



HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL

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Hunterville Pride... "Together We Strive"

* Quality Learning * Quality Behaviour * Quality Environment *

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Nga mihi o te wa koe me to whanau (Greetings to you and your family)

Room 3 Teacher Mrs Brenda Stewart to Leave us at the End of This Term

The big news of the past week is that Room 3 teacher Mrs Brenda Stewart will be leaving us at the end of the term! This is very sad news for us of course, as Mrs Stewart has done a wonderful job with the students in her class and is very highly regarded by all in the school community.

Brenda will be spending more time and energy on her and her husband John's expanding farming operation and has made the right decision for her and her family, and we certainly support her in that.

The process around finding another high quality teacher to replace Brenda will be decided at tomorrow's BOT meeting which will leave us plenty of time to find a replacement ready to start with us on the first day of next term, Monday 20 July.

Our three way learning conferences (student, parents and teacher) are only one week away today.

- **Tuesday 26 May 3.30-5pm**
- **Wednesday 27 May 1.00-8.00pm**

Your child and your child's teacher will share with you their progress with their learning, what they're working on at the moment and their next steps. SEE TOP OF NEXT PAGE TO BOOK YOUR 15 MINUTE TIME SLOT.

School Finishes 12 Midday Next Wednesday 27 May

This allows conferences to begin at 1pm. Apart from a tea break at 5pm, teachers will be available through until 8pm on this day. Parents inconvenienced by their child coming home at midday can contact the office and we will ensure your child is supervised until 3pm.

'Mid Year' Mini Report

This Friday, students will be issued with the usual mini report to take home to you. The intention of the mini report is to give you an indication of how your child's teacher sees their achievement/effort in reading, writing and maths at this stage of the year. It may also be the spur for discussion/clarification at the next week's conference.

BOOKING YOUR 15 MINUTE CONFERENCES

- **EITHER** contact Mrs Harding in the office who will make a booking for you.
- **OR** book online as below.
 - Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
 - Enter Code 69DWS
 - Then follow the instructions.
 - Simple!

School Texting System Hits Snag – Vodafone Customers Only!

In the past few days Vodafone has told us that ‘at the moment’ they are not supporting the 8987 texting service. This is the service that allows people - including most parents - to receive the school’s texts that I’ve been going on about for a while!

The upshot is that if your mobile is Vodafone you wouldn’t have received any of the dozen or so ‘school texts’ since mid March, whereas the Spark and 2 Degrees customers have been.

Vodafone for their part say, “We’re working on it.” I’ve looked into this more over the weekend and have emailed them back asking for more answers.

Hmmm.

So to those of you who (like me) are Vodafone customers, my apologies. You’ve missed a number of texts in the past nearly two months ranging from cancelled sports practices to athletics congratulations and Anzac services reminders, etc. I think the last successful text to Vodafone mobiles was in mid March in relation to the Harvest Festival.

We’ll keep you informed of developments!

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Refer to Separate Notice Inside This Pinkie

Home & School members Karina Jervis and Rachel Williams are organising a novel fundraiser - a sleepover at school, including tea and breakfast and movies!!

Check out the separate notice tucked inside this pinkie!

WELCOMES/FAREWELLS

- Sadly we have farewelled the 3 Brimelows Keegan, Jonty and Devon who have moved to the Horowhenua district.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

The next BOT meeting is tomorrow Wednesday 20th May 5.30pm in the meeting room.

All welcome!



RANGITIKEI COLLEGE

Open Day & Evening

Rangitikei College invites you to be a part of our school, experience the great facilities, progressive curriculum and talk with students, staff and our Principal



Peter McDermott Photography

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2015

OPEN DAY TOURS - 9.30AM OR 2.00PM

OPEN EVENING - 6.30 – 8.00PM

HUNTERVILLE SQUASH CLUB BALL

Saturday July 4 7pm till late

Hunterville Town Hall

Tickets \$40.00

Band & supper included

Contact Kerin Ratima 0273228462

NETBALL

Hunterville B netball – no practice next week due to learning conferences. (Mrs Ratima)

No games Queens Birthday weekend for all netballers.

This weekend's netball will be the same draw as last week after that weekend's cancellations.

Key Dates Coming Up:

- May 20: Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm
- 26: Student Learning Conferences 3.30-5pm.
- 27: School closes midday. Conferences 1-8pm.
- June 1: School Closed (Queens Birthday)
- 5: Electives Day 1 (Y5-8) 1.30-3pm.
- 12: Electives Day 2
- 16-18: Yr 6 Wellington camp.
- 19: Electives Day 3
- 26: Electives Final Day
- July 3: Final day of term two – Home & School Assn sleepover fundraiser

SCIENCE EXTENSION GROUP- DAIRY OPERATION VISIT

The following students have been selected to travel to the Hughes/Craw farm on Leedstown Rd this Friday: Bailey Ansley, Sam Simpson, Letischa-Raye Johnson-Tipu, George Simpson, Dannielle Ansley, Ben Black, Eden Goodwin, Matthew Florence, Jonty Duncan & Connor Hurley.

This group will leave at 10.15 and be back at school between 2 & 3 pm in plenty of time for buses. The group will be accompanied by science teacher Mrs Julie Taylor and Mr Taylor.

CLASSROOM FOCUSES

<p>Room 1 Mrs Hatfull</p>	<p>We are learning to write descriptions. We know we are successful when we can write a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size sentence. • Shape sentence. • Colour sentence. • Doing sentence. <p>We are learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write letters/words from our word cards. • Leave 2 finger spaces. • Start with a capital letter and finish with a fullstop. • Start by the margin, go the right way, fill up the line.
<p>Room 3 Mrs Stewart</p>	<p>We are learning to:</p> <p>Maths –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiply by skip counting and repeated adding, to solve number stories like $4 \times 10 = \underline{\quad}$, 10, 20, 30, 40, $10+10+10+10 = 40$. <p>Writing –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use similes, onomatopoeia & direct speech in our writing.
<p>Room 4 Mr Jeffrey</p>	<p>English: I am learning to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look up words That I am not sure of in a dictionary and fix them up. - Use speech marks, with support.
<p>Room 6 Mrs Fitz-Herbert</p>	<p>English: We are learning to use commas for listing, adding extra information and to pause in a sentence.</p> <p>Maths – we are revising rounding to the nearest 10,100, X 10, X100 E.g. $445 + \underline{\quad} = 1000$.</p>
<p>Room 7 Mr Smith</p>	<p>English: Room Seven are learning to write well constructed information reports. They will do this by writing a number of reports looking at having an introductory paragraph, then a number of back up information paragraphs and finishing with a concluding paragraph. Maths: Room Seven are learning to use the most effective strategy to work out numeracy problems. They will do this by understanding place value, tidy number, number line and in some cases working form strategies.</p>
<p>Room 8 Mrs Dalley</p>	<p>English: We are working on improving reading fluency through buddy reading and comprehension activities. Maths: We are learning to solve problems using a range of strategies e.g. draw a diagram or chart guess and check, re read and re work each section.</p>

Regards



Stephen Lewis
PRINCIPAL

Huntermville Saturday Morning Sports would like to thank the following people for their donation of netball equipment.

Hagan Forestry Ltd
Ratima Shearing

We are extremely grateful and couldn't have started the season without you.