



# HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL

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Welcome to term three! We have lots of exciting opportunities for our students this term including:

- Two-day writing workshop with New Zealand children's Author Stu David next week
- Ukulele lessons for all year four to eight students once a week for 10 weeks with Mrs Sheena Marshall
- CO<sup>2</sup> cars designed, made and raced – a special programme for 36 boys (in groups of 12) with our resident technology / robotics specialist, Mr Jeffery!
- School and interschool spelling competition
- University NSW exams for approximately 25 selected students (Yr 5-8 ) in maths & English
- A robotics team off to a competition in Hawera
- Spanish and te reo Maori language classes offered to Year 7/8 students
- Interschool Mathex competition in Wanganui
- Winter sports tournament for Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 in Marton – rugby, soccer, hockey and netball and country seven's
- Year 8 Ski Trip
- School speeches finals at the end of term!

## WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

We warmly welcome the following students who have started with us this week .....

- Zac Valent Yr 7
- TeAwatere Tapine Yr 6
- Kate Turner Yr 6
- James Cuttance Yr 5
- William Cuttance Yr 3
- Deiago Deihl Yr 1
- Mitchell Thomas Yr 0
- Jack Webber Yr 0

## Welcome New Staff

Mrs Paulette Bremner is sharing the teaching of Room 3 with Mrs Taylor. Mrs Bremner teaches Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Taylor Thursday / Friday.

This really is making the best of a 'bad situation' (Mrs Taylor being unable to teach Rm 3 full time) as Mrs Bremner and Mrs Taylor job shared in Room 4 approximately three years ago. Prior to that Mrs Bremner had been a full time permanent teacher with us for seven years.

Mrs Karen Duncan is our cleaner until early next term while Belinda Parker is away on maternity leave. (Note baby due today!)

## **We Also Welcome Two Teacher Trainees .....**

**Miss Emma McKenzie** returns to Room 6 for the next month as part of her 3<sup>rd</sup> year teacher training practise. Emma was also here earlier in the year working in Room 6.

**Miss Stephanie Williams** had her teacher training disrupted by the Christchurch earthquakes and we are very fortunate to have her voluntary services at school each Monday to Wednesday for the foreseeable future.

**Consultation Meeting re Kapa Haka/Maori Language**  
**\*3.15pm THURSDAY 11 AUGUST, STAFFROOM\***

Interested parents are urged to attend a meeting after school next Thursday to discuss .....

1. Visit to Rata Marae in mid November
  - discuss format for the day.
  - discuss activities/resource people.
2. Learning the Maori Language.
  - “classes” being offered Friday mornings late August to late November.
3. Support for Kapa Haka group.
  - sorting uniform.
  - performance opportunities.
  - general.

**School Spelling Bee Finals Wednesday 17 August**  
**1.15 pm in the School Hall**

..... Similar to the recent ‘Mental Maths’ competition, with up to six finalists in each of the four age groups Y1/2, Y3/4, Y5/6 & Y7/8.

Finalists will be announced in next Tuesday’s newsletter.

**Children’s Author Stu Duval At School Next Week**

Stu is the author of several kids books including Rat Island, Achtung Pavlova & Ride of the Katipo

He is a nationally acclaimed writer, story teller and artist and we’re rapt to be able to host him for four days next week. His itinerary is:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>: Storytelling and inspiring writers. Three sessions (parents welcome) in the hall – R7/8 9am; R4/6 11.10am; R1-3 1.30pm.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>: Writers’ workshops throughout the day for classes/small groups.

Thursday & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>: Writers’ workshops for 28 of the regions best writers from year 6/7 including four from our school – selected students to be named in next pinky!

Check out Stu’s website on [www.studuval.co.nz](http://www.studuval.co.nz)

**Pilates** - resumes next Tuesday 9 August at 5.15pm, Centennial Hall. New members welcome. \$6/class, bring a towel or a mat.

**Country Kitchens - Next Meeting for the committee** - this Friday 8 August 2pm - 3pm in the school staffroom. Thanks - Melanie Walshe 3228535.

## Ukulele Lessons Each Week Year 4 to Year 8

**\*Parents welcome to join in lessons\***

All year 4 to 8 students will be given lessons each week by our music maestro Mrs Sheena Marshall.

