

HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday 24th February

Week 4 - Term 1 - 2021
Term 1 - 2/2/21 - 16/4/21
Term 2 - 3/5/21 - 9/7/21

School starts
9.00am Finishes 2.30pm

ABSENTEES: TXT Stream

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

FREE SCHOOL LOOP APP is also available - keep up to date with the latest news and newsletters

A note from Whaea Peta Maree:

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year, and a big welcome to any new students and whanau that have joined us since the last newsletter.

The Pandemic continues to rear its ugly presence and this time it forced us to reschedule our planned "Meet the Teachers" as many had already kept their children home from school. We have now planned to have a Parent / Teacher interview in Week 7 - Wednesday 17th March 2.45 - 6pm. It would be great to have you book a time and sit with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled in and what their learning is looking like. We will let you know when the booking opens.

Swimming Sports:

Monday 15th March 11 - 1.30pm

The Year 4 - 8 students will be swimming at the Huntly Aquatic Centre, starting at 11am and continuing their programme until 12.30 stopping for a sausage sizzle \$1 each.

The Junior School will be having their swimming sport on the same day starting at 10.30am here at school. After their display they will change into their uniforms again and will walk down to join the rest of our school at the Town Pools to have lunch at 12.30pm.

They will also be able to buy a sausage for \$1.

Whaea Peta-Maree

SKOOL Loop:

We are trying to make this app more user friendly, so that our whanau can be 'in the know' well in advance about up and coming events. Please check it regularly to keep up to date.

Lunch in Schools:

We are so lucky to be getting lunches in school starting in term 2 - every student will receive a yummy lunch at our first break. Watch this space for when it starts!

Helmets:

Congratulations to our senior role models - Jhy & Te Hau for wearing their bike helmets while biking to school. This is exactly the behaviour that we love to see - well done boys, your brains are worth protecting!

Swimming:

Please send togs and a towel each day or if your child is not swimming please send a note/ text or message.

Scooters:

We are making the most of the local skatepark and a group of "scooter kids" head down at lunchtime with a Teacher. They are extremely well behaved and a pleasure to take....they need a hat and closed in shoes are best.



JUICIES - \$1.50 from school hall 12.45pm

HOUSE COLOURS MUFTI DAY

**WE ARE HAVING OUR FIRST HOUSE COLOURS MUFTI DAY
THIS FRIDAY THE 25TH OF FEBRUARY 2021.**

**THERE WILL BE POINTS FOR THE HOUSE WITH THE MOST STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WEARING
THEIR COLOURS.**

Please contact classroom teachers if you have any questions, or queries as to what house your families are in.



Swimming Sports - 15th March - Juniors at HPS Pool & Middle & Seniors at Huntly Aquatic Centre

The town pools have a high level of chlorine, swimming goggles can be worn to ease eye discomfort during class tuition & sports day.

You are invited to come and watch the races & share the fun. House points will be awarded by parents wearing your children's house colours.

Absentees & late students

Please advise us via, phone, text or Skool Loop if your child is absent for any reason. It is important that this information is given to us as it is required for MOE audits. Doctors notes are also required for illnesses.

Late students are required to report to the school office, so their class roll can be amended.

Stationery for 2021

Thank you to all our whanau for supporting our local Bookshop by purchasing their stationery requirements there. The back to school specials have now finished at this shop.

Uniform Transition 2021 - TERM 1 - Summer uniform to be worn

Finally, some of our new stock has arrived and we have been able to issue some orders to students. Parents are now able to purchase items from the school office. Thank you for your patience while we waited for our supplies to arrive. Mufti clothes are no longer permitted to be worn.

No long pants, jeans or legging to be worn in Term 1.

UNIFORM SPECIAL: As our existing uniform stocks are being run down, we are offering items left at the **extra special price of \$10.00 each**. We still have a limited supply of polo shirts & shorts, but a good selection of pants- all items can still be worn this year and mixed old with new.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Breakfast Club is once again available to our students from 8.30 -9am, being run by our wonderful teachers. If you could spare an hour in the mornings to help with this (8-9am) please advise the school office or classroom teacher.



Easter Raffle 2021:

We will once again be having our amazing Easter Raffle. Donations of Easter Eggs can be left at the school office or given to the classroom teacher. Raffle books will be distributed one book per student early March, unless advised otherwise..



BIKE SAFETY - ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET & LOOK BOTH WAYS WHEN CROSSING ROADS. HAVE RESPECT FOR PEOPLE WALKING ON THE FOOTPATHS. Lock your bike at school.

School Calendar

25th February	Mufti Day - HOUSE COLOURS
5th & 19th March	Full assembly - 9.15 in school hall
15th March	Monday - Swimming Sports 11 - 1.30pm Year 4 - 8 at the Huntly Aquatic Pools Juniors - 10.30 - 12pm here at School Pool All at the Aquatic Pools for a Sausage Sizzle \$1.00 & House March Past 12.30pm
17th March	Parent / Teacher Interviews 2.45 - 6pm
2nd/5th/6th April	<i>Easter Break</i>
16th April	End of Term 1

COMMUNITY NEWS

Huntly Thistle Fun Run - 28th February 2021

2 km 2 laps of the field

5 kms walk/run Lake Hakanoa

Adults \$10, 14yrs & under \$5

huntlyfunrun@gmail.com or ph Gareth 0210880423

Friendship House & Huntly West Hub

Photo competition - entries close 5th March, Art Classes, Social Groups gatherings - Tiny Tots playgroup, Sign Language classes. For more information ph 078280296 or call into 49 Harris Street & phone 078287559 or call into 55 William Street.

FREE EAR CLINIC FOR CHILDREN

QR Code at the school office for your convenience.

Countdown Supermarket, appointments available between 8.30am - 10.30am Phone

07-8383565.- Drop In clinic hours 11am-2pm

Tuesday 23rd March, Tuesday 6th April, Tuesday 20th April