

# Newsletter

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## Headmaster's point of view



Welcome back!

Term has started off extremely well and the new boys are very settled. The Godfathers have been particularly impressive this year and a number of new parents have made comments to me about how pleased they have been with this system. I have also enclosed our Code of Behaviour that 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.

With the first Weekend Leave looming be aware that many of your sons will try giving you a hard time on the evening of return. This is totally normal and to be expected. Some degree of separation anxiety is healthy but if you have concerns please let Mr Edwards know. Also try and explain that you have full phoning rights and visiting rights from now on. The boys will be seeing you the next weekend at the Swimming Sports and the following weekend they can take a leave if they wish. Kia Kaha (Be strong!) See further on in this Newsletter for other tips to help new parents.

## Boys Learning

Boys often get a bad rap about their inability to learn as quickly as girls, but is it

## Upcoming Events

### Week 2

16	Thurs.	10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Pickhandle XI (H)
18	Sat.		Saturday Cricket/Tennis/Softball
19	Sun.	7.00 pm	Evensong

### Week 3

24	Fri.	1.30 pm	Huntley Triathlon
		4.00 pm	<b>Weekend Leave Begins</b>
25	Sat.		Saturday Tennis
26	Sun.	7.30 pm	<b>Boarders Return</b>
		7.30 pm	PFH Committee Meeting

### Week 4

1	Thurs.	10.30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Gordon Hare XI (H)
3	Sat.		Saturday Cricket/Tennis/Softball
			PFH Year Group BBQ's for all parents
4	Sun.		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>
			<b>Family Day (All boys to attend)</b>
		9.30 am	Family Service (Gymnasium)
			PFH Annual General Meeting
			Book Sale for the Library
			<u>Swimming Sports</u>
		11.00 am	Morning events start
			Picnic lunch with families
		2.00 pm	Afternoon events start
		3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea – Prize Giving

really their fault? For boys to learn I believe they have to be actively engaged in the process, unfortunately this requires topics of learning that are of interest to them. This year at Huntley we are focussing on involving the boys in more depth about what and how they are learning. Last week Mrs Shand and I had a learning conversation with our class. It was the same conversation we had with the teachers at Staff Development Day. The boys were asked, “What is learning. What makes a good learner? And what are the barriers to learning?” We were delighted to see they identified very similar ideas to the staff members. This tells us two things; firstly, the boys have a good understanding of what constitutes good learning and secondly, the staff have already gone a long way to explicitly teaching the boys how to learn.

Key points for good learning to take place are authenticity, prior knowledge, reflection, quality questioning, focus and clarity. At Huntley we want the boys to be actively engaged in the learning process. We want them to question teachers when they need clarification of a concept. We want them to see the purpose of learning and the rights and responsibilities they need to bring to the table as active learners. The boys need the skills to know how to learn but they also need to have ownership of the learning process. Without this they run the risk of becoming disengaged and switched off. This year at Parent Interviews your son should be able to tell you about his learning goals. He should also be able to tell you what barriers are preventing him from achieving the goals he has set as a learner. These goals will obviously be directed and encouraged by your son’s teacher but the ownership or responsibility to learn should be an active part of your son’s make up as a learner.

## Staff

We are very pleased to welcome Mr Shaun Lewis and Mrs Maureen Wigglesworth to Huntley this year. Mr Lewis is our new Year 7 teacher and will coach tennis and soccer.

Mrs Wigglesworth is our new Bursar replacing Mr Downs who left at the end of last year.



## 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 up 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.

## 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 Edwards early if you have any concerns.

## Headmaster's Colours

Cricket



Trey Bidois

Equestrian



Jimmy Duncan

## Sports Captains for 2012

Tennis



Alec Pedersen

Cricket



Trey Bidois

Softball



Mitchell Cremer

## Honos Awards

### Term 1 Week 1

8BG	Harry Cave, Max Harder-Barfoot, Alec Pedersen, Jacob Well
8GB	Mitchell Cremer, Matthew Perry
7SE	James Penn, Gus Robertson
7SL	Tom Alexander, Angus Grant, Daniel Truss, Digby Werthmuller
6/7MM	Jack Collier, Harry Dickson, Jack Gibbs, Douglas Ashton
6BW	Noah Davy, Jack Gay
345BP	Leo Allan

## Swimming Sports / Family Day

The Swimming Sports will be held on Sunday 4th March, preceded by a Family Service and the Parents and Friends of Huntley 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!)

Only purchases over \$20.00 may be put on Incidental Accounts.

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	<u>Morning Events begin</u> 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	<u>Picnic Lunch</u> - <b>parents are asked to provide a light lunch for themselves and their son</b> (Year groups allocated areas)
2.00 pm	<u>Afternoon events commence</u>
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 11th to Thursday 15th March. **Please note that a three day weekend leave commences from 4pm on Thursday 15th March on the boys' return from camp. Buses will be running.**

The Year 3/4/5/6 trip this year is to Hawkes Bay. Miss Pratt and Mr Williams are leading this camp, accompanied by Mrs Stewart, Miss Jeffrey and parents.

