



# 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)**

Thank you to those who supported the School BBQ last Tuesday. By our count we had over 70 families in attendance! Congratulations to Annabel Wood who won the \$50 book voucher draw

## SWIMMING SPORTS THIS WEDNESDAY

Juniors:	(Y0-Y3)	:	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm
Seniors	(Y4-Y8)	:	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm

For bus families only we are more than happy to supervise students at school between 3 - 4.30pm where it is impossible for you to make bus collections and then be at the pool by 4.30pm. Please either send a note or call the office so we know who we are responsible for. Thank you.



## Teachers Departed School 3pm Sharp Yesterday

As published in last week's pinkie, a group of thirteen staff including all teachers left school promptly at 3pm yesterday, to attend a three hour seminar on the teaching of reading comprehension beginning in Marton at 3.20pm.

A skeleton staff headed by Mrs Harding got our bus students away safely and were on duty to handle any 3pm issues – of which there were none!

There were certainly some gems amongst all the great strategies and ideas in the seminar including .....

As with the learning or improvement on any activity, **CHILDREN GET BETTER AT READING, BY READING!**  
Encourage and support children to read for pleasure at school and at home.

Children get deeper understanding (and therefore enjoyment) of what they're reading if they're given opportunities to share/discuss/explain what's happening in their book. Give children opportunities to do this regularly.

School staff (over 120 in all) at the seminar were talked through nine key strategies for improving reading comprehension, delivered by Auckland educator Sheena Cameron.

## Home & School Meeting

To finalise arrangements for the  
Golf Tournament  
Tonight 23 Feb  
7.30pm

## Upcoming Dates

Feb 23: H&S Meeting (Golf) 7.30pm  
24: Y1-3 swim sports 1pm  
24: Y4-8 swim sports 4.30pm  
26: Interschool Triathlon, Hville  
Mar 7: Golf Tournament 10.30am  
11: Cluster Swimming Marton  
31: **School GALA (Harvest Festival)**

## Community Newsletter

First edition of the year due out at the end of this week. Deadline for copy is tomorrow.

## Triathlon This Friday

Over 50 Hunterville students are taking part this Friday. Race briefing at 10.45am.

## Swimming Sports

This Wednesday start time 4.30pm. We are doing a bbq as a camp fundraiser so if a couple of parents can run this it would be much appreciated. Let Mr Smith know at school tomorrow morning please.

(Parents don't forget your togs for the student/staff/parent relay!)

## Student Leaders Named

Our eight Whanau leaders have been selected from what is a genuinely very impressive Year 8 group of 24 students.

They join our head boy & head girl (named at December's prizegiving) as our official student leaders.

HEAD GIRL – CLAUDIA HODGSON

HEAD BOY – RYAN STEWART

Kowhai Ben Simpson	Parakaraka Suzanna Turner	Whero Jacob Ratima	Pango Jessica Lourie
Tawa Missy Wells	Kakariki Georgina Hobson	Kikorangi Isaac Taylor	Kiwikiwi Leigham Harding

It was the hardest decisions for many years as we have so many great year 8's this year.

The above students will attend the National Young Leaders Conference, this year to be held in Rotorua on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> May. We are hoping to enrol all other Year 8's in the one day Young Leaders Conference, to be held in Palmerston North, also in May.

## KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE PROGRAMME ALL CLASSES

All classes are soon to begin a 3 week "Keeping Ourselves Safe" programme. We do this every second year, except for Room 1 which delivers the programme every year, as part of our compulsory health programme. K.O.S is a programme that is intended to help keep children safe from abuse and violence. The programme has been developed by the NZ Police and is delivered to most NZ primary schools.

## Board of Trustees Elections Coming Soon!

Boards of trustees are elected every three years, and that three years is upon us soon.

Our board has appointed former BOT member Mrs Christina Wilson as returning officer, and all parents will be asked to consider putting themselves forward to put themselves up for election as a BOT member. The time frames around the election are as follows:

- Call for nominations By 15 March
- Nominations Close Midday 23 April
- Voting papers distributed By 28 April
- Voting Day 7 May
- Count Votes 13 May

Our current BOT parent reps are:

Fi Dalgety  
 Richard Lambert  
 Chris Price  
 Mason Smith  
 Chris Turner (not seeking re-election).

...as well as the parent reps, the principal is a BOT member, as is staff rep – currently Mrs Dalley.

### KAPA HAKA/MAORI LANGUAGE

Parent Meeting

Next Thursday 4 March 3.15 staffroom

Our annual early – in-the-year meeting .....

- What level of taha Maori would parents like the school to provide?
- How can we best provide that.
- Etc.

