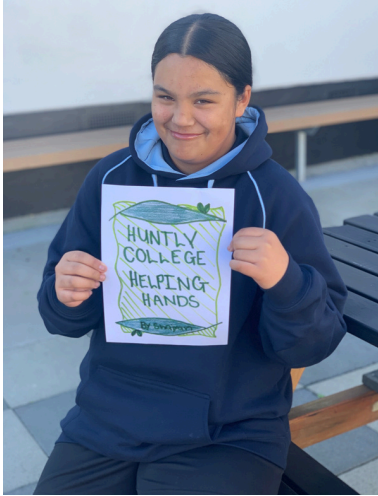


HUNTLY COLLEGE PAANUI

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Hello World,

My name is Shaiyan Barnes, and I'm super happy and excited to be here at Huntly College!

One thing I really like about our school is the people—the students and teachers. Everyone is really welcoming. The teachers try to make everyone feel included. Sometimes they give students little jobs to do so they feel like they belong. Or they might give different tasks to students who are shy about doing what everyone else is doing. When I come to Huntly College, I feel like I belong and that the teachers care about me.

My favourite subject for Semester A was Maths when Whaea Yesuel taught us. She made it really fun, we learned a lot, and she explained everything really well. The main topic I remember was about measurement and understanding time—like seconds and minutes. She did these awesome scavenger hunts where we had to solve little problems to find the clues. We searched all over the school, and whichever group got the most problems correct won a prize. It was kind of tricky for my group because I knew how to do the problems, but some of my friends struggled a bit. I really miss Whaea Yesuel, but I hope she's doing great now.

One thing I'm very proud of is the logo I created in the Community Services Pathway. We did a lot of things to help the community, like baking and handing out kai to different people. I was so proud that our logo got noticed by a member of the community. They even sent a thank-you card to our school because they recognised the logo. It helped that it said "Huntly College" in the centre with my name at the bottom. It felt really good to give back to our community, and it felt even better when someone wrote a thank-you card because of our logo. I've really enjoyed my learning so far here at Huntly College, and I can't wait for the rest of it!

Written by Shaiyan Barnes



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

Service Academy - Bushcraft

On Monday 10th of June, the Huntly College Service Academy attended the Bush Craft Course held at the Woodhill Forest-Kaipara Air Weapons Range, an NZDF Area.

First we conducted a full kit inspection of our packs and equipment, then were put into our platoon. We then tramped to our first destination which was Bravo. The hike was 7km and once we arrived we set up camp and prepared for the rest of the day.

On Wednesday, we hiked 8.2km. This day was very fun as we constructed an A frame hut and we were competing between the other schools. We used natural resources to help us build this hut such as dead branches and toi toi bushes. We named our hut Te whare o Ngāti Tumatauenga and by using dead materials and natural resources we won the competition and were rewarded with snacks. That night, we had the chance to sleep in the huts that we had made.

On Friday, which was the last day, we packed up all of the tents and packs and made our way back to our starting point. On this day, the weather was not on our side. As the rain was very heavy. On the hike back we were getting drenched and it was a very chill 6km. During the hike, we were chanting to keep our spirits high as we were excited to head back home.

Overall, the experience we had was like no other. The tasks we were confronted with were challenging, yet possible. This was amazing and we encourage everyone to give Service Academy a shot in 2025. We will see you there.

Tawhi and Sonny



We Need More Than Just a Bite - written by Hayley Blackmore

Earlier this year, the government announced changes to the Ka Ora Ka Ako program. Altering it would have devastating effects on our attendance, achievement, and overall well-being. Yet, the government thinks it's better to cut over \$107 million from the program while giving landlords \$2.9 billion. Many of us rely on the lunches provided at school, and 174,000 children in New Zealand suffer from food insecurity.

These changes particularly disadvantage students in low socioeconomic areas, like those attending Huntly College. We already face many barriers to education; limited access to healthy lunches shouldn't be one of them. Additionally, local community-based businesses that provide these lunches will lose jobs, forcing people to suffer a loss of income during a cost-of-living crisis. Original lunch suppliers are now at a disadvantage compared to the government's chosen suppliers.

At the end of the day, it's simple math: \$3 is not enough to feed secondary school kids properly. And frankly, it's not even enough to cut the bread that it's supposed to pay for. Are we even getting bread? Taking good, healthy food out of the mouths of students in year seven and up, which are some of the most challenging school years, will only result in worse outcomes for many young people.

It's crucial that we raise awareness because this will hit our community harder than most, as it often always does.

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Matariki / Health Expo / Grandparents Day

On Friday 21 June, Huntly College organised our very first Kaumatua Day. The purpose of the afternoon was to invite our kaumatua into our kura to share kai, offer the opportunity to experience their moko's learning in Sport, Culture and Leadership. Our hauora expo was also a chance to share local providers services that are free and accessible to our whaanau and students within our community. Thank you to Aotea Maipi for coordinating our hauora providers for the afternoon. The feedback was positive from all involved. We aim to continue to open our doors to our community, organising relevant and meaningful events for the future.



Reports and Puna Koorero

Mid-year reports have been emailed or posted home. Please check your inbox. We will have physical copies at the Puna Koorero as well.

Instructions on how to book using School Interviews is as follows:

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Puna Koorero sessions. They are scheduled for:

Thursday, 25 July: 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Friday, 26 July: 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

To book your session, please visit the School Interviews website at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

When you log in, you'll see a green box prompting you to enter the school event code. For these parent-teacher conversations, the code is:

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This will direct you to the Huntly College Parent-Teacher Conversations page. Follow these three simple steps to make your bookings:

1. Enter your details: Parent's name, email address, and student's name.
2. Select the subject: Choose "Puna Ako" and then select your student's Puna Ako Teacher.
3. Choose preferred times: Select from the available times (please note that meetings are 20 minutes long, and we appreciate you keeping to these times as other parents will be waiting).

If you don't have internet access, you can arrange times through the school office. Alternatively, each teacher can also assist in booking an appointment for your student – your student just needs to ask them. We look forward to seeing you and discussing your student's progress. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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Chess Competition Recap

Waahi came out on top for this event! With two seniors in the chess final and 1 junior, Waahi showed who had the best players. Congratulations to Tawhi Wirihana-Kemp (Senior Chess Champ) and Patrick Kaihewichman (Junior Chess Champ) for your awesome efforts on what was an awesome afternoon.



Whaanau Trivia Event

To wrap up the term, we channeled our brains and tested how much we knew (or didn't know). We were organised into groups in the school hall to test our general knowledge of sports, music, pop culture, local histories and Matariki. We found out very quickly just how competitive teams were. With signs of jubilation and stress, students worked hard as teams to get the answers correct to gain the most house points. The top house group on the day was Kimihia Whaanau. Well done to everyone for your competitive spirit. See House points below for current placings.



Updated House Points

Hakanoa - 832

Waahi - 790

Kimihia - 640

Waikare - 446