



HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Tuesday 7 August 2018

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to all families and friends of Huntermville School

We had a really lovely special assembly last Thursday, though it was certainly tinged with sadness, as we farewelled Sue Lewis after her absolutely wonderful twenty years working here. It was so good to have many of the parents, community friends, and teaching colleagues of Sue's here to share in her farewell. What I found most heartwarming, were the presentations and sharing by the students to Sue – after all, they have been the key focus for Sue during all her years here.



Life Education Caravan: We have had a really valuable week of lessons for all classes with the Life Education Educator, Mark Keelty. Mark commented on Friday that he really enjoys working with our kids; that having responsive, well-behaved students who are keen to learn is the best part of his job, and he looks forward to coming here each year.

Our **2018 ELECTIVES PROGRAMME**, which will be on Wednesdays - 5, 12 and 19 September, looks like it will be a goer! Around six or seven parents, whanau or community friends have volunteered to be part of electives already. The timing is usually from 1.30-3pm, but is definitely adaptable. Please let us know at the office about the activity you are keen to offer!

TEACHER UNION (NZEI) STRIKE ACTION:

The BOT have advised that our school will be **closed Wed 15 August for the whole day**, as the Primary teachers' and principals' union has notified strike action for that day.

As previously communicated, we do not have enough nonunion teachers available to keep the school open while still ensuring the health and safety of all students. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause.

Please contact us if there are concerns or questions.

Below are some quotes from the NZEI union documents about the reasons for the strike action...

- *The key thing to communicate to parents is **why** we need to take this action. It's about their kids' future. It's about attracting and retaining teachers, having more time to teach and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive.*
- *...getting more teachers so children can get more one to one support, and more resourcing and staffing to support children with additional learning needs are critical factors of the claims.*

Community Newsletter: Due to a bit of over loading of work, principal meetings, Community of Learning Meetings, farewelling, etc. I am well behind the eightball with the Community Newsletter. It will be online soon! Please ask at the office if you wish to have a paper copy as usual.

Calendar of Events Coming Up:

Tue 7 Aug:	Home & School Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
Mon 13 Aug:	Teachers to Community of Learning Meeting at 3.30pm
Wed 15 Aug:	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THE DAY DUE TO STRIKE ACTION as above
Wed 22 Aug:	Three bands playing here @ 1.45pm – Hvla, Marton, Marton Junction
Mon 27 Aug:	Zero Waste Education week here
Wed 29 Aug:	Mathex in Wanganui: y5@5pm, y6@6pm, y7@7pm, y8@8pm
Wed 5 Sept, Wed 12 Sept, Wed 19 Sept:	Electives Programmes 1.30 – 3pm
31 Aug:	Lego Competition – Cancer Society Fundraiser
Tue 18 Sept:	Year 7 & 8 Quad Tournament in Marton
Thu 20 Sept:	Year 5 & 6 Quad Tournament in Marton
Fri 28 Sept:	Tough Kids Competition in Ohingaiti & last day of term 3

KIDS' SHEMOZZLE - ENTRIES OPEN 1ST AUGUST

www.shemozzle.co.nz

Be in quick – places fill up very fast!

Home and School

A friendly reminder that our meeting is TONIGHT, Tuesday, 7th August at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

All welcome. Tris Weston

LEGO COMPETITION – CANCER SOCIETY FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 31 AUGUST

MODELS DISPLAYED AND JUDGED IN THE HALL

GOLD COIN DONATION TO ENTER

**ISAAC KINGSTON AND HIS FATHER HAVE ORGANISED THIS FUNDRAISER
AND PRIZES HAVE BEEN DONATED BY THE LEGO COMPANY**

Robotics Scrimmages for the rest of 2018

Sat 25th August. Te Manawa Palmerston North. **Parent help needed as I'm not available.**

Sat 8th Sept. Manchester St School, Feilding

Sat 22nd Sept. Venue TBC

Sat 20th Oct. Venue TBC

Sat 10th Nov. Palmerston North City Library

Sat 24th Nov. REGIONAL FINAL Feilding High School

Fri 7th/Sat 8th Dec. NATIONAL FINAL. Palmerston North Conference Centre

All regular scrimmages are:

Doors 9am, Skills 10.30 then competition to 3pm.

Grant Collie.



IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school.

Staffing Changes: We sadly accepted a resignation letter from Mrs Anne Hatfull last Thursday, which will take effect from the end of this year. Anne has given incredible teaching service to our new entrants here for 34 years and will be so missed, not the least by those families hoping their five year old would be coming into her class next year. We will let everyone know when the position has been filled for the start of 2019.

Lamb and Pet Day 2018

As you are all aware, Lamb and Calf Day at Hunterville School is going to be slightly different. This year we will be holding a Lamb and Pet Day! We will still run the Lamb competition as normal but will have sections for dogs, cats and other animals. As we get closer to the time, we will send out more information.

- P Bremner.

Kind regards Colleen Dalley Principal 0274917575

Huntermville Sports Club

Major Sponsor – *Huntermville Vet Club*

Netball Draw 11th August

10am Court 1 A2 Vs St Mak B
 Court 3 J2 Vs St Matthews B
 11am Court 2 J1 Vs James Cook C
 Court 3 A1 Vs Marton

Football Skills is on the rugby pitch in Huntermville this week. Thursday 3:45pm - 4:45pm - Rosie 0272 414 439

Please note we are on duty this week so the kids from the 11am round (J1 and A1 teams) will need to check in at the Control Room/Box at the end of their game to see what needs to be done to pack down for the day.

- Tris

Rugby Draw 11 August 2018

Rippa 1 V Rippa 2, Huntermville 2, 10am
 U8 V Marist FOMS, Huntermville 1a, 10am
 U10 V Pirates, Huntermville 1b, 10am
 U11 Marton v Marist Eagles, Marton 2, 10.30am
 U12 Marton V Ruapehu, Marton 1, 10.30am

HOCKEY

Heroes Vs Oroua Feilding 4.00pm
 Hurricanes Vs Marton Rang College 3.45pm
 Minis – bye
 11 aside Vs Marton FHS 6.00pm

Rugby	Netball	Hockey	Football
Proudly sponsored by McVerry Crawford Motor Group & Ratima Shearing	Proudly sponsored by SJ Weston Chartered Accountants	Proudly sponsored by Richard Goodwin Contracting	Proudly sponsored by Peach Teats Ltd
Coordinator: Richard Goodwin 027 4072844	Coordinator: Tris Weston 021 531867	Coordinator: Elisabeth Bunn 027 2824895	Coordinator: Rosie McIntyre 027 2414439

Huntermville Junior Squash Tournament & Prizegiving

Thank you to all the parents, volunteers and keen children for the great squash season so far.

We are holding a junior tournament and prizegiving on Tuesday 14th August and would like to invite all junior squash children, families and friends along. Any children not in the tournament are most welcome to come along to support others, have some afternoon tea or just come for the prizegiving.

What: Huntermville Squash Club Junior Tournament (years 5-8) and Junior Prizegiving

When: **3pm -6pm, Tuesday 14th August, 2019**

Where: Huntermville Squash Club

Who: Junior Squash members, family & friends

Planned Itinerary for Tues 14th:

3pm-5pm - Junior Squash tournament
 Afternoon tea for kids & adults
 5pm - Final Girls and Boys Championship games
 5.30pm - Junior Prizegiving

All groups are now finished, however I will be at the squash courts from 3-5pm each Friday until we hold our Junior tournament so if any children would like to come along for a game/ extra practice they are most welcome.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Hazel Richardson