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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to the start of Term 4. This week isn't a regular week for a newsletter, however there are a few important things to remind our school community about.

The Upper Hutt Education Cluster will be running its second cluster wide professional development day for 2018 on **Friday 19th October. This will be a teacher only day and all Upper Hutt Primary and Intermediate Schools will be closed for instruction.** Upper Hutt College and Heretaunga College will have staff participating but these schools will remain open. The last cluster wide professional development day was held in the last term break and was very well attended. We are excited to have the Hon. Chris Hipkins attending our event. The Minister of Education will be there to acknowledge the great work our cluster has completed so far and find out more about our strategic direction and aspirations for all learners in the Upper Hutt Community. Nigel Latta will also be speaking and we will have a range of facilitated workshops and opportunities for professionals from across the valley to collaborate and share practice, ideas and successes. We appreciate your support and understanding as we work together to achieve the very best for our children and young adults.

On Tuesday afternoon next week (23rd October) we will be having a Mihi Whakatau assembly starting at 2:00pm to welcome any new whanau to Fraser Crescent School. Parents and whanau are invited to join us for this welcome.

On the evening of Friday 26th October from 7:00pm - 9:00pm we will be holding a Pool Party Camp Fundraiser at Stokes Valley Pool. These events have been lots of fun in the past, as well as a fantastic way to raise funds for our upcoming Year 6 school camp. Tickets are \$2 for an individual or \$5 for a family. Tickets are on sale at the school office now. There will be other goodies on sale at the pool.

On Sunday 28th October the Home and School Association have organised a Family Photo Fundraiser. This is taking place in the school hall between 9am and 5pm. Book your family session at the school office today (no eftpos).

Next week we will be starting our final round of Fraser Time activities for the term. If you have a skill or talent that you would like to share with a small group of children every Friday morning, please be sure to let me know. The children love activities such as arts and crafts, sports, cooking, sewing, knitting etc. If you would like to know more information about how you could help with our Fraser Time, drop me an email to principal@fraser cres school.nz

Finally, with the sunny weather set to improve over the term (well I am hoping this will happen) now is the time for children to start wearing their hats in the playground. With break times and sport/PE, there are times when the children can be out in the sun for long periods. We also encourage children to wear tee-shirts, which protect the shoulders, rather than singlets.

Kind regards
John Channer
Principal