



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)

Please check out the attached white-paper flier for instruction on how to book your three way conference online.

Request/Reminder: Families with one child at school are asked to wait until tomorrow 3pm to book an appointment, to allow multiple child families the opportunity to jigsaw in their times first. Thanks.

A Reminder: Students go home at 12 midday next Wednesday to allow for three way conferences from 1pm. Buses will run students home shortly after midday.

I would be able to arrange supervision at school beyond midday, for any students with a 1pm or 1.15 conference, but other than that we would expect all students to leave at midday.

ROOM 3 TEACHER FOR TERM 3/4 CONFIRMED

I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT Mrs Julie Taylor will continue teaching Room 3 after the holidays – in a job share situation with Mrs Paulette Bremner. Mrs Bremner will teach Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Taylor Thursdays and Fridays.

A lot of thinking, discussion (arm twisting) and time/effort has gone into this decision which I'm confident is the next best scenario to Mrs Taylor continuing for the full year – which she is unable to do.

While on the surface a job share is not the ideal scenario, there are a number of factors that make this particular job-share quite attractive

- The current teacher (Mrs Taylor) continuing part time gives the class continuity it would not receive with a new full time teacher.
- Neither Mrs Taylor or Mrs Bremner are available full time.
- Mrs Bremner is a known, highly regarded, former full time teacher of Huntermville School, having taught here for several years – mostly in the Year 3/4 area!
- Mrs Bremner and Mrs Taylor job shared a class in the current Room 4 (bus garage) when it was first set up as a classroom for terms three and four just three years ago!
- Julie and Paulette I know, will work well together. The classroom programme will continue to be well structured and routined, and will continue to provide focussed, effective learning opportunities for students.

COMPUTER CLUB LAUNCHED TODAY!

Check out the attached colour pamphlet which launches our Computer Club!



Computer Club is an attempt to get people (parents, community, friends/family, etc) to support a drive to 'up' our computer / ICT resources by making small but ongoing automatic payments into the Computer Club account. We're hoping that people might look kindly upon this project in relation to 'giving something back' to the school and also that people might think the cause worthy enough to contribute!

The payback is via a 33% tax break for any donations, club members names' being listed as a 'club member' in the Community Newsletter, plus a warm fuzzy for helping out Hunterville School and its students!

For more info check out the flier in this newsletter! Perhaps you'd like to be a club member yourself or know of someone who might like to join???



Congratulations to the following students who will be representing their whanau groups in the annual school singing bee:



Kowhai – Bindi Nimmo
Parakaraka – Sarah Wilson
Tawa – Kate Thompson
Kikorangi – Penny Lilburn

Pango – Anna Lambert
Whero – Eli Marshall
Kakariki – Teresa Davenport
Kiwikiwi – Ally Munn



Elimination Finals Friday 8th July.

Show 1 – 10.00am: Kowhai, Tawa, Whero & Parakaraka.
Show 2 – 11.15am: Pango, Kiwikiwi, Kakariki & Kikorangi.

The top two from each show progress through to the final **FRIDAY 15TH JULY** at 11.10am.
Parents and supporters most welcome!

THIS WEEK'S RUGBY DRAW

Under 13	Vs	Raetihi	Hunterville	10.30am
Under 10	Vs	Taihape	Taihape	10.00am
Under 8	Vs	Marist	Hunterville	9.30am
Under 6 Lions	Vs	Pirates Black	Wanganui (SP 12)	10.00am
Under 6 Bears	Vs	Pirates White	Wanganui (SP 9)	10.00am

Three Way Parent Conferences Tuesday/Wednesday 12/13 July

The former 'parent/teacher interviews' are again being replaced by the three way student conferences first introduced last year. The previous 10 minute time slots have increased to 15 minutes.

Why the Change to Student Led Conferences?

- Research has identified student self reporting as the most significant indicator linked to student achievement.
- As students prepare and conduct conferences about their learning, they are developing their knowledge and understanding of themselves as learners.
- The revised NZ curriculum focuses schools on developing independent, connected, life-long learners who take responsibility for their own learning. Student Led Conferences help promote those principles.
- We are extremely confident that parents (and students) will come to see these mid year Student Led Conferences as a hugely beneficial exercise and a far superior product than the former parent teacher interview!

What is a Student Lead Conference?

- Simply, a meeting run by students, for their parents, about their learning.
- During the fifteen minute conference students will present their learning and their next steps in numeracy and literacy. They will share their progress made, their process of learning, and the criteria against which their work has been evaluated.
- Depending on the age, confidence and capability of the student, teachers will provide prompts and support for the student.

