



Huntly Primary School

Knowledge is Power – Matauranga Maramatanga

Newsletter

Date: 2025

Term 4: Week 5

School Roll: 191

Kia ora e te whaanau,

As we move further into the term, it's been fantastic to see our classrooms full of energy, creativity, and learning. Our tamariki are showing perseverance, ownership, excellence, wairua pai, and respect in all areas of school life – values that continue to shine through in their work and relationships.

A huge thank you to our teachers and parent helpers for their amazing support with last week's Fun Run – it was a huge success! A special thanks to Whaea Keri for organising the day. Our tamariki absolutely loved the day, and it was wonderful to see so many smiles, teamwork, and school spirit on display. We can't wait for the next one!

A friendly reminder that getting our tamariki to school every day really does make a big difference. Consistent attendance helps build strong learning habits, strengthens friendships, and ensures your child doesn't miss out on the great things happening in class. We understand that some absences are unavoidable, but every day counts toward your child's success.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership – together, we're helping our learners finish the year strong.

Ngaa mihi nui,

Chase Kisiona – Acting Principal

TERM 4 EVENTS



Week 5 – Junior Tabloid Rm 2-5 (7 Nov)

– Year 8 student function (5 Nov)

Week 6 – School Athletics Rm 6 – 12 (13 Nov)

Week 7 – Life Education

Inter school Athletics (28 Nov)

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)



We are proud to celebrate Ava-Leigh Uerata-Cotter for receiving the Graham Dingle Young Leaders Stars Teina Award for Excellence in Leadership.

Ava was nominated by Mr Kisiona and Kiwican Leader Matua Terry, alongside other outstanding candidates from a number of schools.

Ava has shown exceptional leadership across our school as a student leader and a Stars Teina mentor, Ka mau te wehi, Ava! We are all very proud of your achievement.



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

**Term 3 PB4L value
Excellence**

Excellence shows up every day when students take whakamana (pride/honour) in their work and behaviour.

Encourage your child to show the same level of pride in their contributions at home!



2025 DUFFY Summer Reading \$5 Parent Offer

To take advantage of the Duffy Books in Homes \$5 Parent Offer. Please return the order form with Cash or Eftpos to 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.

ATHLETICS DAY (ROOMS 6 -12)



Date: Thursday 13 November

Time: 9:15am karakia and straight in to events

Dress code: Students wear house colours. A flyer will go home with students next week to remind them of their house colour. They can wear house colours to school. House points for parents that dress up too. Points for best dressed.

Reminders: students need a hat, any colour will do, a water bottle named, and sunblock available at school.



What a wonderful time we had on Friday afternoon the kids, teachers and parents all had a ball!

Thank you to the students, teachers and parents who helped set up the course, threw the colour at the kids, held the tackle bags and squirted them as they ran round the course.

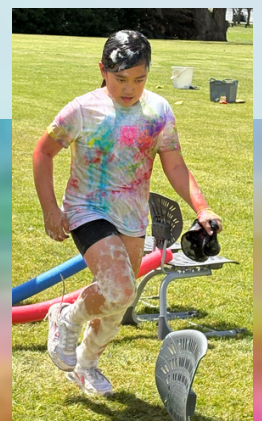
A special thanks to the **Huntly Fire Brigade** for the foam and the water, it was so much fun. **Huntly South Rugby League Club** for lending us the tackle bags.

Ricki from **Huntly Tyres and Mechanical** for the tyres.

Thank you whaanau for supporting our school with donations coming to watch and joining in the fun. You are amazing!

If you raised some money for the fun run you can now order your prizes. These can be ordered until the 14 November.

Donations can also be accepted up until the 14 November.





Rangiriri Pā

Can I tell you about Rangiriri Pā?

It all started on a Friday when we all came to class at 9:00 am with our bags on and covered shoes.

Rooms 7, 8, and 9 from Huntly Primary Middles all gathered as one. When the big and small Rangiriri Pā tour buses arrived, we happily and curiously hopped on the bus with our partners. Thirty minutes passed, and it was 9:30 am. We had arrived at our destination: Rangiriri Pā.

With curious thoughts in my head, it was time for me and my partner, Addy, to hop off the Rangiriri Pā tour bus. We met Whaea and Matua, who made us go into six lines and try the musket. In my opinion, I thought it was heavy but also light. It was fun to try something new. Next, Matua showed us the lake where the mothers and babies still lay. It was sad to hear that the kids and mums died there. Once we were done, we went back on our tour bus to the Peace Garden with the seven Matariki carvings. We had ten seconds to hide somewhere to experience what it was like hiding in there.

