



# HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL

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## Huntermville Pride...“Together We Strive”

**\*Quality Learning \* Quality Behaviour \* Quality Environment\***

**Dear Parent / Caregiver**

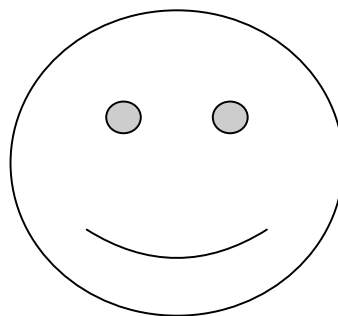
**Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me to whanau (Greetings to you and your family)**

Welcome everyone, to the 2012 school year.

Not the best of summers to date, but maybe that's all ahead of us! It has been good to see all the smiling faces back at school with students (and staff!) renewing acquaintances and catching up on happenings.

**We Warmly Welcome the Following New Students and Their Families:**

- Elodie Hutchins (Year 1)
- Jonty Brimelow (Year 1)
- Keira Walker (Year 1)
- Carlos Proctor-Mitchell (Year 1)
- Hayden Lourie (Year 1)
- Bonnie Still (Year 2)
- Aaron Blair-Mansfield (Year 5)
- Shaniah Kelly (Year 6)
- Leigh Kelly (Year 6)
- Jezelle Bidios (Year 6)
- Campbell Pene-Fergusson (Year 6)
- Sage Walters-Hansen (Year 7)
- Nikita Shackleton (Year 7)
- Axion Pene-Ferguson (Year 8)



**Welcome Miss Leary!**

Miss Jessica Leary is a welcome addition to our teaching team and begins her teaching career in Room 3 with our Year 3/4 class. It's great for us to have Miss Leary back at Huntermville School. Jessica completed all her primary schooling here, leaving as one of highest achieving Year 8s back in 1996!

**World Premier of 'Being Brian'!.... 5.30pm Tuesday 14 February**

Do you remember all the action at school at the beginning of November? Former teacher Heidi Jeynes was here with her production crew to film her short film Being Brian. It involved a number of our students in cameo roles and was shot at various locations in and around Huntermville.

We have the ten minute short film and have Heidi's permission to launch it! We will do this at the above date and time, at the beginning of our annual school barbecue. See notice next page...

## SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ/PICNIC

Tuesday 14 February 5.30pm Rear of Staffroom

**\*\*STARTING WITH 'BEING BRIAN' WORLD PREMIER IN THE HALL AT 5.30PM\*\***

After the success of last two year's events, we're replicating it again this year.

The purpose of this gathering is many fold:

- An early-in-the-year opportunity for parents and teachers to have an informal chat about how children have settled;
- To welcome and meet new families
- To welcome and meet new staff
- A chance to view the world premier of Miss Jeynes' 10 minute film, "Being Brian" shot here last November, and featuring some of our students
- Free BBQ sausages for all supplied by the Home & School Association.
- Bring your own food & drink to supplement the H&S sausages if you wish.

WIN! WIN! WIN!! All students with parents at the BBQ go into a draw for a \$50 voucher from the Hunterville Bookshop. Drawn approx 6.15pm.

Bring the whole family down to school. The kids can do their own thing on the courts, field and playground, and parents and staff can mix and mingle!

**The School Information Booklet 2012** will be issued TOMORROW.

### **Weekly Assemblies**

These will be held on a Friday morning at 9am during the swimming season (beginning next week) and then revert to Thursday afternoon (2.15pm start) for the rest of the year.

### **Daily Swimming**

All students are expected to participate in swimming lessons daily. We have such a short season and parents are asked to support us in seeing that students come prepared for a swim each day.



### **School Sunhats Required to be Worn Outside**

Parents, we try and be really clear and vigilant about this with students.... Whenever they are outside (terms 1 and 4) they must be wearing a sunhat – of uniform variety. This is either a plain black cap (no logos) or a maroon bucket hat, both available from the office.

Students without a sunhat are asked to sit/play in the shade.

### **Hunterville Guide Club**

(For girls 5-14 years) restarts on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, at 1.00pm (goes until 3pm) at Centennial Hall, Hunterville. Enquiries to Judith 3278723.

### **UKULELE GROUP – FOR REUNION PERFORMANCE**

(Saturday afternoon 7<sup>th</sup> April)

Students (Y4-8 wishing to be considered for the school ukulele band will need to complete the slip at the end of this newsletter. Auditions/practices will begin Thursday 23 February at 1.30pm – which is the same time as kapa haka so students won't be able to do both).

## MAKE UP OF CLASSES

Room 1: Mrs Hatfull/Mrs Parkes Year 1/2 18 + another 6 by the end of May.

Room 1A: Mrs Brenda Stewart (Class starts early June, when the majority of Rm 1 will move on to Mrs Brenda Stewart in Room 1A, to make room for further new entrants during the year)

Room 2:	Ms Carol Stewart	Year 2/3	24
Room 3:	Miss Jessica Leary	Year 3/4	24
Room 4:	Mr George Jeffrey	Year 4/5	27
Room 6:	Mrs Gaylene Fitz-Herbert	Year 5/6	28
Room 7:	Mr Shane Smith	Year 6/7	29
Room 8:	Mrs Colleen Dalley	Year 7/8	<u>29</u>
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blue girls togs.  
\$15.00 Ph Christine  
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We expect to finish the year with around 190 students

### JUST HOW DO WE DECIDE THE MAKE UP OF CLASSES?

We have started Room 1 with bigger numbers than we would normally. We are fortunate to have teacher trainee Miss Stephanie Williams attached to Room 1 each Monday to Thursday morning, working alongside Mrs Hatfull to cater for a bigger Room 1 numbers than usual for this time of the year. Mrs Brenda Stewart is all set to start up Room 1A again in early June (as we did two years ago), and she will take the majority of the current Room 1 students (around 15 or so) and allow Room 1 to build up to around 17 by the end of the year!

