

OUR SCHOOL VALUE WE ARE  
FOCUSING ON THIS TERM IS  
**'RESPECT'**



Respect at school means treating others the way we want to be treated. It's as simple as listening when someone else is speaking, using kind words even when we disagree, and honoring each person's "personal bubble" to ensure everyone feels safe and welcome.

*Parents and Caregivers please join us each Monday for our PB4L Assembly in the Hall at 9.10am*



**OPT OUT FORM**

AT HPS WE OFFER A RANGE OF PROGRAMMES TO ASSIST WITH LEARNING, EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING, AND BEHAVIOURAL GROWTH. PLEASE HAVE A READ OF THE ATTACHED NEWSLETTER AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OPT OUT OF THESE PROGRAMMES PLEASE SIGN AND SEND BACK TO SCHOOL

Thank you to all whaanau who joined us for our Meet the Teacher afternoon. It was great to see such a strong turnout, including many new families, and to have the opportunity to connect, share information, and begin building positive relationships for the year ahead. We appreciate the time you took to be there and look forward to working in partnership to support our learners. Ngaa mihi nui

Chase Kisiona



**OUR STUNNING NEW HPS  
KAPA HAKA UNIFORM**





# Huntly Primary School

Knowledge is Power – Matauranga Maramatanga

# Newsletter

Date: 18h February 2026

Term 1: Week 3

School Roll: 186

*Kia ora koutou katoa,  
He mihi nui ki a koutou katoa e te whaanau. It is my absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back for the start of the 2026 school year!*

*I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the whaanau who joined us for our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and welcome new ones into our school community.*

*Strengthening those connections between home and school is what makes our learning environment so special.*

*Term 1 is already shaping up to be a vibrant and busy one. Our calendar is packed with rich learning experiences, including:*

- *Swimming: Getting our learners confident and safe in the water.*
- *The Raahui Pookeka Arts Festival: A fantastic opportunity to celebrate our local creativity and culture.*
- *Mitey Programme: Continuing our journey with mental health education.*
- *Kiwi Can: We are thrilled to welcome the Kiwi Can team back for 2026 to help build resilience and respect in our tamariki.*

*We are committed to providing specific support to ensure every learner can thrive. This term, we are pleased to offer Structured Literacy in small group settings, supported by both teachers and teacher aides. Additionally, we are providing an Oral Language programme for our learners to build communication confidence.*

*For our senior students, we have launched a specialised Year 7 & 8 Maths programme designed to support and challenge our learners in their mathematical journey.*

*With the summer sun still shining and swimming sessions underway, we ask for your help in keeping our tamariki safe. Please ensure your child brings their named school hat every day.*

*Reminder: We have a "no hat, no play" policy to protect our learners from UV rays. It is also helpful if students apply sunscreen before coming to school; we have supplies available in class for top-ups throughout the day!*

*We are thrilled to have your tamariki back in the classrooms, filling the hallways with energy and curiosity. Here's to a fantastic term of growth and success!*

*It is with a mix of sadness that we announce the departure of Matua Wirihana, whose last day with us will be March 6. After his wonderful service to our school community, he has accepted a promotion at a new school.*

*While we are sorry to see him go, we recognize that this is a significant and exciting step in his career.*

*Please join us in thanking Matua for his service and wishing him nothing but the absolute best in this next chapter.*



Ngaa mihi nui,  
Justine Brock  
Principal

## TERM 1



5 March - Middle and Senior Swimming sports

7 March - Raahui Pookeka Arts in the Park

13 March - Junior School Swimming sports

17 March - Duffy Assembly

26 March - Purple Day for epilepsy awareness

2 April - End of Term 1

# ≡ Welcome ≡

**This week we welcome...** Hapeta to Room 2



## SWIMMING

During Term 1 our students participate in swimming and water safety activities in the local Huntly Aquatic Centre.

### Junior School – Rooms 2,3,4 & 5



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 11.30–12.30pm**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30–10.30am**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – 11.30 – 12.30**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Junior School Swimming Sports Day**

### Middle and Senior School – Rooms 6,7,8,11 & 12

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – (Lane Swimmers)**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Middle & Senior Swimming Sports**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Interschool practice**

Creative Huntly and Waikato Rocks is proud to bring you Raahui Pookeka's annual art festival! Back this March! Taking place this year on the Huntly Primary School field. The purpose of this festival is to introduce our community to new and different artforms.

Our 2026 event will be taking place Saturday 7 March, 10am-2pm. FREE ENTRY

Raahui Pookeka Arts Festival 2026 will continue to promote and introduce different art forms to our community through music, craft stalls, entertainment and interactive art stalls for you to create your own works of art to take home!

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FOOD STALLS

CRAFT STALLS

INTERACTIVE ART STALLS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

PRIZES / GIVEAWAYS

AND SO MUCH MORE

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Grab your Whanau / Friends and don't miss out on this great family fun day out!



**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES THAT HAVE SORTED SCHOOL STATIONERY FOR THEIR STUDENTS FROM HUNTLY BOOKSHOP AND LOTTO**

The last day to get the 'Back to school' prices is this Saturday.

From Monday 23 Prices will go up by \$5



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**FABRIC TECHNOLOGY**

The Seniors have had to really focus on learning to thread a needle, sew on buttons and create a sitch book.



THANK YOU TO ALL FAMILIES WHO RING, OR LET THE OFFICE KNOW VIA SKOOL LOOP THAT YOUR CHILD IS AWAY.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IS OPEN!

STUDENTS CAN NOW BORROW BOOKS TO TAKE HOME (IN THEIR BOOK BAGS) THEY ARE ALLOWED 2 BOOKS AND ISSUES ARE FOR 2 WEEKS

IT IS ALSO OPEN DURING LUNCHTIMES  
**MON- THURS**



## UNITED EQUESTRIAN OHINEWAI

*All Ages, Disciplines and Abilities*

# COME JOIN US!

**DO YOU HAVE PASSION FOR HORSES?  
DO YOU ENJOY RIDING?**

- Weekly Club Rides
- Coaching
- Supportive Community
- Group Treks
- Encouragement
- All Ages Welcome

**ALL DISCIPLINES**  
**3 DAY CAMP YOUTH & ADULTS**

**MEMBERSHIPS from \$60!**

**ALL ABILITIES FRIENDSHIPS WELCOME FUN ALL AGES**

**LEARNING LEVELS FRIENDLY COACHING**

**GROUP TREKS ENCOURAGEMENT**

**SAFE SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT HORSEMANSHIP**

**COME JOIN US! >>>** Location: 5 Lilley Lane, Ohinewai, Waikato (just off the motorway)  
Email: [unitedequestriannz@gmail.com](mailto:unitedequestriannz@gmail.com)

## 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