

Huntly Primary School

Knowledge is Power - Matauranga Maramatanga

Newsletter

Date: 19 September 2025

Term 3: Week 10

School Roll:183

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Nau mai, haere mai ki te wiki o te reo Maaori! Welcome to Maaori Language Week!

Our final newsletter for what has been a fantastic and busy Term 3

This term has been a special one, with a focus on our local history and. the richness of Kingitanga. Our students have engaged deeply with their learning, and we've been so proud to see their curiosity and understanding grow. A huge highlight was having our senior students represent our school at Koroneihana—a truly memorable and educational experience for them all.

We want to give a special congratulations to all the students who maintained excellent attendance throughout the term and dedicated themselves to their learning. Your hard work and commitment have been wonderful to see.

To all our aakonga, we wish you a safe and restful holiday break. We hope you get to enjoy some well-deserved rest, spend time with your whaanau, and maybe even lend a hand with chores around the house!

We look forward to seeing you all back, refreshed and ready for Term 4, on

Monday, October 6th.

Ngaa mihi nui, Justine Brock - Principal

As we move into Term 4, a friendly reminder that all students are required to wear a hat while outdoors. This helps keep everyone protected in the warmer months. Please ensure your child has a hat at school each day. Together we can keep our tamariki sun safe.

TERM 4 EVENTS

Week I - Mobile Dental Clinic arrives in school.

Week 2 - Rangiriri Trip (17 Oct) Rms 7,8,11,13

Week 4 - Labour Day (27 Oct)
Colour Fun Run (31 Oct)

Week 5 - School Athletics Day

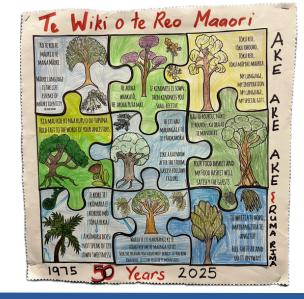
Week 7 - Inter school Athletics

TERM DATES

<u>Term 3 ends</u> 19th September **Term 4 starts**

6th October <u>Term 4 ends</u>

15th December













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

Term 3 PB4L value **Wairua Pai** -Having a good spirit

Be a Role Model for Positive Choices

Stand up against unkind behaviour. Apologize and make things right if you've made a mistake.

Stay calm and show resilience in challenging situations.

Last Friday, our kura had the privilege of attending Kuini Nga wai hono i te po very first Koroneihana. It was a truly historic 0 event, with a packed-out crowd gathering R to celebrate this new chapter in the Kingitanga. We were proud to take four 0 classrooms along, building on the ambition we set last year when we only managed two van loads. This year, with two full Ε buses, our kura made a strong statement that we are continuing to stamp our stake as a key school in our area, showing our commitment to honouring and being part of this movement. For our students, this was more than just a trip; it was an opportunity to experience a moment in history, one they will carry with them throughout their lives.













We're holding the School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year!

The event will be held on Friday 31 October.

The sponsorship forms will be sent home with your child. Once you have the form, you should sign up for a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.co.nz. You'll be able to access online fundraising and can win a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

We will have some fun events in the build up to the event such as 'Slime a Teacher'. If you have any questions about the Crazy Colour Day please contact the School Fun Run Office on 1800 FUN RUN.

School contact for this event is Whaea Keri in Room 2 <u>kerid@huntlyprimary.school.nz</u> Thanks for supporting the school.

FROM THE ENRICHMENT CLASS

In Week 8, we've been getting our hands dirty and our hair shiny! The students worked together to create an all-natural aloe vera hair conditioner. It was a great lesson in teamwork and patience.

The students are becoming quite skilled at preparing the aloe vera-from carefully cutting the leaves to scooping out the gel.





It's a fantastic sensory experience and a practical application of our science and life skills lessons.

While we successfully made one jar of conditioner as a group, we quickly realised that 10 students and one jar just doesn't quite work! Next week, the students are excited to try making their own individual containers so everyone can take home their handmade creation. I've asked them to check with their parents/caregiver first before using it, just to be safe. The content of the hair conditioner is fresh Aloe Vera leaf and a few drops of essential oil -Lavender Oil. The students are excited that they each get to take home their personal hair conditioner. - Taliaina Itamura





Driving Out Parvo

in Raahui Pookeka

Protect your dog with a FREE parvo vaccination and microchip!

Parvo is a highly contagious and potentially deadly virus that is expensive to treat. The best way to protect your pup is through vaccination.

- · All dogs and puppies over the age of 6 weeks are welcome.
- · No booking needed.
- . Bring proof of address (you must live in the Waikato District Council area).
- Dogs cannot be sick or pregnant.
- All dogs must be on a lead, and may also need a muzzle.

Enjoy a free barbecue, dog product samples, freebies, and exclusive discounts on the day.

