



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)

The school boiler is currently out of commission and looks likely to remain that way permanently. The boiler fuelled by coal, has heated much of the school via the radiator wall heaters. In recent years heat pumps have been introduced to many rooms and just last week heat pumps were installed in Room 1 (Mrs Hatfull) and Room 4 (Mr Jeffrey).

This means all classrooms bar Room 3 have heat pumps and that room (Mrs Stewart's) has electric wall heaters.

Some other areas including the library are currently without heating but the Board of Trustees in conjunction with the Ministry of Education are attempting to remedy this with some urgency. The big issue delaying things is that our electrical/mains switchboard firstly needs an upgrade to cope with the further installation of any form of electrical heating.

YOUNG LEADERS' CONFERENCE IN ROTORUA

I had the pleasure of accompanying our eight whanau leaders, the head boy and head girl, and a group of parents to the Young Leaders Conference in Rotorua on Sunday and yesterday.

We travelled up on Sunday and experienced the luge before settling into our hotel and an evening meal followed by a cultural content.

Yesterday we were in the front row of an 1800 audience for the conference, which included a series of motivational speakers aimed at senior primary school students.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

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

WELCOMES/FAREWELLS

- Welcome to Maia-Akira (Room 4) and Nina-Jade Ballard (Room 6)
- Welcome to Kahn Bruce (Room 3)
- Sadly we farewell Brooke & Jack Aukett from Room 3

CRANKS CAFÉ LUNCHES

Please note there will be no bought lunches on a Monday now at school as Cranks Café is now closed on Mondays.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Vex Robotics team who came second in their competition (scrimmage) on Saturday. Our team on Saturday included Ethan Watson, Rohan Gower, Morna Collie, Caleb Goodwin, Harry Cherrie, Euan Gower, Alec Murray and Iris Collie. This team travels to Rangitikei College each Tuesday afternoon 2.30-4pm to work under the tutelage of senior college students and Mr Grant Collie.

Cluster Robotics Next 8 Weeks

Eighteen students from five of our cluster schools have been selected for a Robocup robotics programme co-ordinated by our Mr Jeffrey. Our representatives are Sharda McKenzie, Letischa-Raye Johnson-Tipu, Aspen Kennedy-Goodwin and Kris Catrett.

HOMEWORK CENTRE RESUMES TODAY

Beginning TODAY, we offer a supervised homework facility each Monday to Thursday through until mid term four.

The homework centre will operate along the exact same lines as last year

- A free service provided by the school.
- Any age.
- Begins 3.15 with a small afternoon tea and then 30 minutes of 'heads down, bottoms up' homework.
- Being supervised overseen by teacher aide and parent Samantha Buckley. (Last year it was supervised by Kim Petersen).
- Until we get our 'regular customers' sorted/known students will need a note or phone call from a parent to be allowed to attend homework centre.

Funsticks Hockey Year 0-3

At this stage Rangitikei Hockey is unable to provide someone to run these Thursday afternoon sessions in Marton until June.

Fortunately Amy McVerry is going to run a lunchtime session for these children on a Monday.

Any children in this year group are welcome to register and join Amy @ lunchtime for skills and games on the Astroturf.

This will continue until further notice.

Any queries phone Elisabeth Bunn 0272824895.

SCHOOL JACKETS

We have quite a lot of maroon school jackets missing. If you have any please return to the office – no questions asked!

SATURDAY MORNING SPORTS CLUB

Meeting
Thursday 7 May
School Staffroom
3.15pm

3 Way Learning Conferences 3 Weeks Away

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

- Students, supported by their teacher will share their progress and achievement and their learning goals for the rest of the year.
- School will finish at midday on 27 May, but students are able to be supervised at school until 3pm where parents are inconvenienced by students coming home early.
- Parents will once again be able to book their 15 min conference online. More on this in a week or two.
- These conferences are a major component of our reporting to parents and highlight that learning is something that is not 'done to children' but something that students need to know about and play a major role in shaping. E.g. students are learning about what they're learning and why, and what steps to take next to progress with their learning.
- Parents are reminded that the invitation is always there to make contact with teachers *at any stage of the year* to discuss any aspect of their child's education..... at any time of the year that is except 26/27 May! Those two days are exclusively for child and teacher and parent together 😊

JOIN THE SCHOOL TEXT NOTIFICATION

To sign up simply:

1. Text the message
"Follow @hvvilleschool".
2. Remember to leave a space before the '@'.
3. Send to 8987.

You'll immediately get a confirmation text.
Simple! Easy! Free. CONVENIENT 😊

Home and School Assn Meeting

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 3.15pm

New members welcome.

New ideas for H & S activities or fundraisers
welcome!

SOCCER:

The coaching with Paddy McLaughlin has started on Tuesdays after school. With 19 children involved, we are hoping to extend the sessions beyond 6 weeks. There is still time to get involved – text or call Rosie McIntyre 0272 414 439.

