



# 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)

Yes. It's officially spring!

Many thanks to those who supplied daffodils for the towns Cancer Society ladies on Friday. Well done too, to the student council and students who raised \$140 for the Cancer Society through the mufti day.

### DYSLEXIA INFO EVENING TONIGHT

#### School Staffroom

6.00 for nibbles & a cuppa

6.30-7.30 for presentation

Come and hear our outstanding RTLB  
(Resource Teacher of Learning & Behaviour)  
Mrs Margaret Sager talk about Dyslexia, a  
condition that makes it difficult for children  
to learn to read.....

- Dyslexia : What is it?
- How do we identify it?
- What can we do about it?

### Interschool Mathex

#### Tomorrow, 2 September

Good luck to our teams for tomorrow  
nights annual event at Wanganui  
Intermediate.

Students to be in best school uniform  
please.

Students should arrive 15 minutes prior  
to start times:

Y4/5 :	Start 5pm	Finish 5.45
Y 6 :	Start 6pm	Finish 6.45
Y7 :	Start 7pm	Finish 7.45
Y8 :	Start 8pm	Finish 8.45

### CO2 Cars Race Offs - Town Hall This Friday

Parents, you would have heard your children (Y4-8) talking about this. You're welcome to come along and watch the racing! Whose car will make it to the regional finals!???

9.20-10.40 Yr 5/6

11.20-12.30 Yr 7/8

1.00 - 2.30 Cluster

## Facebook & Similar ‘Social Networking’ Sites

With more and more students having access to computers, laptops and ipads etc, it's timely and right, I feel, to remind parents of the school's stance on Facebook and other social networking sites. Below is the substance of a notice we inserted in a pinkie earlier last year, but it is still relevant today...

Parents, YOU are in charge on what your child uses their device for at home, how long they spend on it, what they are viewing etc.

We urge you to check their history regularly and know what they're up to on their device.

Unless YOU require your child to have a Facebook account, or need them to join Snapchat, etc, do not allow it! In fact creating a Facebook account for a child under 13 is a violation of Facebook's own terms.

Facebook itself encourages parents to report underage use to them and they will delete the account. (There is a form to complete – access it by going to [www.facebook.com/help/contact209046679279097or](http://www.facebook.com/help/contact209046679279097or) just google something like ‘remove under 13 years from Facebook’).

Similarly with Snapchat – it is not for primary school age children. Snapchat themselves forbid it. It is not for kids the age of our students.

I have been astounded/staggered at the number of primary school children on Facebook AND the foul, crude, disgusting, sexually explicit and violent material/conversations some of your children on Facebook have access to, often with others many years older.

And in the past week or so I have become aware of some of our current students being on the receiving end of some abusive ‘private messages’ within facebook – and this has resulted in police intervention!

They are children; our students and your kids. May I respectfully suggest that you as parents take control of your child's use of the internet, if you haven't already done so. Cancel their Facebook! Cancel Snapchat!

### NEXT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday 9 September 5.30pm  
All welcome!

### WELCOMES/FAREWELLS

..... no comings or goings in the past week.

### CLUSTER WINTER QUADS TOURNEY

Involves ALL Y5-8 students in one of NETBALL, SOCCER, RUGBY and HOCKEY.

Y 7/8 :        Tues 15 Sept  
Y 5/6 :        Thurs 22 Sept

### Upcoming Interschool Cross Country

**Ours** – not until Friday Oct 30.

#### Wanganui Y7/8 at St Georges

Next Thursday 10 September. Our team for this will be named at the end of the week.

#### Wanganui Y 5/6 at Aranui

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Because of the clash with the national Y 5/6 Rippa Rugby tournament (and the Y7/8 quads) we will likely send a very small team, accompanied by parents.

## Congratulations to Our Robotics Team

Our team did very well at the scrimmage at Rangitikei College on Saturday. From a pool of ten teams (mostly secondary school teams):

Senior Team 2<sup>nd</sup> : Caleb Goodwin, Morna Collie, Rohan Gower

Junior Team 6<sup>th</sup> : Harry Cherrie & Iris Collie.