Where class levels have been split between two rooms the criteria for who 'moves on' and who does not, by and large, is most definitely NOT based on academic achievement. Where parents had made requests last year (as all were invited to) these were mostly able to be accommodated. A lot of time was spent putting students into what we regarded as the best place for themselves *and* the total group.

In many other cases though we could have simply pulled names out of a hat.

#### KINDERGARTEN SUPPORT WORKER VACANCY

##### 12 hours per week – based in Hunterville

Hunterville Mobile Kindy is looking for a motivated, enthusiastic and creative person to join our team. You will need great communication skills, a can-do attitude, and excellent computer skills.

This position is offered on the basis of a fixed term contract, starting as soon as possible, and ending on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012. Hours are 12 per week, worked on Monday & Wednesday 9-1pm and Friday 10-2pm.

For job description, please contact [huntervillemobile@ruahinekindergartens.org.nz](mailto:huntervillemobile@ruahinekindergartens.org.nz). Please apply in writing, including a current CV and cover letter explaining why you would like to be considered for this position.

Applications close 5.00pm on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

#### School Lunches- Begin Next Week

Cranks Café have come on board and will provide school lunches this year, through orders placed in the blue bin outside the office by 9am each morning.

The basis of this arrangement is that 'junk' food is Thursdays only. All other days is 'healthy food'!

A menu is included with this newsletter.

#### Kapa Haka

Begins next Thursday afternoon and then weekly. The groups is building up to perform on the Easter Saturday for the school reunion.

**Students in Kapa Haka last year** need not 're-enrol'. You will need written consent if you don't wish to continue.

**Students not in Kapa Haka last year** will need written consent to be included.

# HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL 125<sup>th</sup> REUNION: EASTER 2012

Less than ten weeks away and counting! We're keen to take advantage of the learning opportunities this celebration will create and to have our current day students be part of the occasion. From a school point of view we have the following planned...

- Era Displays and Former Schools Displays: Each classroom will set up a display of an era. E.g. Room 1 will be around the 1960s; Room 8 is covering the 1910s and 20s.  
Each class will also have displays around the six consolidated schools plus Otairi and Ohingaiti. For example Room 7 is covering Otairi and Room 4 is covering Silverhope
- Reunion Reconnoitre! With the current day land owners permission we're going to hop in vehicles (the whole school), split into our 8 whanau groups and travel around each of eight now-closed schools to gain an appreciation of the history of our district. The eight schools being Rata-iti, Otairi, Poukiore, Ohingaiti, Mangaonoho, Putorino, Rata and Silverhope. As groups travel from site to site 'experts' will be at each location to talk about the history of the school and its area.  
We intend doing this on the morning of **FRIDAY 2 MARCH**. We hope that a large number of parents will be able to join us on this 'reconnoitre' (and provide transport!) and that community members might join us on this morning as well. More details next week.
- Hunterville and District Schools Wall of Honour: The reunion committee along with the Board of Trustees is going to set up a permanent display of former students or teachers of our districts schools, honouring their achievements. This will include people who have represented New Zealand in various sports as well as others who have achieved national prominence in their field, be it in sport, politics, the military, art, music, entertainment, etc.  
Acceptance of individuals onto the Hunterville and Districts Wall of Honour will be decided by the Hunterville School Board of Trustees!  
'Nominations' / suggestions for people to be acknowledged on the wall of honour are being sought now. Please contact us at school with any thoughts on this. Thanks!

## UPCOMING DATES:

Feb	6:	School closed! (Waitangi Day)
	8:	Reunion Committee meeting 7.30pm
	9:	BOT meeting 7.30pm
	14:	School BBQ 5.30pm.
	22:	Junior swimming sports (Y1-3) 1.30pm.
	22:	Senior swimming sports (Y4-8) 4.30-6.30pm.
	28:	Home and School meeting 7.30pm
Mar	8:	Interschool swimming sports, Marton.
	9:	Interschool swimming sports, Taihape

## HUNTERVILLE SWIMMING CLUB CLUB NIGHT TONIGHT 5-6PM

Any child that is able to swim a length of the big pool is encouraged to participate.  
Also six parents are needed for recording times.  
Please make sure your child has a spare towel and warm clothing to change into.  
Swimming lessons start next week. A newsletter with days & times will be sent home with your child on Friday.

**Please parents, if you have any early in the year queries, concerns or issues, do get in contact with either your child's teacher or myself, and we'll do our best to attend to matters.**

**We're all set for another exciting and rewarding year and it's great to have you and your family as a major part of things around here in 2012!**

Regards



**Stephen Lewis  
PRINCIPAL**

**HUNTERVILLE SPORT & REC TRUST  
SWIMMING POOL  
FAMILY FUN DAY - WAITANGI DAY  
MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY  
Free swimming 12 - 4.00pm  
Sausage sizzle 2-4pm  
Rolling log will be in the pool**

## UKULELE GROUP

I wish to audition for the ukulele group.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please hand in to the school office.