



# HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL

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**Dear Parents / Caregivers / Whanau**

**13 February 2018**

Kia ora koutou katoa – Greetings to all families and friends of Huntermville School.

It was great to see lots of parents at our first weekly assembly on Friday. We had our first Whanau Token draw, though this first one was actually a class-based draw. One child per room was drawn out, having earned tokens for one or more of the quality areas – behaviour, learning or environment. By next assembly, the four whanau groups will be finalised and there will be a draw from each whanau group's token box for a token reward. The token rewards are part of a positive behaviour programme, backed up by a schoolwide system to support children having difficulties in any of the quality areas, especially learning and behaviour, both in class and in the playground.

## **Updates/reminders:**

- **Foxton Beach trip: Year 4-8: please have your consent forms in tomorrow!**
- **Thursday 22 Feb: Junior Swimming Sports @ 1pm, Seniors @ 4.30pm  
Sausage sizzle & lemonade on sale outside the pool.**
- Championship swimmers will be announced early next week.
- **Hip hop** after school, Fridays, with Miss Viles at 3.30 – it's free for term one!
- **Sports Club AGM:** Wed Feb 28 @ 7pm in the staffroom.
- **Band Singer Auditions** Wed 14 Feb @ 12md and Band meeting @ 12.40pm.
- **Music and band lessons** starting 22 & 23 February for eight weeks.
- Reminder to the year seven and eight technology group doing textiles – this week they are using fabric dyes so may wish to take an apron or art shirt.
- The first Board of Trustees meeting for 2018 is next Tuesday 20 Feb at 7pm.
- Great progress being made with the fitness track up on the hockey field – huge thanks to the organisers and workers!

## **Community of Learning Update**

Along with all the other schools in the South Rangitikei, our teachers will be attending an after school meeting on Monday 19 February for professional development relating to the CoL goals. The main goals are: further developing whanau engagement in student learning, and improving achievement by all students in mathematics through improved whanau engagement and many other forms of teacher PD.

A second major Community of Learning PD is on 16 April, the first Monday of the holidays, when once again, all teachers in the region will be attending a day-long course, further developing the goals above.

### **The Lion King Junior**

There was a great turnout at the production meeting last evening – thank you very much to everyone involved. We were very pleased to hear that Wendy will be able to source many of the leads masks and headgears for us to hire, which will save a lot of hours of very complicated creating! Some of the key volunteer roles have been snapped up already, so be in quickly if you want to offer your talents! There are spaces for a costume designer, sewers, set designers, builders, painters, mask makers, stage manager, lighting person and any other skills you wish to offer!

Auditions have been underway since Friday, with year six, seven and eight students spending time with Wendy Revell, our wonderful show director, and Mrs Jane Nimmo, who has volunteered to work with Wendy. Jane started from day one, supporting and helping the children auditioning – we are thrilled and grateful to have Jane so involved. If you wish to volunteer in any role, please let Jacque know.



### **The Hay Fundraisers**

Wow, what an awesome, hardworking group, lead from the front by Shane! In serious heat, and very difficult conditions, these folk have lifted, shifted and stowed thousands of bales from paddocks to sheds and barns. Your efforts ARE really appreciated, and the funds you are raising will definitely benefit ALL our kids, sometime this year! Particular mention goes to the cadets from Otiwhiti – what a positive, hard-working group of fine young people – a huge thank you!

The hay funds go into the Camp (Education Outside the Classroom) Account which is used to subsidise every field trip, class visit, visiting speaker or educator, sporting visits and travel, camps, and many other activities outside the classrooms.

P.S. Looks like there will be hay to pick up at Bunn's in Mangaweka at the end of the week. Watch out for the text! Thanks again, Shane.

### **SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ / PICNIC**

**See you tomorrow, Wed 14 Feb from 5.15pm for mini visits in classes, then...**

**6.15: A draw will be made for an IPAD for a student with a parent present!**

Then relax, and mix n mingle. Enjoy the sausage sizzle put on once again by our wonderful Home and School Association. You're welcome to bring extra food to supplement the sausages. Bring your own drinks – a little beer or wine is fine. There'll be sports gear out and the evening ends when people decide to leave – preferably with their children.

## **Kapa Haka Sessions for 2018**

I have been in discussion with Ash Patea, our key Kapa Haka person from Whanganui, and we are planning to have Kapa Haka sessions, probably on Wednesday afternoons from around week three in term two, after production is over! Ash is keen to develop a more progressive programme and hopes to be our tutor this year.

### **Cricket Corner:**

#### **Hardball**

- **Huntermville Seniors Cricket Yr 7/8 - practice is Tuesday 3.15 to 4pm starting on 13<sup>th</sup> February, first game Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Coach: Ian Livingston**
- **Huntermville Juniors Yr 5/6 - practice is Thursday 3.15 to 4pm starting on 15<sup>th</sup> February, first game Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Coach Paul Keenan 0274494160**

#### **Kiwi Cricket**

**First round is this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at Victoria Park, Wanganui at 5.15.**

**Three teams again this year:**

- **Huntermville Lightning coached by Christine Whinn**
- **Huntermville Thunder coached by Sam Weston**
- **Huntermville Hurricanes coached by Paul Keenan**

**All registered players required for the first week please! Let coaches know if any transport required.**

#### **Introduction to Cricket**

**This will start on Tuesday the 27 February from 4pm to 5pm. This will be organised by Greg Parkes, but parent helpers also required please.**

**Please don't hesitate in ringing or texting any queries to Paul Keenan 0274494160.**

**Music Lessons 2018. Piano, violin and guitar tuition available.**

**Robin Rutherford Phone 3228101 Registered Music Teacher, Dip. ABRSM**

### **Denmark Exchange Trip Fundraisers:**

The Collie family will be organizing a few school-based fundraisers here over the next month or so, along with some at Rangitikei College and around the wider Rangitikei.

Proposed are: Sausage sizzle and homemade lemonade outside the pool at senior swimming on 22 February, Sausage sizzle etc. at Harvest Festival on 9 March, and possibly helping run a disco on 23 March.

### **Some key dates for the rest of the term:**

14: School/Family/Whanau BBQ

22: Junior & senior swimming sports (Seniors @ 4.30pm)

Mar 5: Hearing/vision testing: 5yr olds (pre school catch-ups) and Y7 vision

8 EPro8 Y7&8 @ 5pm Feilding Intermediate

9: EPro8 Y5&6 @ 9.30am Feilding Intermediate

9: Harvest Festival – lunchtime onwards

- 15: Marton Cluster Swimming TBC
- 16: Taihape Interschool Swimming
- 23: Science Roadshow, Taihape
- 23: ?? Disco TBC
- 28: Senior School Athletics (Y4-8)
- 29: Junior School Athletics (Y1-3)
- 30: Easter Friday Holiday
- Apr 2&3: Easter Monday and Tuesday Holidays
  - 6: Hunterville Interschool Athletics
  - 13: Final day of term one!

Since starting the term as relieving principal, I have met up with and had visits from lots of parents and community members already. I do really appreciate the support offered for myself and for all aspects of our school community. The hard work, thoughtfulness, kindness, acceptance of change, and willingness to keep what is already working well around here is very much appreciated.

*Kindest regards,  
Colleen Dalley  
Relieving Principal*