My Role as a Parent

- We ask you firstly to be open minded, and to see the potential in a SLC!
- Please make yourself available to attend the SLC. Your child will be practising for the SLC and will (hopefully) be looking forward to this, so we want to avoid disappointment. During the SLC let your child take the lead and direct and questions or comments to him/her.

We are Quite New At This Too!

We are conscious this is just our second time at this. As we as a school become more experienced and skilful in this process we know the product for all stakeholders will increase in value also. We were delighted with our first attempt last year, and the overwhelmingly positive response from parents regarding how they found the value of the conferences

“But I Liked The Traditional Parent/Teacher Interview!”

No problem! We can cater for this too.....

1. There'll be time at the end of the SLC for the sorts of conversations you're used to having at a parent / teacher interview.
2. We remain available at any mutually agreeable time, right throughout the year to have these sorts of discussions with one another. From both points of view (parents and teachers) we should not really be 'saving' any issues/concerns for mid year interviews.

So, there we go! We see this as an exciting, educationally very worthwhile new initiative. Do bear with us. We won't get it 100% right this time around either, but from your feedback and our own reflection we'll build on this and make it a vital component of children's learning and of our reporting framework to parents.

Community Newsletter Out Next Week

The next Community newsletter will be issued at the end of next week, Friday 15 July.
Deadline for copy next Tuesday 12 July.

Mid Year Mini Reports Out On Friday

Our mid year mini reports, first issued in the current format last year, will be sent home to parents this Friday 8 July.

These are intended simply as a brief 'state of the nation' snapshot of your child's achievement and effort in reading, writing and maths and will be expanded on further at the three way conferences next week.

THE WEEKENDS SPORTS RESULTS

Team	Versus	Result	Score	Player of the Day
Netball A	Bulls	Won	25-7	Bindy Nimmo
B	Ratana A	Won	17-13	Arizona Makatea-Wood
C	Marton B	Lost	24-1	Whole Team
D	Marton C	Lost	6-0	
Rugby U13	Border	Won	32-22	Ally Munn
U10	Marist Bulls	Lost	8-6	Dareese Deans
U8	Kaierau Maroon	Won	11-10	George Simpson
Rippa Bears	Kaierau Maroon	Won	18-5	Josh Richmond-Deacon
Rippa Lions	Marton	Won	10-9	Harry McVerry
Hockey South	Tournament			
North	Tournament			
Maroon	Sth Mak	Won	4-0	Tane Guiniven
Black	St Matthews	Won	2-1	
Soccer U11	Feilding	Won	3-2	

Children's Holiday Programme

Thursday 21st July 2011

St. Andrews' Church Lounge

9.30am-12pm

All school aged children

Come along for fun and games

Enquiries Dianne Reeves 06 3229848

End of Term Two

School closes for the term next Friday 15 July at 3pm.

Next Term:

Term three begins on Monday 1 August. Highlights are sure to include

- ✚ NZ children's author Stu Duval here for four full days in week two – two days working with our students and two days running a cluster extension programme.
- ✚ Music for all students.
 - All Y4-8: Weekly ukulele lessons with Mrs Sheena Marshall.
 - All Y1-3: Weekly music sessions with Ms Carol Stewart.
- ✚ Interschool cross country for our elite Y5-8 in Wanganui.
- ✚ School and interschool Spelling Bee competition.
- ✚ University NSW maths & English exams for selected students. (Approx 25 students).
- ✚ Life Education mobile classroom visit.
- ✚ Spanish and te reo language options for Y7/8.
- ✚ Interschool Mathex Competition, Wanganui Y5-8.
- ✚ Ongoing science/music classes at Rangitikei College Y 7/8.
- ✚ Winter Sports tournaments in Marton Y5/6 and Y 7/8.
- ✚ School speech finals at end of term.

ELECTIVES SHOW 'N ' TELL : FRIDAY 1.45-3PM

Electives on Friday begin at the earlier time of 1.00pm to allow time for a show 'n' tell session in the school hall at 1.45pm.

All Welcome!

Mrs Walshe's Golf – Monday Afternoons

Golf is off for the time being due to the cold weather. Once the weather becomes warmer we will review this. (Melanie Walshe)

THIS WEEKEND'S HOCKEY DRAW

Hvlle South	Vs	Sth Mak Kakas	Hunterville	9.40am
Hvlle North	Vs	Sth Mak Wekas	Hunterville	9.00am
Hvlle Maroon	Vs	St Matthews	Feilding	5.30pm
Hvlle Black	Vs	Bulls	Feilding	6.30pm

MUFTI DAY

Next Friday 15th. Funds will go towards World Vision sponsorship of a child.
(Gold coin please)

We will have to aim for a disco early next term.

