



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 kia koe me to whanau (Greetings to you and your family)

Welcome back to the 2016 school year!

We trust you all had an enjoyable break with your children and had some family fun and recreation along the way. We've got another eventful, action packed year ahead of us at school and look forward to having your children as the key components of another successful year.

A Warm Welcome to the Following New Students and Their Families:

Duncan McIntyre,
Samuel Richmond,
Miriam Billington,
Daisy Lane,
Credance Duncan,
Asha Stevenson,
Peata & Merekara Hawe,
Noah & Madison Spencer.

END OF LAST YEAR...

Thank you to all who supported the school float at the Christmas parade. A special thank you to the Home & School committee for coordinating the float and putting so much time into it.

On the subject of saying thanks, thank you parents, for presenting your children (our students) in tidy, dress school uniform for Prizegiving and for having them look so smart.

We were so proud of them. (Check out the school website for over 60 photos from Prizegiving)

Welcome to New Staff Members

A big welcome to Room 2 teacher Miss Alecia Viles and to Room 6 teacher Miss Cheryl Gray. These are exciting times for us having two new teachers to the school. I'm sure you'll join us in warmly welcoming Alecia and Cheryl to our school and community.

It's also a warm welcome back to Teacher Aide Ms Samantha Buckley who is assigned to a health needs student.

SCHOOL INFORMATION BOOKLET 2016

This publication is updated every year and serves – hopefully! - as a handy reference for you on a multitude of school matters.

The cover features head girl and boy Morna Collie and George Simpson

COMPOSITION OF CLASSES 2016

We start the year with six classes once again, with a return to the conventional numbering of classes in those three junior rooms adjacent to the hall – back to Room 1, 2 and three instead of last year's Room 1, 2 and four!

Once again we were able to satisfy any parent preferences expressed to us in relation to which of two classrooms a child would be when a year level was spread over two classrooms...

R1	Mrs Anne Hatfull/Mrs Janet Parkes	Year 1	9 + 13 during the year
R2	Miss Alecia Viles	Year 1 & 2	18 + 3 during the year
R4	Mrs Tracey Spencer	Year 2, 3 & 4	25
R6	Miss Cheryl Gray	Year 4 & 5	28
R7	Mr Shane Smith	Year 5, 6 & 7	28
R8	Mrs Dalley	Year 7 & 8	28

CRICKET CORNER

Yr 5-8 HARDBALL – Saturday morning games in Wanganui competition (Yr 5/6 grade & Yr 7/8 grade)

- Does Not Resume Until Saturday 20 February ☹
- **THIS SATURDAY 6th**: Players to meet on our cricket field for a game. **New players welcome** (Year 5-8). Meet 8.45 for 9am start. Finish midday.
- All equipment supplied. Wear maroon top (e.g school polo shirt) and white shorts/pants. (Black shorts ok for this Saturday)
- If you cannot attend on Saturday but wish to play the rest of the season, please make sure you let one of us know – Stephen Lewis or Shane Ratima
- Cancellation because of weather will be via the school app. Let me know if you don't have the app.

Yr 1-5 KIWI CRICKET (Soft Ball) Tuesday evening skills/games at Hunterville

- **Resumes next Tuesday 9th**
- 6pm – 7.15pm.
- Enquiries? Contact Ian Livingston
- Cancellation because of weather will be via the school app. Let me know if you don't have the app.

FRIDAY NIGHT 5.30 – 6.30 KIWI CRICKET GAMES in WANGANUI Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 Grades 6 aside, soft ball

- We entered a team in the Yr 5/6 grade at the end of last year, mainly as an introduction to cricket for a group of Yr 4/5 students who wanted to play cricket but who we were not able to slot into a Saturday hardball team.
- These players will all be able to play hardball this year so there is not the same need for a Friday night game for them.
- **BUT**, it was actually a well run, quite worthwhile competition.

If there are enough children interested and a PARENT(S) willing to coordinate a team(s) then there is no reason a child can't play on a Friday night as well as (or instead of) a Saturday or Tuesday. School van would be available. **I would need names of those interested by next Tuesday morning 9 February.** First games are Friday 12 February.

– Stephen Lewis (Cricket Coordinator) 027 778 1995

Hay Fundraisers - Thank You!

For the past couple of weeks a great crew has been picking up hay as a fundraiser for our camp account, with six lots of hay having been done to date – and more on the way!

**STOP PRESS! TWO LOTS OF HAY TOMORROW.
PLEASE RING SHANE 0212640519 IF YOU CAN HELP OUT.**

A big ups to Mr Smith for organising this lucrative fundraiser and thanks to the many parents, and students, and former students, who have helped out.