10am - 2pm Saturday 20 September

Where

Te Whare Awhi 14 Fraser Street, Huntly



Contact Us

info@waidc.govt.nz waikatodistrict.govt.nz







HOLIDAY HYGIENE

Keep your kids healthy these holidays and be ready to head back into Term 4.

Hand Washing

Washing your hands is one of the easiest ways to stop germs from spreading and to keep everyone healthy. It removes germs picked up from people, animals, and things you touch. Show your children how to wash and dry their hands properly to help keep them well.

When to wash your hands:

- · Before and after eating or handling food
- After being in public places (like buses or shops)
- · After touching animals
- After coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose
- After handling rubbish or money
- · After using the toilet or helping children use it
- · Whenever your hands look or feel dirty

How to wash your hands properly:

- 1. Wet hands with running water.
- 2. Apply enough soap to cover wet hands.
- 3. Scrub all surfaces of the hands including the back of hands, between fingers and under nails for at least 20 seconds.
- 4. Rinse hands with running water.
- 5. Dry hands thoroughly.

If using sanitiser: rub it into your hands for at least 20 seconds to ensure full coverage

If you have any queries or concerns please contact your Public Health Nurse.

Carole Pedersen - Public Health Nurse 021 273 1579

Head lice

Head lice are very common and can happen to anyone. They are not a sign of

being dirty. While we can't stop head lice from spreading, we can stop them from staying around. Parents and caregivers can help by checking and treating their children's hair regularly.

The best way to check is by wet combing, which should be done at least once a week. If you find live lice on one person, everyone in the household should be checked and treated if needed.

Recommendations:

- 1) Daily brushing of child's hair at bedtime
- 2) Weekly check of child's hair condition hair and while damp comb through with a fine nit comb. Clean the comb between each stroke.



Treatment Options:

- 1) Wet comb using conditioner every 2-3 days for approx. 2 weeks until no further lice are found.
- 2) Insecticidal shampoo which can be purchased from your local chemist ensure you follow directions carefully
- 3) Dimethicone lotion which is effective to treat head lice it is not an insecticide and can be prescribed by your doctor. If your child is under 14 they are free at the GP providing you are registered at that practice

Continue to treat hair until you break the lice cycle and no further live lice are found.



A Term of Technological Triumphs

What a fantastic term it has been for our students in the technology rooms!

Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and it has been a joy to watch them learn and grow.

One half of the class immersed themselves in the world of robotics and coding with Whaea Shayle. Using LEGO Education Spike Prime, they learned how to code and construct intricate models, bringing their designs to life. The students did a wonderful job presenting their creations to the class, showcasing their incredible learning journey throughout the term.

Their presentations were a testament to their creativity and problem-solving skills.

Meanwhile, in the workshop, our students have been busy crafting their original designs for keyring holders. It was an exciting term as they had the opportunity to use the scroll saws and the belt sander for the very first time. Some students were a little nervous at the start, which is completely normal, but it was amazing to see how quickly they built their confidence. By the end, many became true experts, navigating the machinery with skill and precision.

We are so proud of all our students for their incredible efforts and the impressive projects they've completed. Keep an eye out for more of their amazing work in the future!

Taliaina Itamura **Technology Leader.**









SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES PANUL

Term 3, 2025

Teenaa Koutou katoa,

School term is coming to an end, we have had a few events held over this period.

Haakinakina(Sport)

School Cross Country was an awesome day, with the weather being sunny and warm. Aakonga (students) performed well for their respective houses. A fantastic turnout by whaanau, who also showed their colours and support for their child(ren) as they participated. Thanks to our teachers for running the day and school board members who helped out with the barbecue.

Interschool Cross Country

A team was selected to attend Interschool Cross Country held in Te Kauwhata. Our new school sports uniforms were worn for the first time. Our team showed determination and commitment in their given races. Khayla Guthrie came third in the Senior Girls race. Extremely awesome effort Khayla.

Koroneihana

Te Arikinui Kuiini Ngaa wai hono i te poo hosted Te lwi Maaori and guests in Ngaaruawaahia for the annual event. Huntly Primary School sent 2 buses this year. It is our second year attending. Aakonga got to see first-hand the enormous effort to celebrate the occasion.

Acknowledgement

This term we have had a lot of maauiui (sickness) in the school. Mainly due to some nasty bugs, winter illnesses and weather conditions. At times this can be unsettling for aakonga and teachers (kaiako) in maintaining daily routines.

Election

Huntly Primary School Board will like to welcome Mike Ross our new parent representative and Daniel McAuley our new staff representative to our board. Our returning parent representatives are Amber Wickens, Alyssa Harper, Shannon Hartis and Amos Ngaia.

We did not require an election as we had the same number of nominees as positions available.

E te whaanau have a well-deserved break. Be safe, stay warm and enjoy the time with whaanau creating memories.

Ngaa mihi

Amos Ngaia Presiding Member