



HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL

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Hunternville 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)

I guess the farming fraternity is all smiles after the good weekend rain. That rain was great news. And, the weather looks fine for us here at school too, for the rest of the week. We're all winners!

NEW KAPA HAKA GROUP BEGINS NEXT WEEK

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| When : | Tuesdays or Wednesdays (one week Wednesday, the next week Tuesday and so on!) 2.00 – 3.00pm. |
| For Who: | For any Year 3 student and above with parent permission or younger students with a strong interest and previous family commitment to kapa haka). Note: all Year 8's will be involved from start of term 4 in preparation for Prizegiving. |
| Begins When: | Wednesday 16 March, in Room 5. |
| Who's Taking it? | Last year's tutor, Mr Thomas Wihare. |
| I'm not sure? | That's okay. You can come along 'for a look' for the first two sessions to see if you like it. |
| How do I sign up? | Fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and return to the office asap. |
| Any questions: | See Mr Lewis. |

4 WHEELER BIKE TOUR OF DRYSDALE

Sunday 10 April. See attached page.

A Home & School Association Fundraiser

Student Achievement Reports Attached

- Maths (Numeracy)
- 100 word spelling test.



From data collected
end of term 4 2010

Canterbury Earthquake Appeal

What great support the school & community are giving

- Congratulations JORDAN LAWRENCE for your initiative in collecting over \$1000 last week!!
 - Friday's mufti day was our biggest take yet for a mufti day - \$318.00!
 - This Friday's disco run by our student council is for this cause also.



HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 11th March
6.30-8.30pm



Theme : Red & Black

All proceeds to the Christchurch Earthquake

\$3.00 per student or

\$5.00 per family (people who usually live together at the same address!)

Lollies, chippies, chocolate & drinks for sale

New council initiative – Juicies will be for sale each lunchtime at the canteen from Monday at \$1.00 each.

“Marking The Roll at School”

Just further information for you on our new government instigated, computerised, school attendance register.

- Teachers no longer ‘mark the roll.’ They click on the computer each morning!
- We no longer mark one of two choices - ‘present’ or ‘absent’.
- We do mark present – which is easy!
- For ‘absent’ we have to select a reason that fits in with a pre-determined category – of which there are over 20!

Parents should know that in general terms some absences are termed “JUSTIFIED ABSENCES” which include: sickness, attending music lessons, and important family business. Other absences are termed “UNJUSTIFIED ABSENCES”. These include : lateness, attending a non school-based sports event, shopping or ‘no reason given’ non attendances. And just to add to the situation all ‘unjustified absences’ on this system are categorised as “Truant” by the Ministry of Education.

Room 3- can Room 3 children please bring a clean, empty plastic Coke/Sprite or similar bottle – for harvest festival Art?

Has anyone got any copies of a book called The Falcon (lvl 25)m left at home? Several copies missing. Not grumpy, but would love them back.



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Interschool Swimming Fixture This Week

Congratulations to the following students selected to represent our school at the above events
Thursday to Marton: Holly Marshall, Georgia Peeti, Sarah Lambert, Chloe Watson, Zody Takurua, Harry Godfrey, Guy Petersen, George Vennell, Grace Godfrey, Ella Cameron-Smith, Meg Marshall, Finn Carlyon, Luke Pedley, Rhys Watson, Brooke Picken, Sarah Wilson, Bindy Nimmo, Cam Charlton-Smith, Patrick Takurua, Thomas Walshe, Shannon Te Kira, Abbey Stratton, Paige Somerville, Connor Duncan, Nicholas Goodwin & Victor Raimona-Hausman.

Friday to Taihape: Sarah Lambert, Holly Marshall, Chloe Watson, Lydia Price, Georgia Peeti, Iischa Roore, Brooke Picken, Sarah Wilson, Bindy Nimmo, Shannon Te Kira, Abbey Stratton, Paige Somerville, Zody Takurua, Harry Godfrey, Caleb Taniwha, Guy Petersen, Henry Kilmister, George Vennell, Cam Charlton-Smith, Patrick Takurua, Finn Carlyon, Thomas Walshe, Connor Duncan, Nicholas Goodwin & Victor Raimona-Hausman

Transport Arrangements: Please meet at school at 8.40am both days. Those who have offered transport thank you, we will accept all offers and sort on the morning. Thanks!

Bible In Schools

The Bible in Schools programme delivered at our school each year is a non-denominational, Ministry of Education and BOT programme. We thank Mrs Judith Rush for co-ordinating this for us.

As it is a non curriculum programme school is deemed to be closed when the programme operates as it is a purely optional activity for students to participate in.

The programme will operate each FRIDAY 9-9.30AM until late November.

If you prefer your child to not participate, please let either your child's teacher or the school office know. (Last year we had around 8-10 children in this category.) Students not involved are supervised in a room and are expected to carry on with school work.

For your information our Bible in Schools teachers this year are:

Room 1 & Room 1a do not participate in BIS.

Room 2: Mrs Pat Lambert

Room 6: Mrs Lesley Leary

Room 3: Mrs Judith Rush

Room 7: Mrs Toni Hine

Room 4: Mrs Joan Shepherd

Room 8: Mr Chalky Leary

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SWIMMING CLUB – Final club night on Wednesday – ask your coaches when your last lesson is. Club champs are next Wednesday 16th March, these are the same as club night so all are welcome. Can swimming trophies also be returned to either School, Ange Picken or Kim Petersen.

LARGE MURAL FOR THE SCHOOL HALL WALL

The BOT is investigating the possibility of commissioning a mural to be painted on the hall wall facing Bruce Street.

- What do people think about that?
- What might be the best theme? (E.g. school scene, rural scene, etc) Let us know your thoughts.
- Does anyone have contacts for this sort of work?

Any feedback will be gratefully received by either BOT members of the school office. Thanks!

Parent Fundraising Committee

This is the small group of 4-5 that meet once per month to arrange making grant applications to Pub Charities and charitable trusts (e.g. PowerCo, Duddings Trust) for school projects.

Members of this fine group are Maree Gurney, Kim Petersen, Mandy Swainson & John Taylor. John will be possibly leaving the committee at some stage this year (as he no longer has children at school!) Fair enough! Possibly!!

There is therefore an opening for someone who has a keen eye for form filling and money chasing, to join this group.

~~To apply to join this committee and to make an appointment for an interview please~~

If this sounds like you, please contact me. You will be warmly welcomed!

Regards



Stephen Lewis
PRINCIPAL

WANGANUI GIRLS COLLEGE – will be visiting school Tuesday 29 March at 3.15pm to chat to any year 7 & 8 Girls that may be interested in attending their school. Please register your interest with Mrs Harding at the school office.

KAPA HAKA GROUP

Yes, please allow my child(ren) _____
to attend kapa haka sessions. (One hour per week Tues or Wed afternoons).

Signed _____

(Please return to the office)

At least one local person has received a call from a scammer pretending to be from Microsoft. This is a known scam where they try to get you to give them remote access to your computer and then they load a keylogger so that they can control the computer and get passwords, bank logins etc.

As they seem to be working our area we have been asked to pass this message on. People should not give access to their computer unless it is someone they trust, or they have called an official support number.