



HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL

33 Bruce Street, Huntermville Phone: 06-322 8210 Fax: 06-3228294

E-mail: office@huntermville.school.nz Principal: Stephen Lewis

www.huntermville.school.nz

30 November 2010

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)

Things are a little bit quieter around here at the moment with all our Y 7/8s at Resolution Bay in the Marlborough Sounds.

They left town at 5am yesterday, caught the ferry to Picton and then a water taxi to Resolution Bay arriving 3.30pm.

The weather forecast is perfect for them which points to a great week ahead. They arrive back at school around 7.30pm Friday.

SCHOOL NEIGHBOUR CONVICTED OF HISTORIC SEX OFFENCES

Mr Richard Romley (aged 62) who had been living next door to school has been convicted of historic sex offences against boys, dating back a number of years, prior to his arrival in Huntermville several years ago. We understand from police that his sentence is around 10 years.

Although we had been very aware of general talk in the community and as a result have kept a close eye on Mr Romley, police had made no direct contact with us regarding Mr Romley until he was convicted, around one month ago.

Pahiatua police, who contacted me at that stage, said by law they were not able to inform the school prior to Mr Romley being convicted.

At the same time (one month ago) Pahiatua police also advised me not to make this public, for legal reasons, until Mr Romley was sentenced.

Mr Romley was sentenced last week and is now serving a lengthy spell in prison.

Staffing for 2011

“The more things change, the more they stay the same!” Very true

What’s Changing Next Year:

1. We won’t be starting a ninth class at mid year, instead staying with eight classes for the year, meaning Mrs Stewart’s fixed term position ends.
2. Miss Jeynes is on one year’s leave to pursue a course in television film making & directing in Auckland.
3. Miss Green may or may not return from maternity leave at mid year.

What's Staying The Same?

1. Mrs Stewart will return next year (still in Room 1a with our 'second junior class') to be our 8th teacher, filling the teaching vacancy caused by Miss Jeynes' one year's leave.
2. Mrs Taylor will remain in Miss Green's position until mid 2011. At that stage we hope that either Miss Green returns, or that Mrs Taylor is able to continue for the year if Miss Green does not return.

Classes For 2010

For parent information our classes' make up for next year is looking **SOMETHING** like this, with changes **undoubtedly** to be made to allow for unforeseen comings and goings between now and 2nd February.

Mrs Hatfull	Rm1	Yr1	7	=7	}	Plus another 17 during year	=18
Mrs Stewart	Rm1a	Yr1 Yr 2	4 8	=12			
Mrs White	Rm2	Y2 Yr3	18 5	=23			
Mrs Taylor	Rm3 (OR 4)	Yr3 Yr4	13 11	=24			
Mr Jeffrey	Rm5 (or 4)	Yr4 Yr5	11 14	=25			
Mrs Fitz-Herbert	Rm6	Yr5 Yr6	7 21	=28			
Mr Smith	Rm7	Yr6 Yr7	9 19	=28			
Mrs Dalley	Rm8	Y7 Y8	9 20	=29			
TOTAL 2 FEB			175		→	192 (Dec)	

For parents' information all state schools our size (176 students and above) are staffed on the following:

Yr1	:	1 teacher per 15 children (as at end of Sept)
Y2/3	:	1 teacher per 23 children
Y4-8	:	1 teacher per 29 children

Softball Tournament

Eighteen teams from ten schools throughout the Rangitikei converged on the Hunterville Domain on Friday, for the annual Y 7/8 softball tournament. We had seven teams - including some of our Y6's!

Our A team came from behind to draw with Taihape Area School 5 all in the final. A most pleasing result.

Wanganui Y7/8 Interschool Athletics Wed 24 November

Although it was out of season and our athletes had very limited preparation, our students achieved some outstanding results at Cooks Gardens in Wanganui last Wednesday

1 st	Y8 Boys Discus	Leigham Harding
1 st	Y7 Boys Long Jump	Connor Duncan
1 st	Y7 Girls Long Jump	Shannon Te Kira

Watch out in the next Community Newsletter for all placings.

