



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)

We were pleased to host ten teachers from St Marcellin School (Wanganui) yesterday. They visited all classes during the morning to look at our reading and writing programmes in action.

Then, after school, all our teachers travelled to Marton, to join a large number of teachers from local schools hear an address from Dr Laughton King on Dyslexia, from 3.30 to 6pm.

NO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY 21 MAY

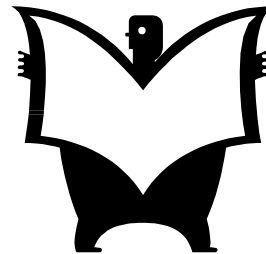
A reminder that we're having a teacher only day next Friday to look at the National Standards and to prepare for "student led learning conferences" at mid year.

Next Community Newsletter

Due out Friday 28 May. Deadline for copy 26 May.

Next Board of Trustees Meeting

Next Tuesday 18 May 7.30pm.



Myself and Mrs Dalley To Wellington For Rest of Week

Colleen and I are part of a group of twelve Principals and Deputy Principals from our South Rangitikei Cluster travelling to Wellington to visit schools from tomorrow to Friday.

Mrs Hatfull will be Acting Principal during this time.

Y 7/8 Phone Book Deliveries 20/21 May

Thank you parents for the good response regarding the above. All offers will be accepted. I'm away from school after today, until Tuesday. I'll put a note out then, confirming arrangements for the two days – the second of which is a teacher only day.

In the meantime, any further offers of help can be left at the office with Mrs Harding. Thanks!

SCHOOL GARAGE SALE

Saturday 22 May 8.30am

We're giving our bus garage (and a few other areas) a spring clean (in autumn!) over the next week and a half.

Items surplus to requirements will be sold from out of our bus garage at the above time & date.

If you've any items you'd like to donate to the school for the garage sale we'd be happy (within reason) to accept them. Please contact either myself, Mrs Harding or Mr Matson.

Items not sold at the garage sale will be disposed of.

ELECTIVES (Y5-8) BEGINS 4 JUNE

We're almost there! Another 3-4 offers of an Elective (on top of the twelve already received) will mean this annual programme once again goes ahead.

D Day is Thursday for any future offers Any crafts, hobbies, sports, 'mini kappa haka?', past-times, etc would be well received. Our aim is to provide a range of around twenty activities for our 106 Y5-8 students to be involved in.

For any enquiries please phone myself or Mrs Harding. Thanks!

100 Word Maori Pronunciation Challenge

This annual challenge was issued to all Room 6-8 students today. The aim is to encourage the correct pronunciation of Maori words in common use at our school – student's names, local street/place names, etc.

This is a fun challenge, and not a 'life or death' test (!!).

Students will be tested on their pronunciation in another three weeks.

Three Way Student Led Conferences

*** To replace parent/teacher interviews at mid year ***

We have signalled the above for over twelve months, and certainly in the time since last year's parent/teacher interviews.

Part of our schedule at next week's Teacher Only Day is dedicated to creating a framework around the way the student led conferences will be worked.

Why the change?

Much of the work we teachers have been involved in over the past eighteen months (as well as the intent of the new NZ curriculum) is heading us in a direction of

- Students taking greater responsibility for their own learning.
- Students being more aware of their achievement levels in relation to their age-expectation, and knowing what their next steps learning is.
- Developing in students the desire to be life long learners.

The introduction of student led conferences, we feel, will help support the above intentions and bring us in to line with the current practise of many other schools.

We look forward to sharing with you in more detail just how the student led conferences will work, but in a general sense it will involve students sharing with parents (with the teacher in attendance) their achievement and progress in key areas, and what they need to work on next.

Within the new framework there will still be ample opportunity for the more traditional parent/teacher discussions.

Does anyone have a 2 seater couch lying around not in a lot of use? Mrs Stewart is looking for one for her new classroom, so if you have one going spare we know a lovely new classroom that would love it!
- Brenda Stewart

C & D NETBALL – practice Wednesday.
(Could those 2 children who turned up on Thursday for Kiwi netball please come too. There is no Kiwi team but a D1 & D2 team)
- Vicky Watson

Huntermville Football

Due to great interest but few actual players we were unable to play last Saturday and I have cancelled this week's matches.

We will be training after school this and most Thursdays, but we need to have a commitment from at least 12 11 and under. And 8. 7 and under players to be able to field teams this season.

We also need committed parents to attend the few away matches between now and the end of the season (August).

Please let myself and the School know if you want football in Huntermville this year or do we need to prepare for next season?

Please register your children to play this week otherwise we may have to disappoint those already signed up.

- Grant Collie

TALL POPPIES DRAMA SCHOOL: Huntermville

Does your child have a special talent and enjoy performing? Does your child need a boost in confidence? Our classes provide an individualised learning programme that really delivers to students strengths and challenges.

There are place available in the 4.30-5.30pm class for an 8/9/10 year old. Classes are held at school. Come along and try.

Phone: 08004POPPIES 06 3542733 or email

office@tallpoppiesdrama.co.nz

Huntermville Women's Netball Club would like to thank the local community for supporting them in their recent cake stall. It was a huge success with everything being sold within an hour. We would also like to give a huge thank you to Ian, Lillian, Trish, Kath & Ernie, Karl & Georgie for their generous donations that helped towards our raffles.

Raffle Winners were:	1 st	Delya Peel	No 63
	2 nd	Nicole Deadman	No 10
	3 rd	Sarah Hale	No 28
	4 th	Revive	No 87

Drawn under police supervision.

PINE CONES & SHEEP MANURE FOR SALE

Sack of Pine Cones \$5.00 each.

30kg Sheep Manure \$5.00

Ph Ryan 3276635

RUGBY DRAW THIS WEEKEND 15 May

	<u>Under 8</u>		
Hunterville	v Kaierau Maroon	Hunterville	10.00
	<u>Under 9</u>		
Hunterville	v Pirates A	Hunterville	10.00
	<u>Under 11</u>		
Hunterville	v Ratana	Hunterville	10.00
	<u>Under 13</u>		
Hunterville	v Pirates	Hunterville	11.00

FOR SALE – Queen size bed - \$70.00. Pool/air hockey table \$100.00. 21inch flat screen tv \$80.00. Ph/txt 027 2883287.

Rippa Rugby Sessions For All Classes This Wednesday

Wanganui Rugby Development Officer Tony Purvis is coming to school tomorrow to take rippa rugby sessions with all classes. The timetable is as below:

9.30am	Room 8	12.10pm	Room 4
10.05am	Room 7	1.30pm	Room 3
11.10am	Room 6	2.00pm	Room 2
11.40am	Room 5	2.30PM	Room 1

Tony will also take tackle session with the Saturday morning sports club rugby teams after school. Timetable as below:

3.20pm	Under 8	3.40pm	Under 9
4.00pm	Under 11	4.20pm	Under 13

Parents & caregivers of Yr 7 & 8 Pupils are invited to Rangitikei College to participate in Technology Classes.

MUSIC * WOODWORK * COOKING * SCIENCE

Wednesday 19 May, Thursday 20 May, Friday 21 May (Friday - morning session only)

Please meet our Principal **Mr Lance Christiansen** at his office – just inside the Visitors Entrance at either 11am or 1.10pm.

Come and see the students at work and join in the fun. Morning or afternoon tea will be available at the end of the visit.

Regards



Stephen Lewis
PRINCIPAL