It's great to have some funds in the camp account this early in the year. Camp account funds are used to subsidise all class camps, day trips, travel for interschool sport, and the likes of visits from author Stu Duval last year and the Life Education mobile classroom due this year, etc ☺

Many thanks!

Weekly Assemblies

These will be held on a Friday morning at 9am during the swimming season (beginning next week) and then revert to Thursday afternoon (2.15pm start) for the rest of the year.

SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ/PICNIC

Tuesday 16 February 5.15pm
(And not 17th as previously advertised)

- 5.15: Feel free to visit your child's room with your child. He/she will be able to show you his workplace and how the various classroom programmes operate. Teachers will be in their rooms at this time to greet and meet.
- 6.00: Classrooms emptied. Meet around behind staffroom. Students gather in front of staffroom steps for prize draw...
- 6.15: **A draw for an IPAD MINI for a student with a parent present will be made!**
Then relax, and mix n mingle. Enjoy the sausage sizzle put on by the school. You're welcome to bring extra food to supplement the sausages. Bring your own drinks – a little beer or wine is fine. We'll make sure there's plenty of sports gear out for students to occupy themselves with – adults can join in too if they wish! The evening ends when people decide to leave ☺

HOME & SCHOOL ASSN MEETING

Next Wednesday 10 February
7.30pm school staffroom

New parents keenly sought to be part of this parent body. Come along and help organise our major gala-type fundraiser scheduled for Saturday 5 March! (See next page).

– Rachel Williams (President H & S Assn)

SCHOOL FITNESS TRACK UNDERWAY

A lot of work has been done during the holidays to mark out a track, dig it out and to install limestone onto the track.

A working bee will be held to complete some of the remaining work, including a few hands on deck to rake the final layer of limestone over the path and to box up the part of the path at the town end of the astroturf.

The school track represents stage one of the project that includes a track around the elevated 'hockey field' and neighbouring domain/rugby field.

Key Dates This Term

Feb	2:	Day 1 Term 1
	8:	School closed - Waitangi Day observance
	10:	Home and School Assn meeting 7.30pm
	16:	Family BBQ 5.15pm
	18:	BOT meeting 7.30pm
	25:	Jnr swimming sports 1pm / seniors 4.30pm
March	5:	Hunterville Lions Auction/ School Gala
	17:	Marion interschool swimming
	18:	Taihape interschool swimming
	25:	(Friday) Start of Easter break
	30:	School resumes after Easter break
	31:	Senior Athletics
April	1:	Junior athletics
	8:	Interscholar athletics @ Hunterville
	15:	Final day of term one

Camp Account Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle

THIS FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

Sausage \$2.00
with a free bottle cold water while stocks last.
Iceblocks \$1.00
Thank you Mrs Houltham for organising this.

Hunterville Lions Club – Farmers Auction Plant and machinery etc. No junk

If you items to donate or to sell with commission
please contact Chris McKay 027 450 1702

GALA DAY / HARVEST FESTIVAL / HUGE GARAGE SALE!! HUNTERVILLE DOMAIN SATURDAY 5 MARCH

The HUNTERVILLE LIONS CLUB who are holding a FARMERS AUCTION of machinery and plant on the Hunterville Domain on this day and have generously invited us to take advantage of this and stage our own fundraising activities.

We're going to go whole hog and incorporate our Harvest Festival activities into this – and more. So we're thinking about the likes of:

- CAKE STALL / SWEETS
- FOOD TENT
- PONY RIDES
- DUNKING MACHINE
- WHITE ELEPHANT
- SCHOOL GARAGE SALE
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE

PUMPKINS and SUNFLOWER
competition, just as we would normally
do on Harvest Festival day.

And – calling any **STALLHOLDERS**:
Set up your own stall for a fee and be part
of what is looking likely to be a **BIG,
BIG DAY!**

THIS IS JUST TO WHET YOUR APPETITE! MORE DETAILS TO COME!

IMPROVE YOUR FITNESS FOR 2016

Open to all children ages 4 years upwards – **Free** soccer coaching with Paddy McLaughlin in Hunterville. Saturdays 9am – 11am. This is a great way to build fitness and improve skills before the winter sports start. Open to players from all sports with no obligation to continue with soccer through the season. Contact Rosie McIntyre 0272 414 439 or see me at the first session on Saturday 6th Feb at the Hunterville school grounds.

Regards



Stephen Lewis
PRINCIPAL

So there we have it! 2016 at Hunterville School is underway.

Please do make contact with us for whatever reason, if you have any queries or concerns – as certainly can be the case early in a year. We're looking forward to another exciting and rewarding year and it's great to have you and your family as a major part of things around here in 2016!