

SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 1st May

Week 1 - Term 2

Term 1 – 29/4/19 – 5/7/19

ABSENTEES: TXT Stream

Our school operates a system where you will receive a text message from the school if your child is absent from school. Please respond with reason by text to 3255, you must start your message with the following code: Huntly Primary space then your message. We hope this will make communication easier and our children.

Also available from the FREE Skool Loop App, also by texting 3225 followed by Huntly Primary space – message.



Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome to Term 2! It's great to see everyone looking refreshed and ready for a busy term.

Thank you to all the students and whanau for my lovely welcome on Monday morning. The Powhiri was a very special event and I felt humbled by the support and warmth. Thanks to the BOT for providing the shared kai, I'm sure our students enjoyed their muffins.

I am excited to be the Leader of Learning here at Huntly Primary School and look forward to working with you all over the years ahead.

A warm welcome also to the new students and whanau to Huntly Primary. Please pop in and introduce yourself when you have time, my door is always open and I'd appreciate getting to know you all personally.

Next Monday May 6th our school will be closed for instruction from 12.30pm to allow the teachers to attend their Paid Union Meetings (PUM). The vans will be leaving school straight away at 12.30pm, so please ensure that you are home or have made arrangements for your children to be looked after.

Keep an eye out for any class notices and newsletters as we would hate anyone to miss out on what's going on here at school.

*Enjoy the term
Whaea Peta-Maree*



Easter Raffle

Many thanks for the great response to our Easter raffle both with Easter egg donations and raffle sales. We were able to make 15 prizes that were drawn at our end of term assembly on Friday 12th. All prizes were collected and promised to be shared with their whanau.

! WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRINCIPAL !

This week at Huntly Primary school we have had the pleasure of welcoming our new principal -

Peta - Maree Parsonage. *The students made sure she was warmly welcomed with a wonderful powhiri. They sang with pride and ensured that our new principal felt part of her new school community. It was lovely to see her visit the classes and make herself known to all the students. We are looking forward to this wonderful new journey together.*



HAMILTON MUSEUM TRIP - Rm 4-Rm 12

This term we are planning on taking a trip to the Hamilton Museum to co-inside with our topic Innovations and Inventions. Please ensure you have read the notice that your child has brought home today.



Once again this term we will be selling juicies at the canteen for \$1.50. Find your spare change and come and get a nice juicy.

Winter sports will begin this Thursday at 1.30pm for our Middle and Senior students. They need to bring a change of clothes, a hat and a water bottle.

Question Time with Whaea Peta -Maree

It was with great pleasure that our student leaders were able to take the time to meet with our new Principal and ask her some questions.

They all thoroughly enjoyed this experience and were great ambassadors for our school. Here is a small snapshot of some of the questions that the student leaders asked.



*Huntly Primary School student leaders with our new Principal, **Peta - Maree Parsonage.***

1. If you would like to change anything about this school what would you change?

I have been really Impressed with the pride of people - that came through in the singing and your faces - Incorporate a lot more technology , big screens and revitalise the library.

2. Why did you pick our school?

I live in Huntly, I felt it wasn't reaching its potential - it's a beautiful school, we have beautiful grounds.

3. What challenges do you face as a Principal?

Getting to know people, remembering names, making the link between names and faces so people feel important. Building relationships are the keystone to making good choices, that's why it's so important to be respectful and know names.

I want to make sure that the best education is provided for our students.

4. What is your favourite school subject?

My favourite subject is reading and writing. If you can't read and write it makes it harder to do other things like maths.

5. What inspired you to become a Principal?

This is my fourth time as Principal - I bounce in and out of the classroom- being in the classroom gives me energy, I get energy from the kids - i think I can make a difference and that is what drives me as a Principal - the leadership role means I can touch the hearts and minds of many people.

6. Have you been a Principal at any other schools?

I have been a principal at other schools in this area - this is my fourth school.

7. Why is being a Principal being important?

It's really important - you have to be a really good person to lead it - I think I have good skills at building relationships - and I don't like a bullying culture, people don't flourish. I have a nice warmth - that I feel is easy to work with.

9. What vision / ideas do you have for our student leaders?

I believe that they give their best effort and showcase what is really good about our school, other students will look up to you.

TERM DATES

Term 2 - 29/4/19 - 5/7/19

Term 3 - 22/7/19 - 27/9/19

Term 4 – 14/10/19 - 18/12/19

SCHOOL CALENDAR

6th May	NZEI Meeting – half day -School closes 12.30pm.
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