



HUNTERVILLE 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 back everyone to the 2010 school year!

We trust you all had an enjoyable break with your children and had some family fun and recreation along the way We've got another eventful, action packed year ahead of us at school and look forward to having your children as the key components of another successful year

A Warm Welcome to the Following New Students and Their Families:

- Joanne Lilburn (Yr 8)
- Kate Thompson (Yr 7)
- Arizona Makatea-Wood (Yr 6)
- Shannon Calkin (Yr 4)
- Olivia Warner (Yr 1)
- Patrick Smailes (Yr 1)
- Jade Guiniven (Yr 1)
- Jonty Duncan (Yr 1)
- Oscar McVerry (Yr 1)

An especially warm welcome to Joanne, Kate and Arizona and their families, who join us this year following the closure of their school (Otairi) at the end of last year.

We have been successful in talking **Mrs Janet Parkes** in to increasing her teaching at the school. Janet will be teaching Room 1 each afternoon (Monday to Thursday) to release Mrs Hatfull for Reading Recovery. Janet will also continue to release DP Mrs Colleen Dalley from classroom duties each Friday.

Mrs Houltham Resigns as Cleaner

No doubt most of you have caught up with the above news! This is very sad for us as Lizzie has been a most valued, extremely committed and popular member of staff here for well over 20 years.

We wish her well as she spends more time in Wanganui with her work, and following her grandchildren.

Lizzie has agreed to let us farewell her from school and we will put a morning tea on for her later in the term.

In the meantime Lizzie's 2IC, Belinda Deans will be cleaning the school until a permanent appointment is made, hopefully within the next week.

Miss Green Having a Baby!

Congratulations go to Room 3 teacher Miss Hayley Green and partner Greg Parkes who are expecting a baby in the middle of the year.

Miss Green will be working as close as she can to the birth.

We are VERY fortunate to have Mrs Julie Taylor willing and able to take over Room 3 when Hayley goes on maternity leave.

CLASS COMPOSITIONS 2010

			<u>2 Feb</u>	
R1	Mrs Hatfull/Mrs Parkes	Y1	16	} plus another 13 by Dec
R1a	Mrs B Stewart (To begin mid May)	Y1	0	
R2	Mrs White	Y2	20	
R3	Miss Green	2 Y2, 18 Y3, 2 Y4	22	
R4	Miss Jeynes	2 Y3 21 Y4	23	
R5	Mr Jeffrey	2 Y4, 23 Y5	25	
R6	Mrs Fitz-Herbert	4 Y5, 23 Y6	27	
R7	Mr Smith	9 Y6, 16 Y7	25	
R8	Mrs Dalley	3 Y7, 24 Y8	<u>27</u>	
			<u>185</u>	<u>198 by December</u>

How do we Decide on the Make Up of Classes?

This year we have started Room 1 reasonably high with the expectation numbers in that class will reach around 22 by mid May. At that point the new class will be formed with the majority of current R1 students moving into the new class (to be taken by Mrs Brenda Stewart). This is entirely 'normal' in that last year we started a new class at mid year and every year prior to that we have moved on students from R1 to R2 during the year to make room for the five year olds beginning school.

Where class levels have been split between two classrooms (which is the case with most year levels most years) the criteria for who moves on and who does not, by and large is most definitely not based on academic achievement. In most cases it was a 'draw names out of a hat' type of thinking used and so students or parents should not read anything into why or why not a student is in one classroom and not in another.

Sometimes placements have been parent requests, and wherever possible this has been accommodated too.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

There are no school lunches this week.

For Sale

Mountain Buggy \$ 120 High Chair \$65
Car seat 4-6mths \$70 Twin Buggy \$200
Ph or txt Christine 027 463 8587

MINOR PROPERTY PROJECTS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

The planned start to the administration / staffroom building project over the holidays did not eventuate, due to ongoing negotiations over the final look of the admin entrance and delays in confirming final architectural drawings and pricings.

