4). No Crocs or Birkenstocks.
- Small simple ear studs only are permissible.
- Only taonga and necklaces of cultural/ religious significance are permissible.
- Hair must be tied back from the face so that vision is not impaired, and hair longer than collar length must be tied back completely. This applies to both boys and girls.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Dyed hair must be in a natural colour range.
- No nail polish or make-up is permitted at any time.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic term ahead!

Ngā mihi nui,

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