



Preparing boys for the adventure of life

HUNTLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Special points of interest:

Code of Behaviour

Year Group BBQ's

Swimming Sports/ Family Day

Outdoor Education Trips

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Headmaster's point of view

Dear Parents and Friends

Term has started off extremely well and the new boys are very settled. The Godfathers have been impressive this year and a number of new parents have made comments to me about how pleased they have been with this system. Most new parents have received a letter from their son's

Godfather and a phone call from a member of staff. I know how much these early points of contact mean to new parents. Please be aware that some of the early tearful letters don't necessarily point to anything other than homesickness. All boys get through this with time and I have written a paragraph specifically about this later in this newsletter. The boys certainly have had a lot of fun and have been kept extremely busy. They will be tired over this first exeat so please don't plan a big weekend that will send them back exhausted.

Beach Outing

Our day at the beach was highly enjoyable and extremely adventurous! The Hut building competition was popular, but not as much as the jumps off the sand hills. It was lovely that so many staff attended with their families and I was very pleased with the boys' behaviour on the day. The BBQ that night was a wonderful way to finish the first week at Huntley. Lots of smiles and fun had by all!



Hut Building

The huts have started in earnest and many have their first wall after laying rather shaky foundations.

Code of Behaviour

I have enclosed our Code of Behaviour which explains the expectations of boys, staff and parents at Huntley. I am sure you will find this useful and I encourage you to talk about this with your sons.

PNBHS Production "Joseph"

This year we have booked tickets for all the boys to attend Joseph. The show starts at 5pm on Tuesday the 23rd of March and finishes at 7.00pm. Boys will arrive back at school by approximately 8.00pm so Day Boys can be collected then. We believe it will be a stunning performance. It is anticipated to cost around \$15 per boy. We will be taking a picnic tea to have on the way home.

Parents of New Boarders

It is very common for your son to be reluctant to return to school after the first Weekend Leave. He will no doubt have been doted on by you and have spent a lovely weekend with his family. Once they are back in the boarding house they settle back into routine quickly. Many a Huntley boy has been 'teary' early on, but also quite sad when ultimately leaving at the end of Year 8. It is really important that you explain to him that the hard work is done and that he can now receive phone calls and have weekend leaves. He can also look forward to Camp, Swimming Sports and other sporting events. Above all never fall into the trap of saying he has options if he doesn't like it. A homesick boy clings to this and it lengthens his period of homesickness tremendously. They do get over it but it does require some intestinal fortitude by both the boy and the parents! Please contact Mr Osmond early if you have any concerns.



Jacob Wells (Above top) and
Heath Patterson (Above)

HONOS BADGES

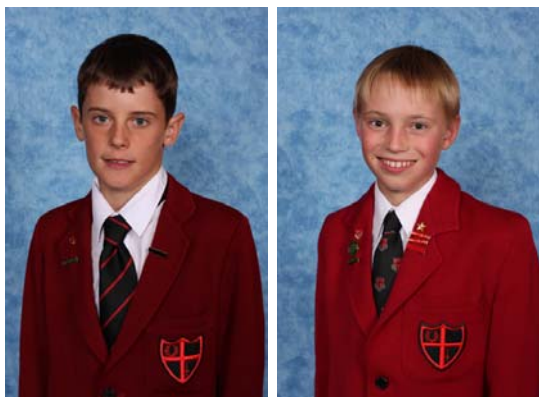
Term 1 Week 1

8BG	Roddy Crowley, James Durkin-Wright, Jack Lord, Connor McLaughlin
8GB	Samuel Medlicott
7AO	Hunter Aiken, Daniel Hadlow, Baxter Perry, Sam Reddish
7DR	Theo McNaughton, Benjamin Shannon
7MM	Mark Bartlett, James Davey, Samuel Henley-King, Jonathan Lockton, Tyler Malone
6BW	Jack McKnight
4/5PR	Douglas Ashton, Jack Gay, George Reddish

Term 1 Week 2

8BG	Roddy Crowley, Jack Lord, Hamish Maxwell
8BP	Andrew Scott
7DR	Thomas Adkins
7MM	Mark Bartlett, George Smith
6BW	Gregory Lees, William McRae, Connor O'Hagan, Harlan Oliver, Benjamin Pritchard, Isaac Slako
4/5PR	Taylor Burke, Harry Newman