Earlier in the year the school purchased 30 ukuleles through a grant application and now we are all set to go!

Mrs Marshall is here one full day each week this term, but on different days most weeks. If you would like to join in the lessons you're most welcome - just contact the office for details of the schedule.

### University of New South Wales Australian English Exam

The following students selected by their teachers have sat the above exam today. Test papers are sent to Australia and returned to later in the year with certificates and detailed analysis for teachers, students & parents.

Congratulations to the following students for being selected for this exam:

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
Caleb Goodwin Annabel Wood Hannah Mitchell Lucy Goodwin	Holly Marshall Holly Hodgson Zody Takurua Florence Lee-Jones Georgie Duncan Caleb Taniwha (absent)	Tsarnee Taniwha (absent) Fiona Collie Meg Marshall Liam Ansley Ella Cameron-Smith Grace Godfrey Brennan Knopf McKenzie Dais Finn Carlyon Jake Carlyon	Thomas Walshe Mitchell Smith Anna Lambert Karma Peeti Tessa Turner Patrick Takurua Penny Lilburn Bindi Nimmo Arizona Makatea-Wood Sarah Wilson William Lambert	Nicholas Goodwin Rosa Marshall Charlie Nimmo Ellen Carlyon Courtney Skou Jenny Collie Ally Munn Harry Bonnor Amber Deadman Kate Thompson (absent)

At school we have a lot of unnamed Tupperware containers, baking dishes & chilly bins left here after various school trips, functions etc. These will be on display in the staffroom over the next week and if you think we may have some of your items, please call in and collect them. Thank you.

### Hunternville Saturday Morning Sports Club \$100 Scratchy Raffle Winner No 19 Jenny Matson

#### This Weekend's Rugby Draw

Lions	Vs	Pirates Black	Springvale Park 12	10am
Bears	Vs	Pirates White	Springvale Park 9	10am
Under 8	Vs	Marist	Hunternville	9.30am
Under 10	Vs	Taihape	Taihape	10am
Under 13	Vs	Raetihi	Hunternville	10.30am

## SCHOOLWIDE AND CLASSROOM FOCUSES

Room 1	<p>We are learning to recognise all the letters of the alphabet, capital letters, lower case letters and n?</p> <p>We are learning to say the sound each letter makes. Once we know individual sounds we are learning common blends/diagraphs – sh, th, ch, wh, br, st, dr, cl.</p>
Room 1a	<p>Maths</p> <p>We are learning about patterning. We will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• show how a pattern repeats.</li> <li>• complete and continue a number pattern.</li> <li>• use &lt;, &gt;, and = when comparing numbers.</li> </ul>
Room 2	<p>READING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are learning to think more deeply when we read. We will know we can do this when we can             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Look for hidden meaning.</li> <li>- Think about why things happened.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• We are learning to always crosscheck cues when we read. We know we can do this when we can say             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does it look right</li> <li>- Does it sound right</li> <li>- Does it make sense.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Room 3	<p>Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter writing to write letters using correct layout &amp; interesting content.</li> </ul> <p>Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Algebra – use &gt; &lt; to solve equation. E.g. <math>8 &gt; 4</math>   <math>10 + 3 &lt; 20</math></li> </ul>
Room 4	<p>English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We are learning to use similes, alliteration and onomatopoeia in our writing.</li> <li>- We are learning how to use speech marks correctly.</li> </ul>
Room 6	<p>English</p> <p>We are learning to read, comprehend &amp; identify the features of a procedural text.</p> <p>Maths</p> <p>We are learning to perform measuring tasks such as finding the perimeter, area &amp; volume.</p>
Room 7	<p>Written English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Room Seven are starting the term learning to add impact to the most memorable holiday activity.</li> <li>- Room Seven will move next week to learning how to write information reports.</li> </ul>
Room 8	<p>In <u>reading</u> we are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the effectiveness of the introduction and its ‘hooks’.</li> <li>• Identify topic sentences and paragraph features in the body of the text.</li> <li>• Find summarising and reflective statements in the conclusion.</li> </ul>

Regards



**Stephen Lewis**  
**PRINCIPAL**

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