SWIMMING CLUB REGISTRATION

Wednesday 8th Dec
Hunterville Pool
5-6pm

HUNTERVILLE SWIMMING POOL

Phone 3228116

Open Mon-Friday
12noon to 5pm

Sat & Sunday
12noon to 5.30pm

Hunterville A Beat Marist Green (Cricket)

Marist batted first and set a total of 139. Top wicket taker was Mitchell Smith with 2 for 17 runs off three overs. This included a wicket maiden.

Hunterville A reached the total with one over to spare. Top scorers were Leigham Harding with 32 retired, Jacob Ratima with 24 and Thomas Walshe with 15 retired.

Hunterville Junior Interclub Tennis

Our junior team played Kai Iwi over the weekend with outstanding results!

Suzanna Turner won 9-5
Penny Lilburn won 9-8

Isaac Taylor won 9-0
Suzanna & Isaac won 9-1

Sarah Wilson won 9-4
Sarah & Penny won 9-8

WELL DONE!

SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING

Thursday 16 December
Town Hall
7pm



Students Please Assemble 6.45pm: Students are asked to report to their teachers under the shop covers near the Town Hall at 6.45pm.

Dress: Y8 will wear their 'number ones' from the Y8 Dinner. All other students to be in their tidiest school uniform, please.....

- Strictly no rugby shorts.
- Either the knee length shorts, or for girls a skirt is optional.
- Polo shirts. No polar fleeces as it gets really hot & stuffy inside the hall.

Reports: Issued to all students immediately after the prizegiving. (Students leave the hall with their teachers first and then the rest of the hall empties).

After Prizegiving Function: At the Argyle Hotel as usual. Absolutely no formalities. It is especially a chance for leaving students (accompanied by parents) to reflect on the glories of the night and for parents and staff to mix and mingle.

ALL parents and friends of the school are welcome.

GARAGE SALE

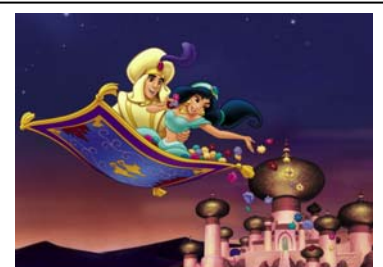
Household Lot
9 Wilson Rd
Sunday 5th December
9am

SCHOOL FLOAT

As many students as would like to are invited to be part of the school Christmas Parade Float.

We'll get out the Aladdin costumes and make a show of it.

WORKING BEE TO PREPARE FLOAT 5-7PM WED 22 DECEMBER. ANY HELP APPRECIATED!





SCHOOL PICNIC



Next (Goodness!!) Friday 10 December
Huntermville Domain 10am – 2.15pm

FREE SAUSAGE & DRINK for all
Provided by the Home & School Association
(Bring other picnic eats to supplement this)

10am: Tabloid Sports. Children rotate around 8 fun
Activities in Whanau groups.

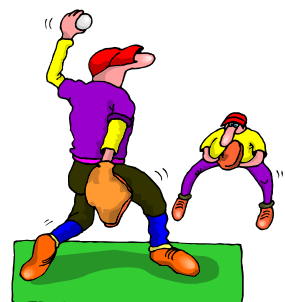
11.30am: Juniors eat; seniors swim

12.15: Juniors swim, seniors eat

1.00pm: Free choice leisure activities
softball, cricket
more swimming
etc

2.00pm: Arrival of FATHER CHRISTMAS
Preschoolers especially welcome too!

PARENTS, FRIENDS, WHANAU come and join us next Friday.
Drive onto the Domain and park around the field.



