



Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome to the start of another exciting school year at Huntly Primary School! We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are ready for a fantastic year of learning, growth, and new opportunities. A special welcome to our new students and whaanau—we are delighted to have you join our school community.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new teachers joining us this year:

- ✦ Te Rina Ronalds – Room 4
- ✦ Marie Rennie – Room 6
- ✦ Will Kopa – Room 8
- ✦ Sivina Jacobs-Harawira – Technology

We're excited to have them on board and know they will bring great energy and expertise to our kura.

This term, we have an exciting swimming program as part of our curriculum. Swimming is an essential life skill, and we encourage all tamariki to take part. Please ensure your child brings their togs and a towel on swimming days so they can fully participate.

We also want to highlight the importance of regular attendance. Every day at school is a valuable opportunity for learning and social development. When students attend consistently, they build strong foundations for success. If your child is absent, please notify the school as soon as possible.

To kick off the year, we invite you to our Meet the Teacher afternoon on Tuesday, 18 February, 3 pm - 4.30 pm. This is a great opportunity to meet our team, connect with your child's teacher, ask questions, and hear about the exciting learning planned for 2025. We look forward to seeing you there!

Let's make this a great year together!

Ngaa mihi,
Justine Brock - Principal



WHAANAU HUI - Meet the teachers

Tuesday 18th February - 3pm - 4.30pm

All our school whaanau are invited to come and meet with your childs class teacher & our new staff member.

Learn about our term & year programmes for your tamariki along with our school direction for 2025.

Afternoon tea is provided.

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday.





SUMMER UNIFORM

Term 1 our student are to wear the summer uniform
School Shorts, Polo-shirt and a **Sunhat** .

Please do not send your children in long pants, legging, or jackets. They will get overheated. Have a water bottle to refill.

STATIONERY 2025

Our school packs will be available once again from The Lotto/Bookshop, Main Street, Huntly from 20th January until 21st February 2025 at Back To School prices. Available in classroom or year level groups.



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SCHOOL SWIMMING TIMETABLE
INSTRUCTION STARTS THIS WEEK
SENIOR & MIDDLE SCHOOL - WEDNESDAYS
JUNIOR SCHOOL - THURSDAYS
PLEASE COME PREPARED - TOGS, TOWEL, GOGGLES
(NAMED) IF REQUIRED, BAG FOR WET GEAR.
THESE LESSONS ARE PART OF OUR P.E. CURRICULUM.
PARENTS MUST INFORM CLASS TEACHER IF THEIR CHILD
IS NOT TO SWIM.

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TERM DATES 2025

Term 1 - February 3rd - April 11th

Term 2 - April 28th - June 27th

Huntly Thistle Junior Football Online registrations
are open now for the 2025 season.

Visit the below website to register:
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/337000>

OR

Huntly Thistle AFC - Junior Section

Junior teams range from
Year 1 - Year 8

Email us at
huntlythistlejuniors@gmail.com

Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches

Term 1, 2025

Ka Ora, Ka Ako provides a nutritious lunch to over 242,000 ākonga | students across Aotearoa New Zealand every school day.

The name Ka Ora, Ka Ako is about being healthy and well to be in a good place to learn. 'Ka Ora' means to be satisfied with food, be well, healthy, and safe. 'Ka Ako' means to learn

- What it provides: Meals, free to students, every school day that meet nutritional standards and recipes previously enjoyed by students of all ages.
- What it supports: Good nutrition is essential for the healthy growth and development of children and young people. Healthy food improves student behaviour, learning, concentration, and energy, as well as physical health. When students eat healthy food, they are happier and find it easier to learn.
- What has changed in 2025:
 - Students at your school or kura will receive a free lunch from the School Lunch Collective.
 - A three-week menu of hot and cold meals will rotate each term, based on seasonality of ingredients.
 - The standardisation of ingredients and recipes allows the combined buying power of the School Lunch Collective to purchase cost effective food items and save significantly on the cost of each meal.
- What will not change:
 - Students will get a free hot or cold lunch, every school day.
 - Students requiring a special meal will receive their meal named and labelled. This may be for medical reasons such as an allergy or food intolerance, or because foods must be avoided or prepared in a particular way for ethical or religious reasons.
 - There are no changes to nutritional standards and meal size. The meals will include a balance of protein, vegetables, grains, or starchy vegetables.

Please contact your school or kura for more information about the Ka Ora, Ka Ako Programme.