



Huntly Primary School

Knowledge is Power – Matauranga Maramatanga

Newsletter

Date: 8 October 2025

Term 4: Week 1

School Roll: 183

Kia ora e te whaanau,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing break. It's hard to believe we've reached the final term of the year – a busy and exciting one filled with learning, celebrations, and special events.

This term, students will continue to build on their progress, set new goals, and showcase their hard work and achievements. We're looking forward to highlights such as our annual school athletics day and end-of-year celebrations where we can come together to acknowledge our students' growth and success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Let's make Term 4 a positive and memorable finish to the year!

Ngā mihi nui,

Chase Kisiona - Deputy Principal

TERM 4 EVENTS



- Week 1 - Mobile Dental Clinic arrives
- Week 2 - Save a Teddy Day (16 Oct)
 - Rms 2,3,4,5 & 6
 - NZ Shake Out Day (16 Oct)
 - Rangiriri Trip (17 Oct)
 - Rms 7,8,11,13
- Week 3 - Board of Trustee Meeting (21 Oct)
Teacher Strike Action (23 Oct)
- Week 4 - Labour Day (27 Oct)
Colour Fun Run (31 Oct)
- Week 5 - School Athletics Day
- Week 6 - Year 8 student function (13 Nov)
- 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 Closure - Strike Action Thursday, October 23rd

It is highly likely that Primary School 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. With so few staff remaining, it is simply unsafe and legally impossible for us to open the school and properly supervise students.

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

This nationwide decision is a collective action by union members to support contract negotiations. This action may also involve staff from secondary schools, nurses, senior doctors, dentists and other services. We are giving you this notice now so you have adequate time to plan.

We will only contact you again if a significant breakthrough in negotiations occurs before the 23rd.



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

Term 3 PB4L value
Excellence

This term, our focus value is **Excellence** — doing our best in everything we do. **Excellence** isn't about being perfect; it's about showing determination, pride, and effort in our learning, behaviour, and attitudes. It means setting high standards for ourselves, striving to improve, and never giving up, even when things feel challenging.



Alex, Rydah, Jayden, Ava-Leigh, Marley-Rae, Mixuee and Whaea Justine represented Huntly Primary School this week at the Poukai at Waahi Paa.



A reminder that all students are required to wear a hat while outdoors in Term 4. 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. Hats are available from the School Office for \$15.00



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 have been sent home with your child. Once you have the form, you should sign up for a Student Profile Page at www.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 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 kerid@huntlyprimary.school.nz

Thanks for supporting the school.



Rooms 2,3,4,5 & 6 are taking part in **Save Your Teddy Day**, run by Hato Hone St John, to help our tamariki learn life-saving CPR skills in a fun and hands-on way!

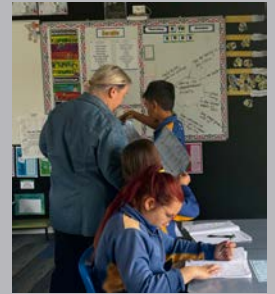
Students will watch a short video and practise CPR on their teddy, soft toy, or cushion. Please make sure your child brings one to school on **THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER** (something soft, around 20cm or more).

If your child doesn't have a suitable toy, please let their teacher know — we may be able to help.

We're also encouraging a gold coin donation to support St John's free CPR and AED education programmes (optional).

www.saveyourteddy.stjohn.org.nz/donate





TERM 4 BACK IN ACTION IN ROOM 8

We would like to give a very special thank you to Matua Ivan for running such a successful wānanga at Horahora Marae from Friday 19 September to Friday 26 September.

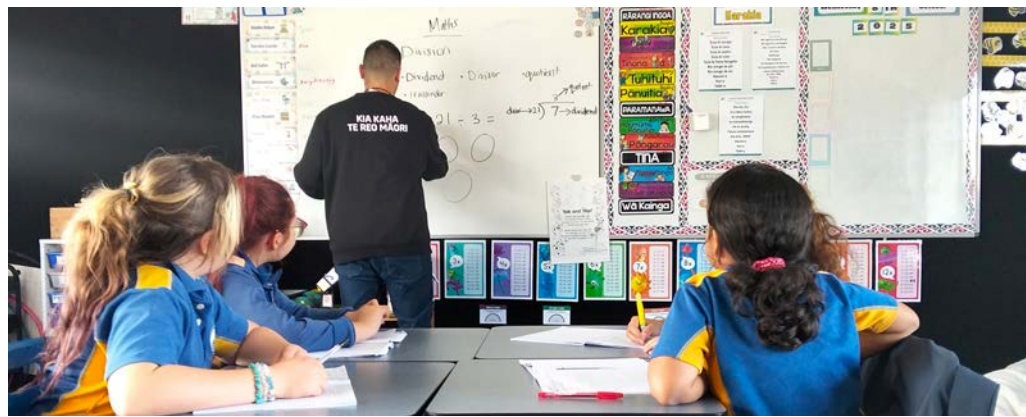
The tamariki had an amazing time — learning, laughing, and growing together throughout the week. Your guidance, knowledge, and care made this experience truly memorable for everyone.

A heartfelt thank you also to Matua Wirihana for all your incredible support behind the scenes — for your organisation, transport, drop-offs and pick-ups, laundry, and everything else you did to keep things running smoothly. Your hard work, dedication, and aroha made this wānanga a huge success.



THANK YOU TO KIWICAN, THE GRAEME DINGLE FOUNDATION WHO ORGANISED A FUN RIPPER RUGBY MATCH AT FMG STADIUM ON SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER. WE HAD A COMBINED TEAM OF HUNTLY WEST SCHOOL AND HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. WELL DONE TO JAYDEN, WHO GOT PLAYER OF THE MATCH.





Week 1 - BACK IN ACTION

