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### NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates

28<sup>th</sup> Sept

End of Term 3

15<sup>th</sup> Oct

First Day Back – Term 4

19<sup>th</sup> Oct

**School Closed – Teacher only day**

26<sup>th</sup> Oct

Pool Party Fundraiser

Maybe use some of the time in the school holidays to support your child in completing a few Fraser Quests. There are plenty of different Quests to choose from.



## From the Principal

### 2018 Upper Hutt Cultural Festival

This year Fraser Crescent School hosted the Upper Hutt Schools' Cultural Festival at Lane Park on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Being the host school, our children had the responsibility of opening the performances for the day by going first, and set the scene with a passionate and tuneful number of waiata. Being the host school also meant running the café, putting on a sausage sizzle and tonnes of other jobs. We also had an army of parent helpers who gave up their day to support the event. I would like to thank all our families who provided baking, we had so much that we had a huge shared morning tea with the kids the next day, where they demolished the left over baking. Putting on an event like this requires a lot of support from the staff and school community, and it was great to see them pull together to make it all happen. Finally, the biggest acknowledgement needs to go to Michelle Picard, who project managed the whole thing. Michelle worked tirelessly for a very long time to make the event run so smoothly.

### Teacher Only Day – School Closed Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

The Upper Hutt Education Cluster will be running its second cluster wide professional development day for 2018 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The closure is the Friday before the Labour Weekend Monday, giving families an opportunity for an extra-long weekend. 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.



## From the Board

### Board Blurb – September Update

The September Board meeting was a very busy one with a number of key items on the agenda. Of particular interest to our community is our 2019 budget that the Board will start preparing shortly. The Board are always keen for community input, so if there is an area where you feel the Board should put more funding into in 2019, we would like to hear your ideas. Also at the September meeting, a report was provided to the Board which provided a 'snapshot' into our recent topic/unit being taught across the school (including learning through play programmes, understanding more about how others live, giving back and paying it forward and civilizations), with a particular focus on the impacts of our draft curriculum principles. This report was based on a number of discussions/interviews with children representative of every class in the school. This report

helped to confirm some of the ways the curriculum principles were being developed, as well as identifying some key next steps.

The entire report is available to our community upon request; however, I have included the summary statement here for your information.

*It was really impressive to see how the selected curriculum principles have filtered through to the children after being exposed to them for about 8 weeks. The purpose of this review was not to focus so much on what teachers were doing (that was covered in another document) but to focus on the impact of the principles (and curriculum content) on the children. This impact was clearly evident in every group of children, both reinforcing the value of the principles, while also providing some clarity in how to develop these principles further. The final point in this review is in regards to the high levels of engagement and motivation which were shown by the children that were part of the discussions. These children were often asked to rate their enjoyment of the unit and, overall, the feedback was highly positive. Furthermore, in a few cases, the impact of the topic could possibly be life changing for a number of children.*



### **Road Safety at the Fraser Crescent exit.**

As lots more parents and children are using the Fraser Crescent exit in the afternoon it is becoming more and more congested with vehicles and children. We ask that parents do not park their cars over the driveway at the end of the school alley way. This makes it difficult for children to see what is coming when they want to cross the road; and difficult to see the children stepping out onto the road. Please be aware that a number of children are crossing the road at this exit so take extra care and keep your speed down. This exit is also located near the bend of Fraser Crescent, making it more dangerous. It is advisable for parents to walk with their children when crossing the road.

### **Pool Party Camp Fundraiser**

Early next term (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October) we will be having a fun Pool Night Camp Fundraiser at Stokes Valley Pool from 7-9pm. Tickets will go on sale early next term from the school office, so save the date now. These have been really popular events in the past which the children have enjoyed.

### **Basicfactsathon – Sponsorship Money due now**

There is still some Basicfactsathon money due back at school. Please return this as soon as possible.

### **Bring 'n' Buy Next Term**

Next term our Home and School Association will be holding another Bring 'n' Buy fundraiser. The children love this event where they get to come along and buy second hand toys and games. The upcoming school holidays provide a great opportunity to have a bit of a clean out at home, and might provide a timely opportunity to start gathering a few items to donate to next term's Bring 'n' Buy. Items like toys, games, children's books etc are ideal.



### **HELP US GET CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL.**

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## Upper Hutt Schools' Cultural Festival 2018

Thank you to all the students, teachers, parents, caregivers, whānau who worked so hard to make this year's Upper Hutt Schools' Cultural Festival such a success.

I was so proud of you all and I really appreciated all the time, energy and effort that everyone put in to this event.

Arohanui, nga mannakitanga,

Thank you very much, Michelle Picard



A big thank you to all our sponsors and supports who made this festival such an amazing event.

**KEI TE MIHI ATU KI A MATOU KAITAUTOKO!**



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Take care  
Ngā mihi nui,  
John Channer

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