

HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

**Wednesday 9th
February**

**Week 2 - Term 1 - 2022
Term 1 1st Feb - 14th April 2022
Covid Red level**

**School starts
9.00am Finishes 2.30pm**

ABSENTEES: 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 first newsletter for 2022. Fingers crossed that we have fewer disruptions to our school year, and if we do need to isolate a classroom or two we are well set up for whatever comes our way. Covid is certainly teaching us to be resilient and kind!

A special welcome to our new students and their whaanau. Thank you for choosing us to be the educators for your tamariki, it's a role we take very seriously and look forward to building positive and powerful partnerships with you all.

This year we have made a number of changes that we feel will better support our learners - smaller classes where possible and grouped the same levels together.

We've welcomed 5 new teaching staff to our team and each team has a new name: He Kaakano - Whaea Annette is the Team Leader, and it includes Ponga, Mamaku, Tuakara, Kuripaka and Toi Toi Whaanau. Kia Hua Team - Ms Itamura is the Team Leader, and it includes Nikau, Pohutukawa, Koowhai, Karaka and Manuka Whaanau.

Kia Tupu Team - Mrs Kisiona is the Team Leader and includes - Totara, Kauri, Rimu Whaanau and the two Technology classes. We no longer have numbered classrooms so please help your tamariki to understand that the numbers mean nothing.

Our Year 4s are now 'housed' in the Middle school area so they now play in the big playground, and work with the Kia Hua team.

Welcome to:

**Whaea Annette - Ponga Whaanau
Whaea Dani - Mamakau Whaanau
Whaea Helen - Kuripaka Whaanau
Whaea Steph - Karaka Whaanau
Ms Itamura - Manuka Whaanau
We feel so lucky to have you all here working with us.**

Uniform:

Last year we introduced our new uniform with the understanding that we would expect everyone to be wearing it this year. Due to the craziness of 2021 we have extended our 'grace' period to the end of term 1. From term 2 and beyond all students need to be wearing our new uniform including our Year 8s. Please start planning now for this transition.

Lunches:

We continue to be supplied for our school lunches by Libelle's. These are served at 11am - the beginning of our first break, with any surplus being available to all our students at 12.45pm.

We encourage everyone to eat these but we don't force them, so if you have fussy eaters it would pay to add food to their lunchbox.

Swimming:

The school pools are open for class lessons so please send togs and towels on the scheduled days. Swimming is part of our curriculum.

Whaea Peta-Maree



We send our sincere condolences to Charlie & the whaanau on the sad passing of his partner Cherie earlier this week. R.I.P. Our thoughts are with Kingston & Zion as they grieve for their Nan.

Covid Procedure: Masks to be worn in the school grounds. If visiting the office, wait outside the door behind the desk until we are able to attend to you. Only one family is allowed inside at a time - i.e uniform fittings, enrolments. Thank you for your patience in keeping us all safe.

Skool Loop App: In Google App store search 'Skool Loop' and choose Huntly Primary School once the app is installed - this is free to use.

Uniforms: Due to the heavy demand for new uniforms, we have run out of some sizes and have already placed new orders. We are hopeful we will not have delays like 2021. As usual all pre-ordered & pre-paid uniforms will be dispatched as soon as it arrives. **Don't miss out on our deadline & order now.**

CONTACT DETAILS: Please advise the school office if you have moved or changed phone numbers. We need to be able to contact caregivers in an emergency or for absentee details. This information can be phoned, texted or emailed to the school office.

Stationery for 2022 can be purchased at The Lotto & Bookshop, Main Street Huntly from **until 20 Feb** at back to school prices.

TERM 1 - 2022: Term 1 - Good Friday - Friday 5th April (Start term break)