Dates for Your Diary

- December 3 : Y 7/8 arrive back from Resolution Bay.
7 : Pubertal change sessions Y6 girls and Y 7/8 boys & girls.
10: School Picnic, Hunterville Domain 10am – 2pm.
14: Y8 Dinner, Argyle Hotel 6.30pm.
16: Prizegiving assembly 7pm Town Hall.
17: School finishes for year at 12 midday.
22: School float working bee 5-7pm.
24: School float in Christmas Parade.
- February 2 : Day one of school year.

DO YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE OF CLASS FOR YOUR CHILD NEXT YEAR?

Because we have split classes, in many cases we are able to accommodate a strong preference from a parent regarding which of two classes to place their child.

There will be other situations where this is not able to happen. We do put **a lot** of time and thought into the mix in every class and our aim is to do what is best for the majority – and in those situations our professional judgement might come before a parent preference.

Our most definite stance on this though is that **WHEN & WHERE POSSIBLE/PRACTICAL, WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PLACE STUDENTS WHERE PARENTS REQUEST.**

To that end I invite parents with any strong preferences to make known to me their views, before the end of the year.

As usual, classes for 2011 will be announced at the 9am assembly on the first day of the school year.

REPORT FROM RESOLUTION BAY VIA TEXT FROM MR SMITH 12.50pm TODAY...

At the top of Ships Cove – great views, stunning weather.
We are on the way down to meet with the other group that are out
fishing now to do a swap over.
Everything fine, everyone great!



Last Week's Classroom Awards

- Room 1: Lahyze Rei & Monty Sherriff - A1 top quality effort in reading & writing.
Room 1a: Jessica Brooks - always listening; always being on task and always giving 100%.
Brooke Spice - writing 100 fast words in five minutes.
- Room 2: Oliver Bird - great maths strategies.
Darragh Bush - helpful in the classroom.
- Room 3: Harry Godfrey & Zane Brooks - great reading, writing & maths.
- Room 4: Tim Swainson & Chloe Watson - a huge improvement in spelling and basic facts knowledge since the start of the year.
- Room 5: Nikita Hopewell - huge improvement in handwriting and presentation of all work.
Gypsy Smith - making a huge improvement in reading fluency and comprehension.
- Room 6: Kavanagh Goldsbury - excellent results in spelling test.
Eli Marshall - excellent reading comprehension skills.
- Room 7: Thomas Walshe - getting 100% in his star test.
- Room 8: Jacob Ratima & Ari Cameron-Smith - great improvement and progress in reading, writing, spelling, maths, P E & Kapa Haka.



PLEASE ENSURE CHILDREN HAVE HATS (& MAYBE SUNBLOCK) AT SCHOOL EVERYDAY FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. THANKS!

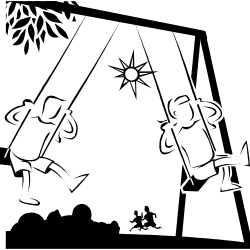
STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR SWIMMING TOGS TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR ALSO. (There may be the odd 'reward swim' in the afternoon!)

LOST PROPERTY

Please could students & parents check that their school uniform items are all clearly named and that they don't mistakenly have other student's items? We have quite a few missing items and lots and lots of unnamed items in our lost property.

PLAYGROUND THANKYOU

1. Many thanks to the good sized crew who cleared the pea metal (8 truck loads!) after school on Friday. With Prices' and Hardings' diggers and trucks going non stop and others on shovels, brooms and wheelbarrows, the job was soon done.



2. Then all day Saturday and Sunday , Owen Peterson and Richard Lourie built flash new borders for the parts of the playground and then boarded off the low platform ready for the rubber to be poured sometime next week. A huge effort over two hot days. Thanks Owen & Mangle.

Chris Price (BOT Property Officer) who is overseeing this Home & School Association project has another group organised to truck in around 20 loads of crusher dust and sand (provided free by RANGITIKEI AGGREGATES) for the matting contractors to use for their base work.

THANK YOU TO ALL CONCERNED RE YOUR HELP WITH THIS

Regards

Stephen Lewis
PRINCIPAL