



Friday the 14th of February

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

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to what will be a fantastic year at Hutt Intermediate. We are refreshed, excited and eager to start working with you and your tamariki. It was fantastic meeting so many of you at the start of the year. It was a great opportunity to learn more about both our students and their whānau.

Team Kahu is made up of the following four classes:

- H9 Brooke Newman (year 7)
- H7 Dave Matheson (year 8)
- H5 Sarah Harrison (year 8)
- H3 Chris Krynen (year 7)

### **Expectations & core values - Respect, Resilience & Excellence**

Our school's Core Values are a fundamental part of our culture. These values are explicitly taught, known and modelled by all. We have high expectations regarding our uniform, attendance at school, and behaviour. Within the classrooms, we want students to aim for a high standard of class work, and encourage them to be the best version of themselves. There may be some difficult moments, however, we want these to be seen as an opportunity to show resilience and refocus on a positive way forward.

### **Term 1 Learning Programme**

Our Term 1 concept is based on the Māori concept of Tūrangawaewae. Below is a definition of Tūrangawaewae from the website [Te Ara](#).

*Tūrangawaewae is one of the most well-known and powerful Māori concepts. Literally tūranga (standing place), waewae (feet), it is often translated as 'a place to stand'.*

*Tūrangawaewae are places where we feel especially empowered and connected. They are our foundation, our place in the world, our home.*

The learning around Tūrangawaewae will be integrated throughout the curriculum.

#### **Maths**

During Term 1, we will focus on number and statistics.

#### **Literacy**

In reading, we will focus on biographies. We will also work on developing a range of comprehension strategies. In writing, we will focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar while emphasising the "Joy of Writing". We will also write our own biographies.



## Useful Websites

Below is a list of websites that can be used to support students learning at home. Some of these are used within the class.

### Maths

<https://maths.prototec.co.nz> (Basic Facts)

<https://nz.ixl.com> (Maths - your child will have a code for this site)

<https://www.studyladder.co.nz/> - students will need an account

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> Hit the Button

<https://www.funbrain.com/math-zone> (maths games)

<https://www.mathplayground.com/> . (maths games)

<https://www.roomrecess.com/pages/MathSkills.html> (maths games - broken into 'maths skills')

### English

<https://shiritorigame.com> . (spelling game)

<https://readtheory.org/> . (reading comprehension) students will need an account

<https://wormworldsaga.com/> . (graphic novel)

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/>

<https://www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz/>

<https://wonderopolis.org/> (is a website that answers a range of questions on a range of topics)

## P.E. Gear

PE gear, which includes a change of socks, should be at school for use everyday. Casual and/or skate shoes are not acceptable as PE shoes. If for some reason PE gear cannot be brought to school, an alternative set of clothes, appropriate for PE, may be used. If this is the case, please contact your child's classroom teacher (a brief note is best) to explain. Hats are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. **Please** help your child establish good 'sunsmart' routines by encouraging the wearing of hats, the use of sunscreen and by emphasising the importance of water bottles.

## Homework

At Hutt Intermediate we continue to recommend that every student maintains a daily reading routine. There may also be times when your child's teacher will set specific tasks, linked to classroom programmes, which need to be completed at home.

## Assessments

During Term 1, we will complete a series of school-wide assessments that will give your child's teacher a good indication of the level at which your child is working. This will help us design programmes that meet the needs of every student at Hutt Intermediate.



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[www.huttintermediate.school.nz](http://www.huttintermediate.school.nz)

## Contacting your child's teacher

The easiest way to contact your child's teacher is via email. The addresses for the teachers in Team Kahu are:

H9	Brooke Newman	<a href="mailto:brooken@his.school.nz">brooken@his.school.nz</a>
H7	Dave Matheson	<a href="mailto:davem@his.school.nz">davem@his.school.nz</a>
H5	Sarah Harrison	<a href="mailto:sarahh@his.school.nz">sarahh@his.school.nz</a>
H3	Chris Krynen	<a href="mailto:chrisk@his.school.nz">chrisk@his.school.nz</a>

Although contacting your child's teacher by ringing the office is still available, please understand that you will only be leaving a message for the teacher to ring you back. When writing notes to the classroom teacher, it is preferred that they are sent via email or sent to school with your child.

## IT User Agreement & Permission Forms

Thank you to those who have signed and returned these forms. These signed forms allow students to access devices and use our school network for learning purposes. They break down the appropriate use of devices on the school network. They also explain what it means to be a responsible digital citizen at all times when using a device, on or off the school network. We will continue to reinforce these messages in the classroom. If you haven't received the forms, please contact your child's teacher and we will arrange for these to be sent home.

## Newsletter

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).

## 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)

## Uniform

This is a reminder regarding our school uniform expectations.

- Shoes: plain black shoes with a back, or plain black sandals with a back. 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.

## Ākau Tangi Trip

On Monday this week, Kahu had an amazing day at Ākau Tangi Sports Centre, where our tamariki played a variety of sports, including basketball, football, frisbee, and more! The energy was high, the teamwork was fantastic, and everyone gave their best effort. It was wonderful to see so many smiles, cheers, and skills on display as we enjoyed an action-packed day of fun and friendly competition. A huge thank you to all our parent and guardian helpers who made this trip possible—what an unforgettable experience!



We are all looking forward to a fantastic year and believe that Hutt Intermediate will provide your child with a safe and stimulating learning environment. We also look forward to working with you, the parents and caregivers, to ensure the very best opportunities for your children.

Ngā mihi nui

Brooke Newman, Dave Matheson, Sarah Harrison, Chris Krynen