



Huntly Primary School

Knowledge is Power – Matauranga Maramatanga

Newsletter

Date: 4th February 2026

Term 1: Week 1

School Roll: 188

Welcome back to all our school whaanau and a special welcome to our new families and staff joining us at Huntly Primary in 2026.

MIHI WHAKATAU

On Wednesday 11th February you are welcome to attend our mihi whakatau to welcome our new staff and students to our kura. Please join us at 9am in the hall.

This week we welcome...

our new teachers

Whaea Maria Menesses in Room 5, and Whaea Britney Stirling in Technology.

Also to our new students and their families

Hunter, Arvia, Talei-Rain, Jana, Jayni, Franky, Honorlea, Favryjia, Lilly

and we welcome back Tawhiri, Maisey-June

TERM 1



Week 1 - WAITANGI DAY (6 Feb) School closed

Week 2 - Swimming starts
Mihi Whakatau (11 Feb)

Bell Times for 2026

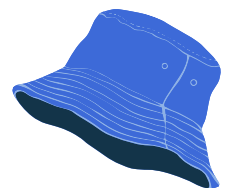


8.55am - First Bell
9.00am - School starts
11.00am - Morning Tea
11.30am - Morning Tea ends
1.00pm - Lunch
1.45pm - Lunch ends
2.45pm - School ends



BEING A SUNSMART SCHOOL

Sunhats are compulsory to be worn when students are outside during Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure these are at school daily. Remember to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP



SCHOOL STATIONERY

Stationery packs for all levels are available from the Huntly Lotto & Bookshop. Please endeavour to have these organised for your child by Monday 16th February. Great value and supporting our local business.



SWIMMING

During Term 1 our students participate in swimming and water safety activities in the local Huntly Aquatic Centre. Please complete the attached form and return to school.



SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2026

Principal – Justine Brock

Deputy Principal – Chase Kisiona

Assistant Principal – Anna Kisiona

Junior Team Leader – Keri Digby-Smith

Learning Support Co-ordinator/SENCO – Daniel McAuley

English Language Learning Teacher – Bernie Moffat

Better Start Literacy Approach Teacher – Ange Birks



CLASSROOM ORGANISATION FOR 2026

Room 2 – Year 0-1 Whaea Keri Digby-Smith

Room 3 – Year 1-2 Whaea Mere Joyce

Room 4 – Year 2-3 Whaea Te Rina Ronalds

Room 5 – Year 3-4 Whaea Maria Menesses

Room 6 – Year 4-5 Matua Chase Kisiona

Room 7 – Year 5-6 Matua Wirihana Wilson

Room 8 – Year 5-6 Matua Will Kopa

Room 11 – Year 7-8 Whaea Talia Itamura

Room 12 – Year 7-8 Mrs Anna Kisiona

Technology Teachers

Britney Stirling, Melissa Denham, Shayle Moana-Jenkins

Release Teachers

Whaea Deidre Hastie, Whaea Miriama Gardiner, Matua Val Venimore, Whaea Shea

Learning Assistants

Roni Downs, Michelle Earby, Adrienne Manaia, Antonio Savini, Lou Daniels, Alysha Harper, Alia Haunui-Wharekura

Office Staff

Sheree McGaughran – Finance/Executive Administrator,

Sandie Haddock – Receptionist/Part Time Teacher/Librarian

Caretaker

Bruce Ardern



Welcome back to school from the Junior Team