



HUNTERVILLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

Tuesday 31 July 2018

Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to all families and friends of Hunterville School

The **junior building project** is finally, (almost!), complete! The breakout rooms are bright, colourful, warm spaces for students and staff to work in, and furniture is on its way for the room 2 & 3 space.

The children are using the new, fresh, 'clean-smelling' junior toilet block as of today, at the end of room one's veranda, which is perfect timing considering the awful weather we have been having. The only remaining work to be completed is the Autex wall covering and shelves on room three's back wall, the inner hall wall reinstatement, and the new lino for room one. We very much appreciate the hard work put in by the McIlwaine's builders – they have been most cooperative, careful, safety conscious and just generally great to work with. All the other sub-contractors have also been very effective and professional.

This morning, 22 students took part in an **English Assessment** from the University of New South Wales, and on 14 August, a further 25 students will be doing the **Mathematics Assessment**. These assessments give the selected students a chance to extend their thinking and to become aware of what they can be learning at a higher level. Also, the results across all the groups give us a clearer picture of the specific teaching and learning needed to improve coverage of mathematics in our senior school.

Our **Country Sevens** Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 Rugby teams are off to Taihape tomorrow, weather permitting, to compete in this northern regional tournament. We wish them all the best and some great games of rugby. The postponement day for this is Friday.

We have both the **Dental Caravan** and the **Life Education Caravan** here currently! All children will be seen by the dental therapist over the next few weeks, and treatment completed as needed. Also, all children will be having lessons in various aspects of health with Mark Keelty, the teacher who runs the Life Ed classes in this area. Hopefully, Harold, the LifeEd giraffe, will make an appearance in our playground later in the week!

This is now a second call for adult volunteers for the annual **ELECTIVES PROGRAMME, which will be on Wednesdays - 5, 12 and 19 September.**

We invite you to think about an elective activity you or anyone you know of would be keen to offer. Most of you know about the elective set up: An adult (or two or three) works with small groups of children who choose from the list of offered activities, and they take part over three consecutive Wednesdays, usually from around 1.30 to 3pm.

Some activities, such as fishing, farming, golf, etc. may need more hours, and occasionally a group will be out for the whole day, if that is what is needed.

Some of the activities in the past have included the above, plus: knitting, sewing, a huge range of art and craft activities, squash, dance, hypertufa pots, small motors, stock car sessions, river, lake or deep sea fishing, wood carving, taha Maori, photography, cooking of various styles, etc, etc.

I would very much appreciate expressions of interest from any adults in our school community for this programme, which children and the providing adults usually thoroughly enjoy and find a very valuable real life learning experience.

The **Community Newsletter** will hopefully be published next week, so please get any copy in asap. We also want to remind everyone that it will only be **published online**: on the Website, on Facebook and on the School App, but you are welcome to request a paper copy at the office. Look out for articles detailing Morna Collie's Denmark exchange trip, Rebecca Swainson's awesome Triathlon achievements, also in Denmark, and Sarah Lambert's running successes as she has been selected in the NZ Cross Country team to compete in Australia. We are also about to run a fundraiser to support Sarah.

TEACHER UNION (NZEI) PROPOSED STRIKE ACTION:

It is possible that we may need to **close the school on Wed 15 August either from 1.30pm onwards, or for the whole day**, as the Primary teachers' and principals' union is currently voting regarding strike action to support their claim.... Here is a quote from union documentation...

- *The key thing to communicate to parents is **why** we need to take this action. It's about their kids' future. It's about attracting and retaining teachers, having more time to teach and having truly inclusive schools where all children can learn and thrive.*

And another quote from NZEI documentation is...

- *...getting more teachers so children can get more one to one support, and more resourcing and staffing to support children with additional learning needs are critical factors of the claims.*

As soon as we know what is happening, I will let you know via newsletter, the school app/group text and Facebook. I am sorry and know this will inconvenience many if we have to close the school, but the union has been in long negotiations and obviously lots of members support the claims they have with the government to improve teaching conditions generally. The Board of Trustees will make the call whether to close the school or to keep it open with skeleton staff of non-union members.

Last minute update - Quote from NZEI email last evening ...