Last Week's Assembly Award Winners

- Room 1: Katie Vennell – wonderful number knowledge and strategies.
Orlando Ratima – great progress and knowledge in maths.
Crawford Cook – A1 top quality story writing.
- Room 1a: Grace Carman – being the Room 1a basic facts whizz! Excellent number knowledge.
Monty Sherriff – working really hard to improve reading and writing skills – well done Monty!
- Room 2: Keegan Brimelow – a big improvement in handwriting and story writing.
Alex Legner – a big improvement in handwriting and story writing.
Corvette Pollard – a big improvement in hand writing and story writing.
- Room 3: Brodie Gray – great work ethos and willing to listen to feedback and make changes to improve.
William Kiesanowski – wonderful reading comprehension and delightfully entertaining and thoughtful answers.
- Room 4: Caleb Taniwha – excellent effort and achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths.
Harry Godfrey – excellent effort and improvement in Writing and Maths.
- Room 6: Holly Marshall – A1 quality learning. Great researching and recording in Inquiry Learning.
Lydia Price – A1 quality learning and enthusiasm in all areas of learning.
- Room 7: Eli Marshall – great descriptive handwriting.
- Room 8: Anna Lambert – great ICT/computer skills and leadership when tutoring junior students.
Victor Raimona-Hausman – completing a piece of good quality written English which was very tidy.
- Mediators: Georgina Duncan – looking after Indiia when she was hurt
Javaark Kennedy-Goodwin – offering to play with someone who was lonely



THIS WEEKEND'S NETBALL DRAW

Hvllle A	Vs	Marlon A	Court 1	9.30am
Hvllle B	Vs	Sth Mak B	Court 1	11.30am
Hvllle C	Vs	Ratana	Court 2	11.30am
Hvllle d	Vs	James Cook B	Court 2	8.30am

BOOK FAIR

As per usual – our annual school Book fair will coincide with the Three Way Learning Conferences next Tuesday & Wednesday. In the school Library will be 100's of beautiful books for sale. Students will have a chance to look over these during school hours and these will be available to purchase during the conferences. The school receives a percentage of sales where we always purchase more books for our library

SCHOOLWIDE AND CLASSROOM FOCUSES

Room 1	<p>We are learning to be effective problem solving readers. I know I am successful when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ When I use meaning. That is knowing what message in the story is. Getting clues from the preceding text, pictures, etc. ❖ When I use my good grammatical knowledge. I learn this through having good conversation with my family & friends who use good correct grammar as a strong model for me. ❖ When I use strong letter sound association. I need to learn the sound that letters make independently and in combinations. <p>A strong problem solving reader learns to combine all three of these cue sources together at difficulty.</p>
Room 1a	<p>Reading. We are learning to look at all the bits we know in a word for clues to a difficult word. We are learning to make predictions about our reading and start to infer,</p>
Room 2	<p>Maths. We are learning to: Blue – add by counting on. Green – count back from 100 in 2's. Orange – know doubles and halves to 20.</p>
Room 3	<p>Physical Education. We are learning to confidently catch, throw, pass, kick or dribble in a variety of winter ball skills. Handwriting. We are learning to keep our letters half size when using a smaller line spacing.</p>
Room 4	<p>Statistics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ We are learning to draw and interpret data from line graphs, stem and leaf graphs, pictographs and bar graphs. ➤ We are learning to find the range, average, median and mode from given data.
Room 6	<p>We are learning to add deeper features to our writing by adding exciting content and rich language. E.g. adjectives, similes.</p>
Room 7	<p>Written English Room 7 are learning to write personal recount for the last couple of weeks of term. They will focus on accuracy and then publishing.</p>
Room 8	<p>Reading. We are learning to research more effectively using skim reading, highlighting key ideas and words, transferring the main ideas to a graphic organiser and then sharing our new knowledge as reports or articles. We are also learning to assess the value of the information we find by comparing and checking it against other reliable sources, e.g. books, human experts, encyclopaedias and the www.</p>

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

In the computer room adjacent to the school library next Tuesday/Wednesday during the Three Way Conferences there will be new & 2nd hand school uniform for sale.

The new uniform items (are new but old stock) of black vests, maroon skivvies, maroon long sleeved polo shirts & black knit shorts, and these will be heavily reduced (up to 50%) to make space for new items.

Also on sale will be 2nd hand uniform items (very cheap) which we need to clear to make room for more.

Any queries to Mrs Harding in the office please.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Lewis', with a horizontal line underneath.

Stephen Lewis
PRINCIPAL