All parents with an interest in the school providing opportunities and programmes for 'things Maori' are asked to attend. Thank you

### **Huntermville School Lunches on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays only from the Argyle Hotel**

(Missing from last week's menu: Macaroni Cheese \$5.00 with bacon \$5.50)

### **HUNTERVILLE SATURDAY MORNING SPORTS CLUB AGM**

11 March - school staffroom 7.30pm.

**Garage Sale - Saturday 28 February 8.30 am - Outside the Old Dr's Surgery, (Opposite Huntermville Trading), Bruce Street, Huntermville - cancelled if wet.**

### **Cricket - Huntermville B v Marton Yr 7/8**

This was always going to be a big ask! We batted first posting 86 of which 68 were extras, no one making double figures. There was good calling between batsmen but not many runs to be had.

Our bowlers started well until their big hitters came on. Marton putting 163 on the board. Mitchell got the opener out for a duck off a great catch from Israel. Overall I was very pleased with our team's attitude all things considered.

- Simon Perry

**HEADLICE** are out and about at school. Parents please check your children's hair and treat accordingly. Thank you.

FOR SALE – 4 CHILDREN'S LEFT HAND GOLF CLUBS. Ph Stewarts 3276635

# Home & School Golf Tournament

Sunday 7 March

Home & School Major Fundraiser of the Year.

All Proceeds to Playground Development

For all families that cannot help on the day, or play golf, who have not already offered prizes or sponsorship .....

Could we please ask for your help by providing one of the following:

- Slices or pikelets or cracker biscuits
- Hogget, lamb or ham on the bone (to be cooked on the day at the golf club for lunch).  
(Looking at feeding 150 people)
- Box of chocolates (For prizes)
- Bottles of wine. (For prizes)

Thanks for everyone's support to date. This is a new undertaking for us, and our major fundraiser for the year. Please indicate if you can assist with any of the above by filling out the slip at the end of the newsletter.

Thanks

Rachel Williams (Home & School Association President)

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

- ❖ Group meet once per month.
- ❖ Sole purpose is applying for funds through pub charities and other charitable trusts.
- ❖ I.e. paper work only, involved; no actual general fundraising!

An effective group of 4-5 members has worked well over the past three to four years – although we did take a year off last year!

Typically when we meet each month, we discuss our project needs and then allocate a trust group for each member to apply for funds for that project.

Interested? Happy to be a persuasive form filler?

Please complete the attached form and I'll get back to you about a meeting time that might suit all.

## The National Standards

Ho .....Hummm..... (Yawn) .....What A Bore!

We've been a bit silent on this issue, which has been generating a fair amount of public debate over recent times. Our general take on this might be summarised as follows:

- We'll just get on with whatever we're asked/told (!) to do and do it to the best of our ability.
- As with other schools, we're ALREADY assessing students against nationally standardised criteria – especially so in READING, WRITING and MATHS.
- We are always on the lookout to do things smarter, or better, and welcome some of the 'National Standards' ideas around involving parents more in the "what needs to be learned next" and how parents can contribute to this.
- We are though, QUITE CONCERNED about the league table fears that many people also share. (This is the publishing of schools' scores/ranking from their students' achievement in reading, writing and maths). Reasons:
  - For fear of failure, schools will focus exclusively on reading, writing & maths and the subject areas that develop the rounded student will fall by the wayside.
  - Schools have differing levels of 'raw material' (students). Low decile schools may be doing a fantastic job for their students but they may be performing below the level of a high decile school whose students make very little progress. Those comparisons would be unfair.

## **This Week's Classroom Award Winners**

- Room 1 Jonty Duncan - A1 top quality early reading skills.  
Jessica Brooks - A1 quality excellent work in all areas.
- Room 2 Amber George - reading fluently & trying hard in reading recovery.  
Ethan Watson - working hard in reading recovery to be fluent.  
Lilly Sherriff - lovely expressive, fluent reading in reading recovery.
- Room 3 Sam Simpson - a wonderful start in Room 3. Sam has begun the year very well, settling into class routines and taking pride in the layout of his books.  
Morna Collie - creative thinking & wonderful ideas and rhyming words with our "Me" poems.
- Room 4: Holly Hodgson & Zak Guiniven - well thought out answers on reading comprehension activities.
- Room 5: Kate Turner - always putting 100% with her reading comprehension worksheet.  
Grace Godfrey - smooth, fluent reading. Great understanding of what has been read.
- Room 6: Kimberly Simpson & Lawson Jones - excellent participation in swimming lessons. Great progress in all areas of swimming.
- Room 7: Shannon Te Kira & Amber Deadman - excellent homework effort & output. They are setting the standard for the rest of the class.
- Room 8: Rex Petersen - excellent effort and improvement in swimming skills and speed. Super swimming!  
Cowan Oppatt - putting in a top effort in swimming lessons and organising yourself for swimming.