Headmaster's Colours



Hugh Symes and Jacob Pritchard for Leadership



Jack Kinder –
New Zealand Representative
Under 15 Polo Cross

James Durkin-Wright – Choir

Colours

Donovan Lewis for Softball

Sports Captains for 2010



Softball: Angus Griffin



Tennis: Connor McLaughlin



Cricket: Hugh Symes

Black Badges

Oliver Alderson, Angus Griffin, Samuel Medicott, Mark Arunchayanon, Aaron Purser

Star Badges

James Durkin-Wright, Cameron Rowden, Fraser Grant, Jordan Calkin, Andrew Scott

Head Chorister: James Durkin-Wright

Senior Choristers

Roddy Crowley, James Durkin-Wright, Angus Griffin, Matthew Horton, Jack Lord, Connor McLaughlin

Boarders of the Week

Congratulations to Samuel Henley-King, Josh Lennox and Theo McNaughton

Padi Dive Certificates

Congratulations to Andrew Scott and Lachlan Thomas-Ash who have been awarded Padi Dive Certificates.

Year Group BB2's

Saturday 27 February (Year 8, Year 7 and Years 4/5/6 combined)

Once again the PFA has organised BBQ's to be held the night before the Swimming Sports. The purpose of the evening is to allow new parents to get to know one another early in the year. It makes the next day much more enjoyable if you have already met quite a number of the parents of boys in your son's year group. An invitation is enclosed with this Newsletter.

Swimming Sports / Family Day

The Swimming Sports will be held on Sunday 28th February, preceded by a Family Service and the Parents' and Friends' A.G.M. The expectation is that all parents who reside within New Zealand will attend this day if possible. If you are unable to attend we need to know so that arrangements can be made for your son at lunchtime. If another parent or a family friend is acting on your behalf that day, please let us know the details.

The day will start with a Family Service and all parents are most welcome to attend. This Service, and the Carol Service at the end of the year, are the only Services when the whole school family is expected to take part (Note: Casual clothing for parents and visitors is quite acceptable) and in anticipation of a large number of people being present, the Service will be held in the gymnasium. Boys will sit with their parents.



This day will combine Family Day and Swimming Sports, giving parents ample opportunity to spend time with the boys, the staff, and other parents. The Parents and Friends of Huntley will sell soft drinks and ice blocks and there will also be tug-o-war competitions and a variety of instant raffles (\$1 and \$2 coins will be needed!)

All boys take part in the Swimming Sports, in which there are championship and consolation races. The emphasis is placed upon participation, with all boys swimming in at least three events.

Swimming Sports' Day Programme

- 9.30 am Family Service
- 10.15 am Parents and Friends of Huntley Annual General Meeting
- 11.00 am Morning Events begin
 Events will be "blocked" in age groups so there will not
 be the necessity for all to cram into the pool area at one time.
- 12.30 pm Picnic Lunch - parents are asked to provide a light lunch
 for themselves and their son (Year groups allocated areas)

- 2.00 pm Afternoon events commence
- 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea (provided by the school)
- 4.30 pm Parents depart!

**Parents are asked not to bring
alcoholic beverages onto the premises.**

Book Sale

There will be a display of books in the Library throughout the day on Swimming Sports Day. These books are available for purchase for the school library and you may also purchase books for your own family. The cost of the books purchased will be charged to your incidental account. Parents often like to donate a book to the school on behalf of their son.

Outdoor Education Trips

This year Outdoor Education Week is to be held from Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th March. **Please note that a three day weekend leave commences from 4pm on Thursday 11th March on the boys' return from camp. Buses will be running.**

The Year 4/5 trip this year is to El Rancho in Waikanae. Mrs Reddish and Mr Williams are leading this camp, accompanied by parents.

The Year 7 boys are heading to the Wairarapa and visiting the wide range of features in this area. Mr Reddish is leading this camp accompanied by Mr Osmond, Mr McAlley and parents.

The Year 8 boys are heading to Tongariro National Park, staying at Slalom Lodge. The focus of the week is to study the Park - its history, geology, fauna and flora, and the impact of its thousands of visitors. There is much tramping including the fabled 'Tongariro Crossing'. Miss Pratt is leading this camp accompanied by Mrs Shand, Mr Brown, Miss Watson and Mrs Welch.

