



# Huntly Primary School

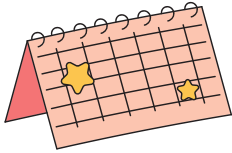
Knowledge is Power – Matauranga Maramatanga

## Newsletter

Date: 6 August 2025

Term 3: Week 4

School Roll: 188



### **TERM 3 EVENTS**

#### **Week 5**

15 Aug – Cross Country

#### **Week 6**

20 Aug – Rangiriri Trip (Yr 5 – 8)

22 Aug – Cross Country  
postponement day (if needed)

#### **Week 7**

29 Aug – Duffy Theatre Show

29 Aug – Inter School Cross Country

#### **Week 8**

2 Sept – Duffy Role Model Assembly

3 Sept – Inter School Cross Country  
postponement day (if needed)

5 Sept – Koroneihana Trip (Yr 5–8)

#### **Week 9**

Maaori Language Week

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome to Week 4! It's been a busy and positive start to the term, and we're excited about the learning and events still to come.

This term we have our School Cross Country coming up. Students will be showing their house pride by dressing in their fun house colours and taking part in this exciting run. We're looking forward to seeing the determination, encouragement and house spirit that this event will inspire across the school.

For our Year 5–8 students, we have some fantastic learning trips planned. First, we'll be heading to the Rangiriri trenches to explore an important part of our local Waikato history, deepening our understanding of the past and the stories of our whenua. Following this, students will attend the Koroneihana celebrations, a special opportunity to experience tikanga Maaori in action and connect with the rich cultural heritage of our community. These experiences will provide meaningful, hands-on learning that supports our curriculum and grows our students' understanding of identity and place.

Each Monday, our kura gathers for a PB4L assembly, where this term we are focusing on the value of Wairua Pai – having a positive spirit. It has been wonderful to see students showing bravery, kindness, and respectful behaviour in all areas of school life. Our Friday award assemblies are held every second week on odd weeks, and our school newsletter comes out on even weeks, helping keep whaanau informed and connected.

A friendly reminder that we have updated our student early sign-out procedures. For the safety of our tamariki, only those listed as authorised will be allowed to collect your child during school hours. If your circumstances change or you haven't yet updated your authorised contacts, please get in touch with the office.

Finally, a message about the importance of regular attendance:

Attending school every day, all day gives your child the best chance to succeed. Did you know:

Missing just 1 day every 2 weeks adds up to 20 full school days across a year – that's 4 weeks of lost learning.

Being 10 minutes late each day adds up to over 6 hours of missed learning every term.

Ngaa mihi nui,

Justine Brock

Tumuaki | Principal



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**

**Ways to demonstrate Wairua Pai by encouraging and uplifting others throughout the school**  
Celebrate others' successes, big or small. ~ Give compliments and positive feedback ~ speak with kindness

Kia ora Parents, whanau and caregivers

We've noticed an increase in students bringing fizzy drinks, energy drinks, and lollies as part of their school lunches. These items are high in sugar and can impact focus, behaviour, and overall health. We kindly ask parents and caregivers to support us by providing healthy lunch options that will help our tamariki stay energised and ready to learn throughout the day. Water is the best choice for hydration, and nutritious snacks such as fruit, yoghurt, and sandwiches help keep students fuelled for learning.

Thank you for working with us to promote healthy habits and a positive learning environment at our kura.



## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY DAY

Date: Friday 15 August (saver date 22 August, week 6)

Time: 11:30 - 1:00pm

Following the event there will be a complimentary Sausage Sizzle for whaanau



Students and teachers wearing  
your house colours will earn  
extra house points

kikorangi

kakariki

kowhai

whero

KidsCan - the dynamic  
team of Jarrod and  
Terry leading our Friday  
assembly

**KidsCan**



### SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you still require your Photolife codes please contact the office. You can use your code to view then order directly, class and individual photos from Photolife <https://photolife.co.nz/>

### Enrichment Class

I'm excited to announce the start of a new Enrichment Class for our Year 7 and 8 students, focussing on the world of Te Rongoaa Maaori. Through this class, our students will learn to describe what Te Rongoaa Maaori means and why it's so important. They'll explore the significance of different native plants, understand the principles of healing, and appreciate of healing, and the deep cultural roots of these practices. We look forward to sharing our students' journey of discovery in this unique and enriching class.

If you have knowledge in this area and would like to share it with our tamariki, please contact me through the school office, and I will be in touch.

**Taliaina Itamura**



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**Tic-tac-Toe**

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