HUNTERVILLE SQUASH CLUB BALL

Saturday July 4 7pm till late

Hunterville Town Hall

Tickets \$40.00

Band & supper included

Contact Kerin Ratima 0273228462

RUGBY REPORTS

The **U6 Ripa team** had a fantastic first game for the 2015 season playing Marton. Everyone played very well with some impressive ball handling and speedy breakaway tries. Player of the day went to Kelvin Hillman.

Bryan Rendle

U 10 vs Marton

The first game of the season was played at Marton Park against a big Marton side. We got off to a slow start conceding the 1st try early. On the back foot we finally got points underway with a long range effort from Matthew Florence. It was a tight contest in the 1st half with scores level at halftime. After a stern chat at oranges we showed an improved defensive effort which resulted in no more tries conceded. Also we scored 5 more tries, 2 long range tries to Jonty Duncan, 1 to Harry McVerry and 2 to Orlando Ratima one of which was a long individual effort from a kick return. Well done to Aimee Hopkins for her first game, Orlando for player of the day for his defensive efforts and the whole team for a great effort.

Shane Ratima

U12 played Ratana at Springvale. We scored two tries in the first half with only one being converted by Will. Ratana came back and scored two tries. Neither being converted. We were lucky enough to have some outside Hunterville players from Marton. The final score was 24-10 and our player of the day was Luke. Well done Hunterville on our first game of the season.

Phoebe Smailes (on behalf U12's)

Sports Practice Cancellations

With all these now in full swing it is timely for a few reminders about cancellations which makes things a lot less hectic here at school when this happens!

- Cancellations will now be notified by our school text notification. (See previous page)
- Coaches - please contact school by 2pm if you are cancelling your practices. This allows time to get our text out to our school families.
- As a 'general rule' we will no longer get students to phone home - please hook up to our text notification as detailed elsewhere in the newsletter. (If you are out of range of the text notification please feel free to call school to check).
- ... the exception to this will be if a cancellation comes out of the blue (E.g. it's a beautifully fine day but for some reason a practice is cancelled)
- So if/when sports practices are cancelled children will go home as per a normal school day, on the bus if they are a bus student, walk if they usually walk etc, etc, unless we hear something to the contrary from a parent.

Regards



Stephen Lewis
PRINCIPAL

Next Community Newsletter...

Due out in a fortnight. Deadline for copy at this stage is next
Wednesday 13 May

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 (Maths): Use skip counting to solve simple multiplication number stories. We know we are getting better at this when we can show that $2+2+2+2+2$, is the same as 2,4,6,8,10, and as 5 groups of 2, and $5 \times 2 = 10$. Storywriting: Use alliteration, onomatopoeia and similes. We know we are getting better at this when we can use these in our writing. eg When I got up at dawn it was as dark as the mid-night sky. (Simile) eg 'Beep, beep!' went the alarm. (Onomatopoeia) eg Harold, the hungry hedgehog, hunted hard for food. (Alliteration)</p>
<p>Room 4 Mr Jeffrey</p>	<p>English – we are learning how to write a procedure.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purpose – to provide instructions about how to make or do something. 2. Text Structure – title, goal, materials and steps. 3. Language Features – nouns, adjectives and present tense verbs.
<p>Room 6 Mrs Fitz-Herbert</p>	<p>Maths – we are learning to use a variety of addition and subtraction strategies to solve maths problems.</p>
<p>Room 7 Mr Smith</p>	<p>Reading/English – Room Seven are learning to develop a better understanding of text. They will do this by using the Avaiill programme. This programme involves read/watching a selection of movies, stopping at certain times to complete activities that focus on comprehension, fluency, vocabulary and spelling.</p>
<p>Room 8 Mrs Dalley</p>	<p>Maths – to improve speed and accuracy using basic facts and the Protec maths programme.</p>

Milo in Mornings From Next Week

Thanks parents - we have enough to get free Milos up and going from next week. I'll be in touch with those who have offered to make up a roster. 😊

Yummy Apple Stickers

These stickers continue to do the rounds and we as a school can redeem the stickers for sports gear. The promotion runs through until the end of next term.

If you are able to, could you please collect stickers for us? We have issued forms for this with today's pinkie and these can just be returned to the office.

Thanks!

RETURN SLIPS FROM LAST WEEK – PARENT HELP ETC

Wow – thanks parent for the very good response to all our requests for various help in last week's pinkie. I think there was a total of seven such items including some that just went to senior classes.

We could still do with a few more names for some of these

1. **Reading helpers**any age; male/female 9.40-10.40am
2. **Vehicles for phone book deliveries** to Bulls, Cheltenham & Waituna West this Friday 8 May. 12.30 or any day the following week.
3. **Electives**..... 4 Friday afternoons 5,12,19,26 June.

Can you assist with any of the three above? If so, a big THANKS! Please see below...

Yes, I can help out with the above.

Which one(s)? _____

Name _____