The parent quota has been filled for all camps and parents concerned have been notified.

Information and Consent Forms for the Y4/5/6 and Y8 camps are enclosed. Y7 information has already been posted to parents. **Please note that Consent Forms must be returned to the office by Monday 22 February.**

NAME LABELS

It is a great help to staff and other parents if you wear your name labels to school events such as the Swimming Sports, Athletics Sports or even when returning boys after Weekend Leave. It is far more polite to address you by your first name and staff will be wearing theirs to make it easier for you.

Most of you should have been issued with name tags on Orientation Day. If you do not have one please let the school know and we will make one up for you.

Naming Clothing

Please ensure that any clothing that your son brings to school is named. This is very important, particularly with hats at this time of the year. **Sewn on labels are best. Iron on ones eventually come off in the wash.**

Choosing the Right Cricket Bat

When choosing a cricket bat for your son it is important that the height of the bat doesn't go past his hip bones.. His cricket will not progress if the bat is too large or heavy. When buying a bat ensure you ask shop assistant for recommendation and advice. The following chart will also help you.

Age	Height	Bat Size
8-11	Up to 145 cm	Size 4
	Over 145 cm	Size 5
11-14	Up to 158 cm	Size 5
	Over 158 cm	Size 6
14-16	Up to 165 cm	Size 6
	Over 165 cm	Harrow
Over 16	Up to 170 cm	Harrow
	Over 170 cm	Full Size

BEWARE OF CHILDREN

In the past we have had problems with a small number of parents and couriers speeding in the school grounds. **Small children live in some of the houses**, one family right at the front gate has two young children.

Drive slowly the moment you enter the school grounds please.

Weekend Leave

This leave commences at 4.00 pm on Friday 19th February following the Huntley Triathlon.

Reminder:

Boys will arrive home in a very tired state and will need to rest.

We would appreciate it if boys did not arrive back at school on Sunday more tired than when they left - late nights are not recommended.

**All boarders will return by 7.30 pm on
Sunday, 21st February.**

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING

We will be taking part in the Inter School Swimming Competition coming up on Tuesday 16th March at Wanganui Splash Centre. Parents are welcome to join us there. More information will be available on our “Week of It” closer to the date.

Weekend Activities

We try to arrange some weekend activities for the boys, especially on Sundays in the winter months. Typical trips may be to a heated pool, the pictures, roller skating and so on. Alternatively we may bring an outside provider into the school to organise something. The cost of these activities is placed on the incidentals bill and is unlikely to exceed \$100 for the whole of the year. If you have any concerns over this please contact me.

Leave Weekends

Years 4/5/6 can have leave each week after sporting commitments on Saturdays returning at 6.30 pm Sunday if there is an Evensong or 7.30 pm if Morning Service. Years 7/8 are allowed one overnight leave per term, over and above the normal leave weekends that occur on a three week cycle. All leave requests must be in to Mr Osmond on the Wednesday prior to leave. All sporting and cultural commitments must be met prior to leave being granted. Boys must sign out with the Duty Master.

Leave from Sport on Saturday

All boys including day boys must travel back to Huntley School on the transport provided. The exceptions to this rule are as follows:

1. The boy is going on an overnight leave and it would be an inconvenience for the parent to return to Huntley School to pick the boy up. The boy must inform the sports coach and Mr Osmond that he is going on leave prior to departing Huntley School.
2. They have another special reason for leaving directly from the sports ground. A written note must be handed into the sports coach prior to departure from Huntley for this to be granted. This must be for a very important reason, not to go and buy clothing or get a haircut.

Huts

Every boy is able to belong to a hut group. If your son missed out on a place please ask him to see Mr McAlley. If any parent is able to donate wood suitable for hut building in the orchard it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office. I must emphasise that we do not want plastic, old pieces of carpet, chairs and so on in the huts. Wood only please, especially NO SACKS. Two blue tarpaulins may be used to waterproof a hut.

Parents' Details

We are intending to send a school list to all parents with telephone numbers etc.

If you do not wish to have your details published, please let the School Office know by Friday 5th March.

