



# Huntly Primary School

Knowledge is Power – Matauranga Maramatanga

## Newsletter

Date: 20 August 2025

Term 3: Week 6

School Roll: 188

Kia ora e te whaanau,

What an awesome day we had on Friday 15 August with our House Challenge and Cross Country! It was fantastic to see everyone out in their house colours, cheering loudly and giving it their best effort.

A special thank you to all our whaanau who came along to support – it really makes the day extra special. We especially loved the creativity from some of our parents who dressed up to support their houses – ka mau te wehi! You'll see lots of photos from the day included in this newsletter.

Unfortunately, we've had to postpone our planned trip to Rangiriri for our Year 5–8 students. With many of our staff and students unwell, we made the call to delay so that everyone can fully enjoy this special learning experience. We are working on setting a new date soon, as this is a trip we are all really looking forward to.

At the moment, we know that colds and flu are making the rounds. Please remember to keep tamariki at home if they are unwell, encourage lots of handwashing, rest, and fluids, and seek medical advice if symptoms become more serious. Keeping everyone well means we can enjoy more of our school events together.

We are also excited to be preparing for our upcoming Koroneihana trip for Years 5–8. This will be another amazing opportunity for our tamariki to connect with culture, history, and community.

Ngaa mihi nui,  
**Justine Brock - Principal**



*Kia ora whaanau,  
Just a friendly reminder that all students must hand their phones in at the office when they arrive at school each morning. This helps us keep our classrooms focused and free from distractions. Phones can be collected at the end of the school day.*

*Ngaa mihi for your support in keeping our school a great place to learn*  
**Matua Chase - Deputy Principal**



### TERM 3 EVENTS

#### Week 7

25 - Aug Firewise  
(Junior School)

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

### From the Office:

Thank you to all those parents/ guardians who have notified us that your child/children are absent from school on the day your student is away. A quick phone call, email, or even easier using Skool Loop to let us know.

*Thank you*



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 practicing Whanaungatanga (Positive Relationships)**

*Be inclusive—invite others to join in activities or conversations ~ Help new students feel welcome.*

*Show empathy and listen when someone needs support.*



The Public Health Nurses will be at school this term to provide dose 2 of the HPV immunisation for the Year 8 students who parents/caregivers consented earlier in the year. If your child is absent there will be a catch up planned within 3 weeks. If parents have any queries or changes contact the Public Health Nurse directly:  
Carole Pedersen Ph 021 273 1579  
[Carole.pedersen@waikatodhb.health.nz](mailto:Carole.pedersen@waikatodhb.health.nz)

Apologies for the error in the last newsletter. The amazing team from **Kiwi Can** Terry and Jarrod who also supported us at Cross Country.

Check out more about Kiwi Can at <https://dinglefoundation.org.nz/kiwi-can/>



## FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*During the Cross Country parents took the opportunity to respond with Post It notes on the boards to our key questions. Some wanted time to think about these and get back to the school.*

*Either respond by jotting your ideas on paper, scan the QR code or email [reception@huntlyprimary.school.nz](mailto:reception@huntlyprimary.school.nz).*



In three words, how would you describe our school?

What do you value most about our school right now?

What kind of future do you hope this school will provide for our community?

What's one thing you'd like to see improved or strengthened?

How can we work together to make our school the best it can be for all tamariki?

# 2025 School Cross Country







## HOUSE COMPETITION

**1st Kikorangi**  
**2nd Whero**  
**3rd Kakariki**  
**4th Kowhai**



### Girls

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**5 - 6 yrs**

**Oshae**

**Evie**

**Korvina**

**7 yrs**

**Esme**

**Lucy-Jane**

**Gwen**

**8-9 yrs**

**Tyhla-Lee**

**Ahurea**

**Layjzhia**

**10 -11 yrs**

**Khayla**

**Nariah**

**Khiara**

**12+ yrs**

**Ava-Leigh**

**Mixuee**

**Brite-Eyes**

### Boys

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Kingston**

**Brokk**

**Diesel**

**Memphis**

**Kruz**

**Caius**

**Joesph**

**Clifford**

**Legend**

**Piru**

**Nation**

**Rydah/Ezrael (Tie)**

**Halen**

**Alex**

**Jose**

Further photos will be on display in the foyer next week





# STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT - GETTING TO KNOW PEOPLE IN OUR KURA

## Matua Chase/Mr Kisiona Deputy Principal – 6 years at HPS

The thing I enjoy the most about my role is that I get to walk through all the classrooms and talk to students about everything, not only their learning.

I have lots of highlights during the time I've been here. But one that stands out the most for me would have to be our school production 'The Little Monster' we showcased last year. Seeing everyone come together (Teachers and students) to pull it together was amazing.

What's something students/staff might be surprised to learn about you?

I lived in Vietnam for a while in a place called Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

I have a few favourite sports people, but one that stands out for me would be Ardie Savea and Richie McCaw. They both play/ed for the All Blacks (Richie is now retired). I love their strong work ethic and their commitment to the team they lead with their actions and are total professionals off the field.

Favourite Children Author/book: I'd have to say **Roald Dahl - The BFG**

Favourite food - Don't get me started - I love all food! But my favourite dish is raw fish and Taro! I could eat this all day everyday! Growing up I listened to a lot of my dad's music when he played it in the car or at home so the Eagles would be one and anything that has a nice vibe and feel to it. When I was young I always wanted to be a fireman

If you could have any superpower for a day, what would it be? Shape shift into anything

Why do you love working at Huntly Primary School?

"He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata" translates to "What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.". This whakatauki (proverb) emphasizes the fundamental value and importance of human connection, and is the basis of why I love working at Huntly Primary. Students and community.

Matua Chase's Advice: **Try your best to make good choices**



## Whaea Roni Learning Assistant & Librarian – 5 years

Memorable highlights at HPS: School assemblies, highlighting children's achievements

Favourite teacher growing up: I went to Kawakawa Primary School - Mrs Prime taught my mum, siblings and was amazing at netball.

What's something students/staff might be surprised to learn about you? I'm also a farmer on a Dairy farm

Favourite Children Author/book: **'Berenstains Bear' B Book by Stan and Jan Berenstain**

Favourite TV/Movie: 'Wednesday' - love how she is able to solve problems

If you could have any superpower for a day, what would it be? Speed - to get multiple tasks finished, to have enough time for myself.

Why do you love working at Huntly Primary School?

Love meeting and greeting 'New' people

Whaea Roni's Advice: **You can do it, You are amazing!**



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