Jessica - Yr 5 (Room 8)



Our Year 8 Students had a great time visiting Huntly College. They completed entry exams, participated in a fun and engaging scavenger hunt to tour the school grounds, and were spoiled with a lovely lunch. Thank you to Whaea Charmaine, and Matua Gerard for organising our trip.



Junior Tabloid Sports

Friday 7 November 11:30-12:30

Come and join us in the junior area as we move around the different activities. Whaanau are welcome to stay and have lunch afterwards.

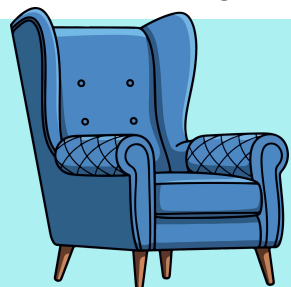
To bring:

- suitable clothes to run and jump in please wear uniform to school they can change at morning tea.
- water bottle
- hats
- sunscreen and any medication required.

We are looking forward to seeing you and appreciate your support.

The Junior Team Teachers

**THANK YOU TO THE TEAM FROM
RED CROSS HUNTLY FOR THE FIRST
AID KITS YOU HAVE DONATED TO
THE SCHOOL. WE LOVE OUR
COMMUNITY SUPPORT HERE AT
HUNTLY PRIMARY.**



WANTED

We are after a lovely
wingback storytelling chair
for the school library.

If you know of someone in the community that has one that would be willing to donate to the school please send a message to reception@huntlyprimary.school.nz or speak to Sandie at the office.

STUDENT WRITING - Room 8

Interestingly, back in 2020 3 fast boys named: Piru, Zildjan and Nation went on an interesting hike in the hiking area they found. September 21st is the date agreed on to go. "2 more days" said Piru at school.

"Today is the day" Nation replied with "OK", let's meet at mine and they will head off and to go to explore. Zildjan got there before Piru which is surprising, but who cares. When Piru got to mine, we set off on our amazing adventure. By the time we got to our hiking spot back, our beautiful weather turned into pouring rain and lightning. "NOOOO!" I said getting half way on the hill. After I said that I heard boom!! As I looked behind me I saw Zildjan on the ground. Piru got so scared and dropped onto Zildjan. When he fell I heard Zildjan scream, "Ouch, bro, get off me!" I bursted out laughing carrying them back in my fancy blue and white car. **Nation - Yr 6. (Room 8)**

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HUNTLY COLLEGE

2026 ENROLMENTS

Important Dates

2026 Enrolment Interviews
Term 4 Week 7 & Week 8

From 2:30pm - 5pm
Tuesday 18 Nov - Thursday 20 Nov
Tuesday 25 Nov - Thursday 27 Nov

Contact our school office at admin@huntlycollege.school.nz,
phone 07 828 7152, or come in and see us for more details.

Can I tell you about my Friday?

I woke up out of my bed. I realised it was a Friday. We were going to Rangiriri. As I got up, I got dressed into my beautiful blue and yellow uniform from Huntly Primary and made my delicious breakfast. I screamed, "Mum, we have our trip!" As I finished, I brushed my teeth, I did my hair, and we were on the road in no time, heading for school. As we got sorted with our partners, we all left at 9:30 am.

As we arrived, we spotted the replicas of the trenches and muskets. Huntly Primary were to get off our tour buses, and we were met with Matua Hamz. He was our guide for today. We got into a line of six to hold the big, heavy, realistic muskets. When I got my turn, I realised how perfect it looked to a real musket.

Matua Hamz took us to the big peace garden. I noticed the big seven carvings; they represented the Matariki stars and how big the trenches were. We played Hide and Seek and Red light, green light in the real trenches. We all got back in the bus and drove to the replica trench walls. All of us ate our lunch, and we played a game with the pool noodles with our partners. We packed up our pool noodles and went into the replica trenches. The boys went into certain defence pockets on the other side. As we finished playing around in the pockets, we arrived at the ladders. There was a short ladder replicating the first attempt of the ladders the British made, and then there was a second attempt of the ladder that was just right!

We all moved out to the puku. The puku was a place where your grandparents would be taking care and feeding your baby siblings. We got to go inside the puku; it was dark and a warm place to be. We moved on to the long walkway where it went back in the war where we be running to. It lead out into the lake where the children and parents lay. As we got to a certain point, we were met with Rakaumanga, who performed a beautiful haka. It gave us all goosebumps. We moved onto the watch tower where we took a group photo of us all doing a mana wave. We will keep that moment in all of our hearts.

Addalyn - Yr 5 (Room 8)