### CLASSROOM FOCUSES

Room 1 Mrs Hatfull	<p>We are learning to write six descriptive sentences.</p> <p>We are learning to use a capital letter at the beginning of each sentence and fullstop at the end.</p> <p>We are learning to extend a simple sentence to a compound sentence joining it with either because, for, then, to, with.</p> <p>We know we are successful when we write a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colour sentence.</li><li>• Size &amp; shape sentence.</li><li>• Number sentence.</li><li>• Doing sentence.</li><li>• A Feeling sentence.</li><li>• A question.</li></ul>
Room 2 Mrs Spencer	<p>Maths – Measurement: We are learning to order and compare different lengths and areas using measurement language. E.g. long, longer, longest, small, tall, tallest.</p> <p>Reading: We are learning to retell a story by identifying the beginning, middle and end of the story and the main idea(s) and character(s).</p> <p>Writing: We are learning to edit our writing using an editing card that prompts us to check for surface features like punctuation, and that our writing makes sense.</p>
Room 4 Mr Jeffrey	<p>Maths – we are learning to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give and follow instructions for movement that involve distances, directions, and half or quarter turns.</li><li>• Create and use simple maps to show position and direction. E.g. left, right, up, down and NESW.</li></ul>
Room 6 Mrs Fitz-Herbert	<p>Maths: We are learning to identify and use the most efficient strategy to divide.</p> <p>English: We are learning to punctuate using speech marks and writing conversations between 2 or more characters.</p>
Room 7 Mr Smith	<p>Written English - Room Seven are learning to write procedures. They will do this by focussing on a variety of verbs to begin steps and writing steps that are easy to follow.</p> <p>Physical Education - Room Seven will be trying to increase their fitness levels by 3-5 run or jump jam sessions per week.</p>
Room 8 Mrs Dalley	<p>English: We are improving the quality of our writing using the Recipe For Writing. We are using the recipe with a buddy on ether pad, sharing our writing in real time online.</p>

**OHINGAITI KIDS HUNT - 1-4 OCTOBER 2015**

[www.ohingaitikidshunt.kiwi.nz](http://www.ohingaitikidshunt.kiwi.nz) - for more information

## Huntermville Saturday Morning Sports Club Prize Giving

Monday 21 September 3.15pm

Photos and Sausage Sizzle, followed by prizegiving in the hall.

For all netball, rugby, hockey & soccer players. Please wear your sports uniform if you have one.

Coaches please collect all uniforms after prizegiving and hand them into your co-ordinator along with all your team equipment.

All coaches are invited to the staffroom after prizegiving for refreshments.

### George & Destiny Off to the Aims Games

We congratulate **DESTINY SCOTT** and **GEORGE LAMBERT** who travel to Tauranga this weekend to compete in the national primary schools' sporting championships.

Participating will be 8000 competitors from 261 schools from Kaitaia to Dunedin, covering 19 sports from swimming and netball, to yachting and golf.

Both Destiny and George are entered in the cross country events. All the best you two!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept 1: Parent information evening on dyslexia, 6.30-7.30 at school (See details in this pinkie)
- 2: Wanganui Mathex competition, selected Yr 4-8, 5-9pm
- 4: CO2 cars race off all day in the Town Hall
- 10: St George Interschool Cross Country Y7/8
- 11: Year 8 annual ski trip
- 13: Yr 5/6 Rippa team depart for Wellington
- 14: Yr 5/6 Rippa Rugby team day one of national tournament, Wellington
- 15: Yr 5/6 Rippa Rugby team day two of national tournament, Wellington
- 15: Year 7/8 winter sports tournament, Marton
- 15: Aranui Interschool Cross Country Y5/6
- 17: Year 5/6 winter sports tournament, Marton
- 21: Saturday Morning Sports Club team photos 3.15, followed by prizegiving
- 23: Mental Maths finals 1.15pm
- 23: Reading Together Final Workshop, 3.15, Library
- 25: Rangitikei Tough Kids competition, Ohingaiti
- 25: End of term three, 3pm

**Tough Kids** - reminder to get your entry in to the school office.

Regards



**Stephen Lewis**  
PRINCIPAL

#### FOR SALE

Nice little angus heifer, friendly and feeding well.

12 days old and comes with a bag of milk powder. \$150.00

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