

# HUNTERTVILLE SCHOOL

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**Hunterville Pride...“Together We Strive”**  
**\*Quality Learning \* Quality Behaviour \* Quality Environment\***

**Dear Parent / Caregiver**

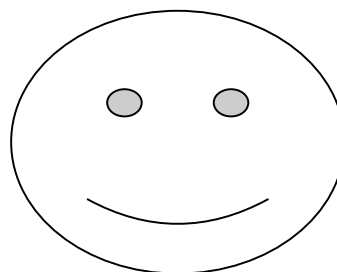
**Nga mihi o te wa kia koe me to whanau (Greetings to you and your family)**

Welcome everyone, to the 2011 school year.

No doubt you all had the chance to enjoy some of that great summer weather. There's another eventful, action packed year ahead of us at school and we look forward to having your children as central performers in it!

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

- George Vennell Yr 5
- Emma Vennell Yr 3
- Lucy Gee-Taylor Yr 8
- Paige Parkinson Yr 5
- Kris Catrett Yr 4
- Te Makai Taiaroa-Snowden Yr 8
- Yvonne Taiaroa-Snowden Yr 7
- Cody Sherman-Brown Yr 6
- Javaark Kennedy-Goodwin Yr 1
- Alec Murray Yr 1
- Joshua Richmond-Deacon Yr 1



## SWIMMING CLUB

Club night starts  
Wednesday  
9th February 5-6pm

Pippins, Brownies, Guides restart  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>  
1-3pm  
Centennial Hall  
Hunterville  
New girls welcome  
Contact Judith 3278723

## SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ/PICNIC

Tuesday 15 February 5.30pm School Grounds  
(Postponement 17 February)

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

The purpose of this event 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
- A chance to officially 'open' the new staffroom/admin areas and adventure playground matting.
- 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!

- We'll be asking all adults to wear a name tag.
- We'd like to see lots of the 'established families' too – the more the merrier!

## CLASSES' MAKE UP 2011

Room 1	Mrs Hatfull/Mrs Parkes	Y1	8	}	Plus another 14 December
Room 1a	Mrs Stewart	Y1/2	12		
Room 2	Ms Carol Stewart	Y2/3	22		
Room 3	Mrs Taylor	Y3/4	22		
Room 4	Mr Jeffrey	Y4/5	25		
Room 6	Mrs Fitz-Herbert	Y5/6	29		
Room 7	Mr Smith	Y6/7	28		
Room 8	Mrs Dalley	Y7/8	<u>30</u>		
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## HOW DO WE DECIDE THE MAKE UP OF CLASSES?

We have kept room in the two junior classes to allow for new five year olds during the year. Rooms 1 and 1a should finish the year with around seventeen students each.

Where class levels have been split between two rooms (which is the case with most year groups) 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 all 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 cases we could have simply pulled names out of a hat.

**The School Information Booklet 2011** will be issued TOMORROW.

**Stationery Lists Room 3/4:** We inadvertently had the wrong books for writing and maths in the stationery list which effects ROOM 3 and 4 children, AND most students have turned up with their books today – which is actually great! The school will replace the original books at our cost and parents can decide to cover the new ones or not. Our apologies for this!

### All Teachers to After School Course Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday there will be a mass exodus of teachers at 3pm, as we travel to Marton for a seminar with educationalist Bob Sullo who will be talking about his 'Choice Therapy' and motivating students to become enthusiastic and responsible learners.

Non teaching staff will be at school after 3pm to supervise students onto buses, etc.

### 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 this year) 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.

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### UPCOMING DATES:

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| Feb | 8:  | All Y8 to Bob Sullo seminar 1-2.30pm, Marton.            |
|     | 8:  | All teachers to Bob Sullo seminar 3.30 – 5.30pm, Marton. |
|     | 15: | School BBQ 5.30pm.                                       |
|     | 23: | Junior swimming sports (Y1-3) 1.00pm.                    |
|     | 23: | Senior swimming sports (Y4-8) 4.30-6.30pm.               |
| Mar | 10: | Interschool swimming sports, Marton.                     |
|     | 11: | Interschool swimming sports, Taihape.                    |

## JUNIOR CRICKET

**Hardball:** Resumes next Saturday 12 February. And YES, we're looking at entering two teams again so we'll be on the lookout for some of the older Milo/Kiwi cricketers to step up to hardball. First practice next Wednesday after school.

**Kiwi/Milo:** Resumes next Thursday lunchtime for continuing and new players – 5 ½ years to approx 8 years, and thereafter every WEDNESDAY as per last year.



Regards



Stephen Lewis  
PRINCIPAL



Last year's year 8 students Jacob Ratima, Ari Cameron-Smith, Rex Petersen, Jamie Picken & Ben Simpson looking very smart on day one at Palmerston North Boys High School.