Homestay Hosts for International Students

We appreciate many of you who have kindly hosted our international students during weekend and term holiday breaks in the past. If you are willing to assist in this way for 2010, please return the enclosed letter.

Many thanks.



Welcome back!

And welcome to all the new families who join the Huntley Community. You are at the start of one of the great adventures of life. I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and had time to enjoy being with your boys.

Leadership change

It is time for a change in leadership for the Parents and Friends of Huntley School. My time as the chairperson comes to an end this month. My boys are settling into Lindisfarne College over in Hastings and beginning their next adventure. We need nominations for a new chairperson.

Please let Maree Pritchard, our wonderful Secretary, or me know if you would like to take on this most enjoyable task. Or have a chat to Brad Gay. The job comes with full instructions, user manual and plenty of support!

Huntley's Party in the Paddock – 20 March

It is on again! This year we are holding this event in the School grounds. We have a great line up of fantastic musicians – everyone has confirmed. We need you all to come and spend a great afternoon and evening with your son and his friends, meet the parents of your son's friends and enjoy some really wonderful music. There will be something for everyone. And we need you to invite your friends and introduce them to the Huntley family too.

So please put the date into your calendars. More information will be coming your way very soon.

Penny Edwards
Chairperson

Penny: penny@pctraining.co.nz or 06 327 4008
Maree: maree@pritchards.co.nz or 06 329 3899

Year 7 Science Trip to Ohakea

The Year 7 classes visited Ohakea Air Base to reinforce the science lessons they had received on how planes fly. The boys had a great morning looking at the aerofoils on the helicopters, a Spitfire, a Tiger Moth, Yellow Checkers and King Air Planes. As well as seeing some amazing footage of recent flights over New Zealand, pilots were met and questioned, then time was spent crawling into a cockpit of a Yellow Checker and inside the Iroquois helicopter. The fire fighter section of the base was also visited. All boys seemed to enjoy using the powerful hose, although some of the lighter ones



were knocked back by the force when the hose was on full! A few boys were given the opportunity to visit the Control Tower and witness just how busy the base is with so many flights continually taking off and landing. Two successful trips, both led by Sergeant Maria Dawson, were completed with a welcome swim to refresh the boys before their return to Huntley.

Yours sincerely

B.J. Gay

Headmaster

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Year Group BBQ Invitation

Y4/5/6 Camp Information and Consent Form

Y8 Camp Information and Consent Form

Code of Behaviour

International Boys' Homestay Letter



HUNTLEY VALUES

Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Service

Tolerance

G.D.P.

Enthusiasm

Responsibility

HUNTLEY TRIATHLON 2010

Friday 19th February: First Race starts at 1.30 pm

Triathlon Race Programme

Please note there are a few small changes to the times below

1.20pm: Race Briefing to all competitors

1.30pm: Relay Teams Start

1.40pm: Junior Individual Events Start

1.50pm: Year 7 Individual Events Start

2.05pm: Year 8 Individual Events Start

3.10pm: Prize Giving

3.25pm: Boys change into Bests

(Parents are asked to wait outside the dorms while boys are changing)

And Weekend Leave Begins

Distances are outlined below

Years 4/5/6

Swim - 80m (4 Lengths)

Bike - 4km

Run - 1.5 km

Years 7 and 8

Swim - 140m (7 Lengths)

Bike - 8km

Run - 1.5 km

**Parents and family are invited to watch their son(s) compete in the
Huntley Triathlon**

Car Parking: Parents will be able to park their cars on the bottom field, car park and top tennis courts.

Please take extra care as there will be boys on bikes on the bottom field and crossing the front entrance

between 1.35 pm and 3.00 pm.



SHANE RUFER SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL

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After School Football Programme Term 1 2010

Monday 1st February to Friday 2nd April

5 to 10 year olds 3.45 to 5 pm

11 to 16 year olds 5 to 6.30 pm

Venue: Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, vehicle access South Street

Fees: \$100 per term for one lesson a week

For more lessons or family rates, please contact Shane.

Bring: Playing gear, own ball, boots, indoor footwear, shin pads,
drink bottle, snacks, change of clothes, togs, towel.

ENROLMENTS AND PAYMENT TO: Shane Rufer Soccer Ltd, 35A Batt St,
Palmerston North or phone: 021-622 101 or email shane.rufer@inspire.net.nz

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