



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)

Too late for this newsletter are the results of the Mental Maths competition being held this afternoon. The finalists as named in last week’s newsletter are battling it out as this goes to print. Results to you next week.

Electives Off to a Good Start

The school was abuzz on Friday afternoon with senior students (Y5-8) all involved in one of 24 Elective activities offered by parents, community and staff.

Gee, our kids are lucky! Thank you to all who have provided an Electives activity.

Year 7 Science Extension

Congratulations to the following students selected in a group of 20 students from nine cluster schools, to undertake a 6 week science extension programme at South Makirikiri School.

THOMAS WALSH, PATRICK
TAKURUA, PENNY LILBURN &
ANNA LAMBERT.

This group will work with science adviser Mr Brian Coles from Palmerston North each Wednesday morning for the next 6 school weeks.

JUNIOR SPORTS SESSIONS – YEAR 1 – 4

For the next four Thursday afternoons (from 1.30-2.10pm) our junior students will be involved in winter sport skills sessions based around rugby, netball, hockey and soccer. Sessions are being taken by staff and parents. Thank you to the parents involved for your support of this programme.

Could all the parent helpers please meet (just this week) at 1pm with Mrs Taylor to get things organised.

HUNTERVILLE CHILDREN’S SATURDAY MORNING SPORTS CLUB

Meeting 28th June 7.30pm
School Staffroom

HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL ALREADY HAS SUPERFAST INTERNET!

You may have read all the fuss around the roll out of high speed internet to rural areas, including the front page article in last week's Rangitikei Mail - which had our name missing from the list of schools announced to receive the high speed internet connection!

THE REASON ISWe're already there! Our \$100,000 network/cabling work last year (80% Ministry of Education funded) put us at the cutting edge of internet capability.

In the words of Paul Leslie (Telecom Head of Community Relations) "Hunterville School is not in the scope of our RBI roll out to schools as it is already connected to fibre through another provider (Inspire.net)".

And in the words of the Inspire Net people, "It's like there's a 20 lane wide highway (the fibre cable) from Wellington to Auckland running through Hunterville and we had a gravel road running off it. Now we have a four lane highway!"



Update on Room 3 Teacher for Second Half of Year

As notified to you recently, current Room 3 teacher Mrs Julie Taylor is unavailable to teach her class fulltime for terms three and four. Term three begins Monday 1 August.

The current scenario is

- Our 'shoulder tapping' of suitable fulltime teachers for terms 3 & 4 has come to nothing,yet!
- During our various negotiations with people Mrs Taylor has indicated that she may be prepared to teach Rm 3 Thursdays & Fridays in a job share situation.
 - As Mrs Taylor would add quality continuity for Rm 3 students, this is something we would consider and something along these lines may yet emerge from our 'shoulder tapping'.
- In the meantime though we have decided to advertise, with applications closing 1 July.

Here is the wording of the advertisement which is in the Evening Standard of last Saturday & next Saturday, as well as the Rangitikei Mail...

.....n being permanent from
(Mon-Wed) will also be
school. Please apply via a

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Meetings Coming Up

Tonight 21 June : Home & School Assoc 7.30pm

Wed 22 June : Dare evening for parents 7-9pm

LOST - Patrick Smailes NAMED size 4 trackpants. Please return to Patrick in Room 2 if you find them. Thank you.



OPEN EVENING

RANGITIKEI COLLEGE

This is an open invitation
to all members of the community to attend
an information evening at Rangitikei College.

Come and see the new facilities
and progressive programmes
we offer at the College.

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE
5.30PM - 7.00PM - SCHOOL HALL



Peter McDermott Photography

THREE WAY LEARNING CONFERENCES

Tuesday 12 July 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 13 July 1.30-8pm

(Students go home 12 midday 13 July)

Following last years' successful foray into student led conferences and the very positive parent feedback, we will again be staging these during the last week of term. Conferences will again be 15 minutes long (as opposed to previous 10 min 'parent/teacher interviews') and involve students sharing the learning progress and achievement and their next steps learning with parents.

Should parents like some brief one on one time with the teacher they can also be catered for within the 15 minute conference time.

From our point of view if we have any serious concerns/issues regarding students' work/progress/behaviour etc we will not be 'saving' these for the conferences; they will have already been discussed with you.

Booking appointments will also be made online as successfully initiated last year.

More to you on this next week

WANTED TO BUY – Hockey Stick size 36 in good condition. Ph Paula 3275238.

Last Week's Classroom Award Winners

- Room 1: Lara Watson & Indiia Hodgson - A1 top quality effort in Reading & Writing.
- Room 1a: Dannielle Ansley - great number knowledge and super quick basic facts!
Riveen Samarasekara - A1 top quality effort and achievement. Fantastic manners.
- Room 2: Jessica Brooks - being such a great reader, author and mathematician.
Daniel Webber - being a fluent, expressive reader. Well done, Daniel!
- Room 3: Georgia Harrison & Lilly Sherriff - add their very special character to Room 3 - settling in really well.
- Room 4: Phoebe Smailes - amazing A1 quality pirate work!
Zak Guiniven - amazing A1 quality pirate work.
- Room 6: Billy Jonita - participating in class activities. Trying hard in Reading and Maths activities with good results.
James Legner - settling into class routines. Big improvement in presentation of workbooks - lay out, setting out.
- Room 7: Yvonne Taiaroa-Snowden & Mackenzie Dais. - excellent spelling and basic facts learning.
- Room 8: Te Makai Taiaroa-Snowden - a super effort in writing a long, interesting, completed narrative!
Stephanie Turner - excellent improvement in narrative story writing - top effort!
- Mediators Awards for Positive Behaviour:
Arizona Makatea-Wood: Caring for a hurt person.
Rhys Watson: Including students and making people feel included.

ANZAC REMEMBRANCE AWARDS

Mrs Maureen Fenton joined the school in assembly last week to award our senior students who were placed in this year's Anzac competition. Congratulations to the following who were all highly commended:

Jenny Collie, Amber Deadman, Arizona Makatea-Wood, Bindi Nimmo, Mitchell Smith, Abbey Stratton & Tessa Turner.

Our overall winner who takes home the Anzac Remembrance Trophy this year went to
GEORGIE DALGETY.

Georgie was also highly commended as one of the top 10 in the New Zealand wide Defence Force Anzac Poster Competition. Congratulations Georgie!

Regards



Stephen Lewis
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