- *As part of **ongoing negotiations**, the Ministry of Education have offered to enter mediation with NZEI Te Riu Roa about both our primary teacher and principal collective agreement negotiations.*
- *In an effort to explore all avenues, we have accepted the offer to enter mediation. **Mediation with the primary teachers negotiating team will begin tomorrow. [Mediation is explained here.](#)** Negotiations are ongoing, and we are entering into the mediation in good faith.*
- ***There are no planned changes to the industrial action.** The community action will proceed as planned this Friday 3rd August, and the results of the strike ballots for 15th August will be released later this week.*
- ***From Liam Rutherford and Louise Green** NZEI Te Riu Roa Lead negotiators*

Calendar of Events Coming Up:

Mon 23 July:	Dental Caravan here at Hunterville
Mon 30 July:	Life Education Caravan here for the week with teacher Mark Keelty
Wed 1 Aug:	Country Sevens Rugby tournament
Thu 2 Aug:	Assembly @ 9am followed by Morning Tea farewell for Sue Lewis
Tue 7 Aug:	Home & School Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom
Mon 13 Aug:	All teachers to Community of Learning Meeting at 3.30pm
Wed 15 Aug:	POSSIBLE STRIKE ACTION – MAY BE FROM 1.30PM TO 3PM OR MAY BE WHOLE DAY – DEPENDENT ON VOTING UNDERWAY CURRENTLY.
Wed 22 Aug:	?Three bands playing here @ 1.45pm – Hvale, Marton, Marton Junction
Mon 27 Aug:	Zero Waste Education week here
Wed 29 Aug:	Mathex in Wanganui: y5@5pm, y6@6pm, y7@7pm, y8@8pm
Wed 5 Sept, Wed 12 Sept, Wed 19 Sept:	Electives Programmes 1.30 – 3pm
31 Aug:	Lego Competition – Cancer Society Fundraiser
Tue 18 Sept:	Year 7 & 8 Quad Tournament in Marton
Thu 20 Sept:	Year 5 & 6 Quad Tournament in Marton
Fri 28 Sept:	Tough Kids Competition in Ohingaiti & last day of term 3

KIDS' SHEMOZZLE - ENTRIES OPEN 1ST AUGUST

www.shemozzle.co.nz

Be in quick – places fill up very fast!

FAREWELL to MRS SUE LEWIS

This Thursday 2 August ...

9am: Farewell Assembly

Morning tea following assembly

We wish to invite all of our students, parents, whanau, and all friends of the Hunterville School community to a special assembly and morning tea to thank and farewell Mrs Lewis for her twenty years of wonderful service with many hundreds of our students and staff.

Home and School

A big thank you to Hazel and her helpers Frances and Lauren who catered for the Rugby Club prize giving on Saturday. Thank you also goes to the Hunterville Rugby Club for their support of H&S. A friendly reminder that our meeting is next Tuesday, 7th August at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

All welcome.

- Tris Weston

WANTED – double bed base.
Phone Polly 3228518.

Robotics Scrimmages for the rest of 2018

Sat 25th August. Te Manawa Palmerston North. **Parent help needed as I'm not available.**

Sat 8th Sept. Manchester St School, Feilding

Sat 22nd Sept. Venue TBC

Sat 20th Oct. Venue TBC

Sat 10th Nov. Palmerston North City Library

Sat 24th Nov. REGIONAL FINAL Feilding High School

Fri 7th/Sat 8th Dec. NATIONAL FINAL. Palmerston North Conference Centre

All regular scrimmages are:

Doors 9am, Skills 10.30 then competition to 3pm.

*Kind regards
Colleen Dalley
Principal*



IT'S TIME YOUR CHILDREN HAD THE EDUCATION THEY DESERVE

You send your children to school to help set them up for life. Yet, schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and a growing number of school-aged children. Schools are struggling to find enough staff to teach our children.

There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs. There just aren't enough teachers to give your kids the education they deserve.

WHAT WE ARE CAMPAIGNING FOR?

- * **More teachers – so your kids can get more attention**
- * **More resources/staff to support children with additional learning needs**
- * **A pay jolt to salaries for teachers to address the teacher shortage – so that your children will have a teacher in the future**

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

Let your teachers know you support them and join in campaign activities at your local school.

