

HUNTLY COLLEGE PAANUI

Thursday 28 March 2024 - Term 1, Week 9



Introducing our Head Students

Kia Ora!

I'm Hayley Blackmore, and it's an absolute honour to serve as a Head Student for Huntly College in 2024. Since my journey began here in 2021, Huntly College has opened doors for me that I never imagined possible. As I invest my energy into our school, my focus is on the collective success of our students. To me, being a Head Student is not about standing above others. It's about being entrusted by you, the student body, to organise, represent, and lead with integrity and enthusiasm. I hope to earn your trust and work together to make our school year remarkable.

Kia Ora, everyone!

I'm Leevon Clune, your new Head Student for 2024. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to contribute to making our school an even more vibrant and exciting place for learning. Family means the world to me. I'm the youngest in a family of seven kids, all of whom have walked the halls of Huntly College. Now, as a Year 13 student, I'm looking forward to embracing this year with all the responsibilities and possibilities that come with being a head student. Let's make this year an amazing year for all of us!



Left to Right:
Hayley Blackmore &
Leevon Clune

Akiaki te tii o te tangata - Nurture the indescribable light within a person

Meet our Office Administration Team for 2024



Mrs Rosemary Fletcher - Receptionist

I'm Huntly born & bred but my family descend from the United Kingdom, from Scotland in the north & Cornwall in the south. I am the youngest of five children. I have an older sister and 3 older brothers. All of us were born in Huntly and raised on the farm at Ohinewai. We all attended Ohinewai school.

I was a student at Huntly College in the late 70's early 80's when there were 780 students at the College. I remember the hall being so full the 7th formers, Year 13 in today's terminology, were standing at the back as there was not enough space or chairs for them. College days were fun, and the holidays seemed so long. At college we were encouraged to take part in Athletics, Cross Country & Swimming sports.

We had netball, rugby, cricket & hockey teams which were all played on Saturday mornings, really great if you were like me and loved sports. Those that were more academic also had opportunities and in 5th form, Year 11, at the end of the year we all had to sit School certificate exams, English, Math's, Science, Social Studies & Geography. Then in 6th form, Year 12, 6th form certificate was introduced. 7th form, Year 13, University Entrance exams at the end of the year. All exams were in the hall and were very intense. After leaving school I went to work for the local photographer, while waiting to join the police force, which was much more difficult to get into in those days. Very restricted as to what a female was allowed to do. I enjoyed photography so much that I never left, and I still have a love of photography now.

What do I do at Huntly College you may ask? Some students wonder that too. My role here is varied and if I said I was the receptionist at Huntly College, you couldn't be blamed for thinking, "well you don't do much". So yes, I do sit at the front desk, greeting people and assisting them with where they need to go, answer the telephone that sometimes never stops and helping staff in many ways. Part of my role is working in Kamar to create the timetable, helping with NCEA, 1st aid for students and sometimes staff, purchasing items, hireage of college facilities & vehicles, I am one part of the Celebration of Success team and many more small jobs that help to keep the school running smoothly.

If I could tell my 16 year old self something, it would be, not to be put off by other people's view as to what direction I want my life to go. My biggest and only regret was not joining the police force. My aspiration for Huntly College. I would love it to become the school of choice for all Huntly families.



Mrs Catherine Farmer - Student Administrator

I was born in Huntly and raised in the small mining/farming community of Waikokowai. My father was a mine worker but studied hard and became a Mine Manager in the South Island. I attended Waikokowai School with my 2 siblings, then moved on to Huntly College for my secondary schooling.

I had no idea of what I wanted to do once I left school all I knew was that I needed an education to help me get into the workforce. The opportunity came up for me to work in a Tourist Hotel in the South Island, this gave me the added opportunity of travelling as well as working.

On returning to Huntly for a holiday, I met my husband, Kevin and decided my future was back in the Waikato.



We have always lived locally and to be honest when the time comes to retire, I'm sure we will still live locally and hopefully do more travelling. My husband and I owned and operated the Local Hire Centre for 16 years and when it became time for a change that is when I returned to Huntly College not as a student but as a Teacher Aide. Different and life growing opportunities have arisen in my time here, but this has only happened because I have been willing to take on new challenges and to step outside of my comfort zone.

Kevin and I have two children Jason (44), Shelley (40) who both attended Huntly College. We have seven grandchildren. Five of them are still at Secondary school, one is at Wintec in her third year of studying Interior design and one is at Canterbury University in her second year of studying Law. I encourage all students to "follow their career path" not someone else's and to step outside of their comfort zone and give new things a try as you never know where it may lead you.



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Helping Hands Pathway

The Helping Hands Pathway class (every Friday) has been involved in numerous volunteering opportunities this term. Some of their ventures included making granola and cookies and taking them to the Hub for our community to enjoy, making wheat bags for the residents of the Kimihia home, and more recently, lending a helping hand by doing a bit of weeding at our local Mara Kai. Our students have been enjoying giving back to the community that we all live in.

We work long and hard on our designs and ingredient stickers to put on our packages. We design the packages with our school logo and also our Huntly College Helping Hands stickers with a little gratitude note.

Huntly College Helping Hands has some more amazing projects coming up soon for our community. So stay in touch and keep checking our Huntly College Facebook page as some amazing things are on the way.

We are so grateful for the 'Thank You' cards we are getting and the messages we have received from people about our services.

Written by Grace Gulliver.



Interhouse Volleyball Competition

Huntly College students were all fired up for the Whaanau Interhouse Volleyball after a successful Athletics Event at the start of the term. The juniors took to the makeshift grass court next to our Cafe in the B Block quad, while the seniors played in the Gym. With the sun high in the sky, the competition was intense as students showed their commitment by diving for the ball.

Matua Charles made crucial calls in the senior final between Waahi and Kimihia. Ultimately, Hakanoa walked away with the win for the juniors, while Kimihia took out the senior competition. A big mihi to our Puna Ako lead Teachers Matua Jack and Whaea Taylah for organising an awesome event. We cannot wait for what is in store for the next lot of inter-house sports. Congratulations to the staff volleyball team who played the students team and won.



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Phone Information

With the advent of the new government, we are now required to introduce phone prohibition guidelines in schools. Global studies highlight several issues associated with cellphones in educational settings, notably their potential to significantly distract students. The intent behind these regulations is to optimize learning outcomes for all students by reducing distractions and mitigating the risk of cyber-bullying.

Starting from Term 2, students will no longer be permitted to bring cellphones to school. In case of urgent matters, parents or caregivers should contact the school office or reach out to their child through the school-provided email address.

Service Academy Induction Parade

Huntly College Service Academy students had their Graduation Ceremony Friday 22nd March to acknowledge the completion of the 2024 Induction Course at Whenuapai Airbase. The entire school was in attendance to witness the occasion as were proud whaanau members and our special dignitary- Sgt George Te Huia (retired).

The Most Improved Student award recipient was Jayden Bryant for his self-discipline, confidence, and determination. The Top Student award in his platoon, consisting of 3 academies was awarded to Tawhi Wirihana-Kemp who excelled as a team member. He consistently helped others, his conduct was beyond reproach throughout the course.

Congratulations to you all. Our students, staff and whaanau are very proud of your efforts.



Upcoming Dates

- Easter Holidays - Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2nd April
- Interhouse Haka Competition - Friday 12th April
- End of Term 1 - Friday 12th April
- Anzac Day - Thursday 25th April
- Term 2 starts - Monday 29th April

