



Huntly Primary School

Knowledge is Power – Matauranga Maramatanga

Newsletter

Wednesday 23rd October Week 2 – Term 4 School Roll – 201

Kia ora Huntly Primary School whaanau,

Welcome to another exciting term! We are already in full swing with preparations for our school production, which will take place in Week 4. The students are putting in a fantastic effort, and it's shaping up to be a memorable event for all. Please ensure your tamariki are at school each day so they don't miss out on important practices—every rehearsal counts in bringing the show to life!

Alongside production rehearsals, this term will also see our students participating in athletics, with opportunities to develop their physical skills and enjoy the spirit of competition. It's a busy and active term ahead!

Our learning focus this term is on Waterways and Ecosystems. Students will explore the importance of clean water for human health, ecosystems, and the economy. A key aspect of this learning will be understanding the Maaori perspective of waterways as taonga (treasures). We'll also be looking at how Maatauranga Maaori (Maaori knowledge) can guide the sustainable management of these vital resources, enriching our students' understanding of environmental stewardship.

We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of regular attendance. Being at school every day is essential, not only for academic progress but also for preparing for the production and other key activities. Let's work together to ensure all our tamariki have the best possible chance to succeed this term.

Ngaa mihi nui,
Justine Brock
Principal

Huntly Primary School Board

Casual vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Presiding member – Amos Ngaia

Huntly School Board -25 Onslow Street, Huntly 3700

Email: boardsecretary@huntlyprimary.school.nz

by: 19th November 2024

Health and Physical Education Curriculum – Year 7 and 8 Students

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We would like to inform you that the Year 7 and 8 classes will be covering the topic of puberty in our health education classes this term. This is a natural part of human development and a crucial aspect of overall health and well-being.

The goal of this unit is to provide students with accurate and age-appropriate information about the physical, emotional, and social changes that occur during puberty. We believe that open and honest discussions about this topic will help students develop a positive understanding of their bodies and prepare them for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the puberty education unit, please contact their teacher directly to discuss alternative arrangements. This program has already commenced.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely

Taliaina Itamura

OUT OF SCHOOL STUDENT SUCCESSES

We like to celebrate our student's achievements, even if it is an out of school activity. Let us know and/or email a photo so we can acknowledge how awesome they are.

Our senior students had an exciting morning at Huntly Power Station yesterday. Well organised activities and a guided tour was very informative about the operation & management of this local facility.

Many thanks to Genesis for giving our students the opportunity to attend.



Parents coming into the school grounds to collect students after school:

Please be mindful that classes operate until 2.45 pm.

Disruption is often caused in class when we have whaanau arriving from 2.15 pm and students wanting to greet them. Our covered area is a perfect place to wait for the bell & student pick ups.

School Assembly – Friday 9.10 am
Student Learning Achievements

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - THE LITTLE MONSTER

Students to be at school by 5 pm both evening.

Tuesday 11.30 a.m. - pre-schoolers & guests (gold coin)

Wednesday 6th & Thursday 7th November doors open at 5.30 pm show starts

promptly at 6 p.m. VIP seats - 1st 2 rows \$10, Open seats \$5

No door sales - Tickets are available from the school office - See Page 4 for more details

SUMMER UNIFORM



**Term 4 & Term 1 our student are to wear the summer uniform
School Shorts, Polo-shirt, **Sun hat** and our School jersey if required.**

Please do not send your children in long pants, legging, or thick jackets. They will get overheated as the days heat up. Having a water bottle to refill is also needed.



Juicies for sale \$2 each.

Students will order & pay from their class. School leaders will deliver to their classrooms at lunch break

ATTENDANCE

Please advise the school by 9.30 am if your child/children will not be coming to school on any given day, stating the reason for their absence. Our school systems are set to send parents/caregivers a text enquiry if not advised.

LATENESS

A large number of students are arriving at school after 9 am, the start of our school day. This disrupts the classes and the students miss a vital part of their learning day.

SCHOOL TIMES - 9 am to 2.45 pm

Preparing for 2025

If your children will not be attending Huntly Primary next year, apart from Year 8 leaving students, it would be extremely helpful for us to be aware of this for 2025 class placements. Please advise the school office.

TERM DATES

**Term 4 – Monday 14th October 9 am – Tuesday 17th December
2025 – Term 1 – February 3rd**

NEXT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – MONDAY 19TH November @ 6 pm

Huntly Primary Presents
PRODUCTION

THE LITTLE MONSTER

Wednesday 6 November

Thursday 7 November

6pm

(students at school by 5pm)

\$5 per ticket \$10 for front row seats (limited numbers)
all money raised goes to production costs

Kia ora e te whaanau,

We are excited to announce our School Production - **The Little Monster** is taking place on **Wednesday, November 6, and Thursday, November 7**. Please ensure your child arrives at school no later than **5:00 p.m. on both days** to prepare for their performance. Students will meet their teachers in their classrooms to change and then go to the holding rooms to wait. They will remain with their teachers until it's time to go on stage. The production begins promptly at **6:00 p.m** and doors will be open from **5.30 pm**. Please note the doors will close at **5.55pm** and will not open again until the mid-break in the show so please arrive on time.

Tickets are available from the office for \$5 per person, with a limited number of front-row seats priced at \$10. Please note, front-row seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and may involve some interaction with the performance—be prepared for the possibility of getting a little wet! Please note ticket sales close on **Friday 1 November** if not sold sooner. Strictly **NO DOOR SALES!**

To ensure our performers can focus, we kindly ask that **only children aged 5 and above** attend the evening shows. **No Pre-schoolers**. For families with younger children, we will hold a special matinee performance on **Tuesday, November 5, at 11:30 a.m.** This performance is especially for under 5-year-olds, and we are asking for a gold coin koha for entry. We will also be inviting local Huntly ECE centers and nearby primary schools to attend and enjoy the show. We kindly ask that **no** phones or cameras are used during the show. A full video of the production will be made available for purchase before the end of the term.

Please note, our lead actors will need to arrive at school by 4:00 p.m. for the evening performances. After the evening shows, **please collect your child at 7:30 p.m.** from their classroom. **If you are not attending the show** and would like to pick your child up after their item, please communicate with your child's teacher to arrange to collect your child from the holding room and sign out.

We look forward to seeing you all at the performance and thank you for your support.

Nga mihi

Anna Kisiona

Assistant Principal, Huntly Primary School