Hunterville Sports Club
Major Sponsor – *Hunterville Vet Club*

Please remember
The players are kids
The coaches are volunteers
The umpires are human
....sportsmanship begins with you

Netball

Draw for Saturday 4th August:

10am Court 1 A1 Vs St Matthews A
11am Court 3 A2 Vs James Cook B

J1 and J2 are playing each other this week so your game will be on **Wednesday after school** instead of practice. Please bring your uniform as this is a proper game.

A1 team: Please note your new practice time, it is now straight after school and will run from 3.15-4.15pm.

J1 & J2 netball will be playing each other this Wednesday. Please remember to bring your uniforms to school.

Rugby Draw 4 August 2018

Rippa 1 V Pirates White, SP 12b, 10am
Rippa 2 V Marist Roar, SP12a, 10am
U8 V Taihape, Hunterville 1a, 10.00am
U10 v Kaierau Maroon, SP 8, 10am
U11 Marton v Border, SP 3, 10am,
U12 Marton V Rutherford, SP 2, 10am
- R Goodwin

Hockey

Training This Thursday - Please Note :

Everyone is **EXPECTED** to be here this week - if not let me know asap!

11 Aside and Hurricanes please meet together for Training

Heroes - You will be playing your catch up game with Huntley here at Hunterville 3.30pm, Please come prepared - game shirt, stick, shin pads, drink bottles and mouth guard. Ready to go at 3.15pm
You will **STILL** have your game **THIS** Friday!

REMINDER :

2ND lot of U13 Rep Hockey trials to be held at Rangitikei College Multisport Turf on the following dates.

- Players must attend with a guardian

Final Trial - Saturday, 4 August 2018

Boys: 1.30 - 3.00pm

Girls: 2.30 - 4.00pm

Postponements: If trials need to be postponed due to weather conditions we will advise by email or txt. Please also check RHA [Facebook page](#).

Players need to bring a large drink bottle and warm jacket. Please do not forget the vitals-mouthguards, shinpads and stick!!

There will be information for all Parents/Caregivers at the conclusion of the final trials – details about the season, expectations of players/parents/caregivers, information about the financial requirements.

- L Bunn

Football Skills Development Course

Hooray the forecast for Thursday is sunny! Our first skills session will be held in Taihape 3:45pm – 4:45pm at St Joseph’s School grounds. Please make sure you have paid \$20 per player to Hunterville Sports Club 02-0652-0045271-000 with ‘Football’ and your child’s surname as a reference. **Please can you let me know asap if your child will require transport on the bus.** Thank you again for your support of this – it seems like I have been planning it forever so it is great to see if finally happening. Happy Footballing.

- Rosie McIntyre 0272 414 439

<p style="text-align: center;">Rugby</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proudly sponsored by McVerry Crawford Motor Group & Ratima Shearing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coordinator: Richard Goodwin 027 4072844</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Netball</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proudly sponsored by SJ Weston Chartered Accountants</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coordinator: Tris Weston 021 531867</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hockey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proudly sponsored by Richard Goodwin Contracting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coordinator: Elisabeth Bunn 027 2824895</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Football</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proudly sponsored by Peach Teats Ltd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coordinator: Rosie McIntyre 027 2414439</p>
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Hunterville Junior Squash Tournament & Prizegiving

Thank you to all the parents, volunteers and keen children for the great squash season so far.

We are holding a junior tournament and prizegiving on Tuesday 14th August and would like to invite all junior squash children, families and friends along. Any children not in the tournament are most welcome to come along to support others, have some afternoon tea or just come for the prizegiving.

What: Hunterville Squash Club Junior Tournament (years 5-8) and Junior Prizegiving

When: 3pm -6pm, Tuesday 14th August, 2019

Where: Hunterville Squash Club

Who: Junior Squash members, family & friends

Planned Itinerary for Tues 14th :

3pm-5pm - Junior Squash tournament
Afternoon tea for kids & adults
5pm - Final Girls and Boys Championship games
5.30pm - Junior Prizegiving

All groups are now finished, however I will be at the squash courts from 3-5pm each Friday until we hold our Junior tournament so if any children would like to come along for a game/ extra practice they are most welcome.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Hazel Richardson