The BOT still remains hopeful of this project beginning near the end of February.

Harking Back to The End of Last Year ...

1. Thank you parents, for presenting your children (our students) in tidy, dress school uniform for Prizegiving and for having them look so smart.
2. Thank you to all who supported the school float at the Christmas parade. We must have gone close to picking up a placing!

Daycare for preschoolers and before and after school care available by experienced and trained caregiver. Phone Christine 027 4638587.

Thanks Mr Matson and Mrs Houltham

The school buildings and grounds are looking very sharp. I again particularly mention the efforts of Mr Matson and Mrs Houltham who have done a fantastic job as our caretaker and cleaner respectively., both spending many unpaid hours at school ensuring things are looking their best.

Upcoming Meetings

Important Dates This Month

Tuesday	9 th	Home and School Assn meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday	16 th	School BBQ 5.30pm
Wednesday	17 th	BOT meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday	24 th	Year 1 – 3 swimming sports, 1.00pm
Wednesday	24 th	Year 4 – 8 swimming sports 4.30pm

Lost – at the end of last year.

Size 8 trackpants belonging to Celine Lowe & a black cap belonging to Daniel Webber. Please return to the office or Celine & Daniel if found.

Weekly Assemblies

Please refer to the Parent Information Booklet. Weekly assemblies are being put on hold while we are swimming. During this time we will use our normal '5 minute notices assembly' each Monday at 11am for class certificates, etc.

Normal weekly assemblies will resume in early March – Thursdays at 2.30pm

**Hunterville Swimming Club
First Club Night for 2010
Wednesday 3 Feb
5pm-6pm
No club night 24th Feb**

**FOR SALE – 2 KITTENS.
One tortoise shell, One black
grey & ginger.
Ph Jayde 0273800125.**

Year 7 / 8 Classes at Rangitikei College

All Year 7/8 students travel to Rangitikei College for Technicraft (woodwork, cooking, and sewing). This year our time is the same but the day has changed – THURSDAYS, at the college from 11am – 12.30pm.

All Year 7/8 students will also have specialist **SCIENCE** and **MUSIC** classes at the college as part of their 'technicraft' programme

Camp Fundraiser

Once again we have been asked to pick up hay. It was a good fundraiser last year and we hope to get a lot of helpers again this year. It will be picked up on Friday/Saturday or Sunday. If you can help please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to the school office. Thank you.

School Sores/Head lice

These are issues at this time of the year and we ask that parents & caregivers please treat these accordingly and be mindful of other students especially if your children have been exposed to these.

Students will be swimming everyday – don't forget your togs.

SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ/PICNIC

**Tuesday 16 February 5.30pm School Grounds
(Postponement 18 February)**

This is the annual, informal opportunity for parents to meet with teachers early in the year. In recent years it's been an inside affair - wine and cheese preceded by the chance to talk with teachers in the classroom and an address in the hall on a curriculum area. That didn't really 'capture' the interest of large numbers of parents so we're (re)trying this new tack again this year. (Last year we did plan for this event but it was cancelled due to weather.)

The idea of the BBQ is to 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.

It will also be a good opportunity to welcome and meet new families

- Free BBQ sausages for all supplied by Home and School Assn
- Bring your own food and drink to supplement the H & S sausages if you wish

**WIN! WIN!! WIN!! All students with parents at the BBQ get one draw per family for a \$50 voucher from the newly located
Huntermville Bookshop**

So there we have it! 2010 at Huntermville School is underway. Please do make contact with us for whatever reason, if you have any queries or concerns - as certainly can be the case early in a year. We look forward to working with you and your children once again this year and delivering to you the very best all round education we possibly can for all students.

Regards



**Stephen Lewis
PRINCIPAL**

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET 2010

This publication issued to all students today is updated every year and serves - hopefully - as a handy reference for you on a multitude of school matters. The cover features head boy and girl Ryan Stewart and Claudia Hodgson.

HAY MAKING - Yes I can help out.

Name _____ Ph _____