



Huntly Primary School

Knowledge is Power – Matauranga Maramatanga

Newsletter

Date: 22 October 2025

Term 4: Week 3

School Roll: 189

Term 4 is moving quickly, and the end of the year is fast approaching! There's still plenty happening across the school with lots of learning, events, and celebrations to look forward to before we wrap up another great year.

This term we are introducing a new way of reporting your child's progress in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Instead of using traditional year-level grades, reports will now show whether your child is progressing towards, meeting, or exceeding the expected curriculum outcomes for their year level.

This updated approach aligns with changes to the New Zealand Curriculum and is designed to give a clearer picture of how our learners are growing and achieving over time. Teachers will also include comments about each child's strengths, next learning steps, and suggestions for how whānau can support learning at home.

We're excited about this shift and look forward to sharing your child's progress with you at the end of the term as we continue to celebrate the successes and growth of every learner in our school community.

As the warmer weather returns, we'd like to remind all students that school hats must be worn when outside during Term 4. This includes playtime, lunchtime, and outdoor activities. Our "No Hat, No Play" rule helps keep everyone sun safe. Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named and brought to school each day.

Ngā mihi nui,

Chase Kisiona – Deputy Principal

TERM 4 EVENTS



Week 3 – **Teacher Strike Action (23 Oct)**
SCHOOL CLOSED

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

Week 5 – School Athletics Day
– Year 8 student function (5 Nov)
(PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Week 7 – Life Education
Inter school Athletics

Week 8 – Life Education
Board of Trustee Meeting (24 Nov)
School Prizegiving (26 Nov)

Week 10 – Board of Trustee Meeting (9 Dec)

Week 11 – Last Day of School (15 Dec)

SCHOOL CLOSED THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER

Teachers, admin staff and teacher aides/support staff who are part of the NZEI union will be participating in a mass strike on **Thursday 23rd of October**.

This closure is necessary because most of our staff—including teachers, administration, and teacher aides—are part of the NZEI union and have collectively voted to strike.

You **must** arrange alternative care for your child for the full day on **Thursday, October 23rd**. The school will not be open for supervision.



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

Term 3 PB4L value
Excellence

We encourage families to reinforce the value of **Excellence** by praising the process, not just the result. When your child tries hard and improves, you're helping them build the PB4L skill of resilience and the confidence to always do their personal best.



2025 DUFFY Summer Reading \$5 Parent Offer

Attached to this newsletter is a copy off the Duffy Books in Homes \$5 Parent Offer. Please return to school with cash if you want to take advantage of this great offer. Cash or Eftpos at the office.



CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER



It has been great having the team of friendly dental therapists in school. If your child brings home a form to be signed please action and return it to the blue basket at the office desk.

Huntly Primary School Colour Fun Run

Sign Up Now!

https://app.schoolfundraising.co.nz/users/sign_up

Just 2 weeks to go!

Number of students registered - **42**

Total fundraising so far **\$645.00**

Please share the link to families and friends so they can sponsor your child!



The event will be held in Week 4 (next week) on Friday 31 October 2025!

Lunch will start at 12:15 pm and you are welcome to join us for lunch.

At 1pm we will get started.

Students will run around the course navigating different obstacles and joining in the tug-o-war.

We have had some fun in the build up to the day with 2 Slime the Teacher Events, students who have signed up have received Juicies and treats as well as collecting points for their house!

We would love some parent help on the day to help set up the course and support our tamariki. Let your child's class teacher know if you can help.

On the day children will need to bring:

- old clothes to run in (many people like to wear a white shirt so they can see the colours that will be thrown)
- water bottle
- sunscreen
- a towel (there will be water)
- a hat
- footwear they can run in (or barefeet)

Fingers crossed for a sunny day!



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!



**Save your
Teddy**

What an incredible Save Your Teddy Day 2025!

Over 17,000 tamariki and their teddies took part in Save Your Teddy Day 2025 (also Restart a Heart Day) on 16 October, a day to promote CPR awareness.



***It only takes two hands
to save a life!***



SLIME the teachers

Brave teachers helping to promote the Colour Run endured a slimy surprise. Whaea Keri, Whaea Mere, Matua Will and Mrs Kisiona have all been such great sports.





Last week classes took part in Shake Out 2025. At 9.30am we tuned in to a recorded message over the PA system and practiced what to do in an earthquake - Drop, Cover and Hold. Room 4 shared some photos of their class finding a safe place to cover and hold.

DROP, COVER AND HOLD

for 30–60 seconds:

- **DROP** down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.
- **COVER** your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you). If there is no shelter nearby, cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.
- **HOLD** on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.



WHEN AN EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS

