



Kia ora e te whaanau,

As we move through the term, it's wonderful to see our students engaged in a range of exciting learning opportunities that support their personal growth and development. At Huntly Primary, we are committed to providing experiences that nurture not just academic success, but also resilience, creativity, and a strong sense of community.

Each week, all of our students take part in the Kiwi Can programme, which helps build positive relationships, leadership skills, and confidence. It's fantastic to see our tamariki embracing the values and lessons taught in these sessions, and we appreciate the enthusiasm they bring to each challenge and activity.

For our senior students, we are proud to offer a music and arts programme led by the talented Valentine Venimore. This initiative allows our students to explore their creativity, develop new skills, and express themselves through music, drama, and visual arts. Seeing their passion and talent shine through has been a highlight for us all.

Our Kapa Haka group, under the guidance of Ivan Marino, continues to grow in strength and confidence. Their dedication to tikanga and waiata is inspiring, and we are grateful for the leadership and expertise Ivan brings to this important part of our school culture. We look forward to seeing them perform with pride throughout the year.

School Swimming Sports – Friday 7 March

Next week on Friday 7 March, we have our School Swimming Sports, and we would love to see whaanau coming along to support their children. This is a great opportunity for our students to demonstrate their water confidence and skills while having fun with their classmates.

The Importance of Attendance and Being On Time

We want to remind whānau about the importance of arriving at school on time and staying for the full school day. When students arrive late or leave early, they miss important learning time, which can affect their progress. Every minute at school counts!

Regular attendance is a key factor in student success. When children attend school every day, they build strong learning habits, friendships, and confidence in their abilities. If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please make sure you notify the office. Let's work together to ensure our tamariki get the best out of their education.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to create the best opportunities for our tamariki.

Ngaa mihi,
Justine Brock - Principal



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day

Attendance has been identified as one of the greatest influences on students' achievement, engagement and well being.

This table from the MoE represents the impact of non-attendance during your child's time at school.

1 or 2 Days a week doesn't seem like much but

| If your child misses ... | Over their 13 years of schooling, that's ... |
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| 1 day every 2 weeks | Nearly 1½ years |
| 1 day per week | Over 2½ years missed |
| 2 days per week | Over 5 years of school missed |
| 3 days per week | Nearly 8 years of schooling missed. |

Our key message is: Unless your child is unwell, they should be at school every day.



SUMMER UNIFORM

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

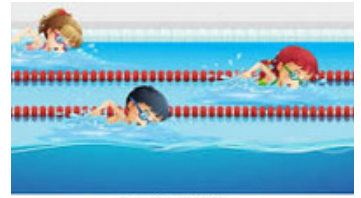
Please do not send your children in long pants, legging, or jackets. They will get overheated. Have a water bottle to refill.

REMINDER

If using the back gate during school hours
PLEASE remember to close it behind you. These were installed
to protect our students & keep them safe within our school
grounds.



HPS SWIMMING SPORTS
HUNTLY AQUATIC CENTRE
FRIDAY 7TH MARCH
9.30AM - 12.30PM
WHAANAU WELCOME TO ATTEND



SCHOOL ZOO TRIPS
TUESDAY - 25TH MARCH - MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL
THURSDAY - 27TH MARCH - JUNIOR SCHOOL
FURTHER INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



**ALL STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED OUT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
BEFORE BEING CALLED FROM CLASS & LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**PLEASE ADVISE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOUR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE ATTENDING SCHOOL
STATING THE REASON.**

TERM DATES 2025

Term 1 - February 3rd - April 11th
(Easter & ANZAC Day are in the term break)
Term 2 - April 28th - June 27th

OPEN DAY @ WAIKATO DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Friday 21st March 2025

Day School 10am-12pm / Boarding School 2pm-4pm

Register your attendance at www.waikatodiocesan.school.nz

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Sport Waikato will soon be circulating an online survey for students at Huntly Primary School. The following information will explain how and why we are conducting this survey.

Why are we surveying tamariki (children in yr 3-8)?

Tamariki are important to us, and experiences in early years can inspire or discourage a life-long involvement in physical activity. We want to ensure that tamariki have great play, active recreation and sport experiences at school and the more we know about them as a group (e.g. the things they like doing, and the things they don't), the better placed we are to provide opportunities and experiences that meet their needs, ultimately supporting a lifelong love of being active. Tamariki need their voice to be heard - we need to be making decisions that are informed by the audience who we are looking to cater for.

Why will the survey be in schools?

We find that the school is the best place to reach our region's tamariki as schools are often able to set aside time to go through surveys with all the tamariki, and it is important to understand their experiences in a school setting since they spend so much time there. We want to find out what more can be done to support schools and teachers, and link schools to sport and recreation organisations in their communities.

Do schools have a say in how and when the survey is administered?

Yes. The survey is completed in partnership with the school, circulated to students by the school and is completed online. It is up to the school as to when and where the survey is completed. The survey is being set up so it is easy for schools and students to take part at a time which is convenient for them.

Data Protection

Students will have their say but the survey is anonymous and therefore students will not be identifiable. Any comments the student make in their response will be included anonymously in reports available to the school, to Sport Waikato and to Sport NZ.

Information may be grouped together to provide findings that may be shared online, to sporting organisations or Councils, as well as Sport New Zealand, to assist in providing the best physical activity experience(s) for those working with young people.

Students will have their say but they will not be identifiable on an individual level. Anonymised results may be uploaded into third party software to carry out further analysis.

Participation in the survey is completely voluntary. As part of an informed consent process, your child will have the ability to choose to not take part when the survey is distributed at school and you have the opportunity to opt your child out of this process as their parent. If for any reason you do not want your child to participate in the survey you are welcome to communicate this with us or the school. To opt your child out of this survey please email Erin Drayson erind@sportwaikato.org.nz from Sport Waikato.

Many thanks

Erin Drayson
Sport Waikato