## **Cricket - Hunterville A's Vs Marist Green.**

Marist won the toss and batted first on a very wet outfield. This made things difficult for the bowlers, and Marist made fast runs to reach 156 in 24 overs. Our fielding was a little rough with several dropped catches. Leigham kept well and our younger bowlers improved significantly on last week, Rex Peterson taking 2 for 8 off 2.

Hunterville once again made a good start batting with Harry and Thomas getting through to 60 without loss, Leigham making a very rapid 27 ( the effect of a new bat?) and Hunterville was right on target. However, tight Marist bowling, some poor running and trying to hit the ball into the air led to a rapid fall of wickets.

Thomas came back in to bat with Victor who stuck to instructions and we inched closer to 157. With 15 runs being needed to win, Victor was bowled and Mitchell Smith came in as the last batsman.

With the pressure on, the last wicket stood and got us through to 156; the match was tied with a ball to come. Mitchell got bat to ball but a great throw from Marist saw him beaten home.

A great effort! Thomas remained 64 not out and got great support from Harry (17 runs) and the lower order batsmen (Jamie, Victor, Rex and Mitchell) who kept the ball on the ground, something our better batsmen need to do!!


- M Walshe

House Available For Rent – 2 bedroom \$145.00 per week plus gas & water.  
Ph Kirsteen 06 3466355.

**FOR SALE** – Yamaha WRF 250 2002  
Good condition. \$3500.00  
Ph Josh Harding 3228325.

**Phoenix Vs Newcastle soccer, 7 March.**  
I have 3 -4 spaces available in my car if anyone is interested. Contact Grant Collie 3228680

# SCHOOLWIDE AND CLASSROOM FOCUSES

Room 1	<p>Handwriting Everyone in Room 1 needs to hold their pen correctly. (See photo below) Thumb and first finger squeeze the barrel. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> finger tucked underneath.</p> 
Room 2	<p>Written Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ We are learning to leave spaces between our words.</li> <li>➤ We are learning to use full stops and capital letters correctly.</li> <li>➤ We are learning to correct spelling mistakes by ourselves.</li> </ul>
Room 3	<p>Maths: We are learning to count on in 2's, 10's , 100's. We are learning to order 3 digit numbers. Writing: We are learning to use rhyming words to write interesting poems.</p>
Room 4	<p>Writing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write an interesting title.</li> <li>• Re-read my story to check it makes sense.</li> </ul>
Room 5	<p>English - Writing: I am learning to understand &amp; consistently use punctuation like - ? ! “” ,. I am learning to identify nouns, verbs and adjectives.</p>
Room 6	<p>We are learning to order whole numbers, explain the meaning of digits and read, write and say numbers beyond 1000.</p>
Room 7	<p>Written English - Room Seven is learning to write descriptive character descriptions. They will do this by using adjectives and painting a mental picture for the reader. Key learning: Room seven is learning to manage themselves effectively. They will do this by being organised and prepared for school each day.</p>
Room 8	<p>Reading Comprehension: We are learning to provide a written or oral summary of a non fiction text and to recognise and discuss the difference between fact and opinion within texts. Swimming: We are aiming to continue to build our swimming skills, endurance and fitness - as long as the weather allows us to!</p>

Comedian Ewen Gilmour 1 night show Wednesday 3rd March at 8.15pm  
Argyle Hotel Tickets \$15  
All monies to go to children's charity

**Come and play golf and enjoy the splendid Rangitikei River  
views at the**

# **HUNTERVILLE HOME & SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**At the Rangatira Golf Course On  
Sunday, March 7, 2010**

**Shotgun Start – 10.30am  
Stableford Best Net Competition**

**Prizes Galore Including...**

**Hole in one chance to win a brand new car from  
McVerry Crawford Motors, Marton**

**Pre-paid Entry \$40 per player**

**To: Rachel Williams 85 Somersal Lane  
RD2 Marton 4788**

**Limited to 120 Players**

**Enquiries to: 06 327 5184 or email [pencoed@farmside.co.nz](mailto:pencoed@farmside.co.nz)**

**Accommodation Enquiries to: Melanie Walshe 06 322 8535**

*Amateurs only eligible to win car. No refunds on cancellations.*  
**Cheques Payable to: Hunterville Home & School Assoc.**

Regards



Stephen Lewis  
PRINCIPAL

**INVOLVEMENT IN GOLF FUNDRAISER SUNDAY 7 MARCH**

Yes, As per the notice - I'd be prepared to contribute in the following way.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Thanks. We will be in touch.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Yes I am interested.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph \_\_\_\_\_