The Year 7 boys are heading to the Wairarapa and visiting the wide range of features in this area. Mr Edwards is leading this camp accompanied by Mr McAlley, Mr Lewis 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'. Mr Brown is leading this camp accompanied by Mrs Shand, Mrs Welch, Miss Watson and Mrs Gay.

Due to the unprecedented demand for Year 8 camp we will be having to follow the school policy on camps. This is to make the selection process fair. At the moment we have 19 parents wishing to attend Year 8 camp. We can only cater for 9. The first ballot preference will be given to parents who have not yet attended a Camp. As Mr Brown has injured his calf muscle he will not be able to do the Tongariro crossing and we may have to select an experienced tramping parent to replace him. I realise that this may upset some parents' arrangements, but we will endeavour to make sure those parents that miss out have the opportunity to attend a Year 8 camp at the end of the year.

The Ballot will be done this Friday.

## 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.**

## Weekend Leave

This leave commences at **4.00 pm** on Friday 24th 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, 26th February.**

## Correction to Term 2 Dates

The dates for the Queen's Birthday Weekend Leave were incorrect on the Term 1 Calendar. Please find corrected dates below.

Sunday	29 April	7.30 pm All Boarders Return
Monday	30 April	Term Two Commences
Friday	18 May	4.00 pm Weekend Leave Begins
Sunday	20 May	7.30 pm Boarders Return
Friday	1 June	4.00 pm Queen's Birthday Weekend Leave Begins
Monday	4 June	7.30 pm Boarders Return
Friday	29 June	4.00 pm Term Two ends for Yrs 3,4,5,6,8 Year 7 leave after Plays

## 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



## Shane Rufer Football Coaching Term 1

At the moment there are only 4 boys wanting coaching this term. This cannot be done as to cover his costs he needs at least 10 or more. If there are any other boys wanting coaching, please let Mr. Graham Brown know at [gbrown@huntley.school.nz](mailto:gbrown@huntley.school.nz) or the office, by the 25<sup>th</sup> February (Weekend Leave).

## Year Group Dinners

**Saturday 3 March (Year 8, Year 7 and Years 3/4/5/6 combined)**

Once again the PFH has organised BBQs 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.

## PFH AGM

The PFH AGM takes place at the Swimming Sports. A new PFH Chairperson will be elected at this time as Bridget Morris is stepping down. Please find enclosed a nomination form.

## Food, glorious food



Boys run on their stomachs as the saying goes. Here at Huntley we recognise this and I thought it would be good for parents to know what we have been doing to ensure this happens. Nothing is more controversial than food in a boarding house. We have all heard horror stories of bad cafeteria or boarding house meals. It seems that you will never please everyone as amounts, tastes, diets etc are as varied as our genetic make ups. We all realise that boys at this age have bottomless pits. I know my own two boys will eat a meal that leaves me totally full and five minutes later they are asking for more. If your son comes home saying he is hungry it reflects that he is a normal boy who has been extremely busy throughout the day.

In 2010 and again in 2011 we have had a nutritionalist visit the school and make sure that the dietary intake of our boys is the best we can make it. Basically the boys have well above the daily recommended intakes in all areas. Meals are as follows:

**Boarders Breakfast:** Cereal, fruit and toast. (Except on Thursdays and Saturdays when the boys have a cooked breakfast)

**Morning Tea:** Homemade slice, and fruit if they want it.

**Lunch:** Normally a protein, carbohydrate based meals. Macaroni, nachos, pita breads, etc. Fruit and Bread to make a sandwich if they want to.

**Afternoon Tea:** This is normally a choice between sandwiches and fruit or both.

**Boarders Dinner:** This is our main meal of the day such as roasts, curry, Sheppard's pie, chops and is followed by a pudding of some description. Like Anna's famous rolled pavlova.

## 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 3/4/5/6 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 Edwards 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 Edwards 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 2nd March.

## Homestay Hosts for International Students

We have started our year with 2 Year 6 International Students - Keitaro Chiba and Gun Urunanon. A number of parents have supported our students by hosting them for Weekend Leave and during holidays. This is very much appreciated by the boys, their families and the School.

If you have an interest in hosting Gun or Kei could you please discuss it with your son this Weekend Leave and contact Lyn Barnett at School.

## Traffic Information

Please remember that the speed limit in the School grounds is 20 kph and we would appreciate it if parents would abide by this.

Entry to the School is off Wanganui Road which leads directly to the new car park.

The yellow lines on the right of the car park are the drop off point which means boys do not have to walk amongst cars to get to the buildings.

When leaving the grounds please do so by the Johnston Road gate.

Boys on bicycles are leaving via the Wanganui Road gate. Please enter the gate travelling very slowly

## Vision and Hearing Testing

On Thursday 29th March the Year 7 boys will have their vision and hearing tested by technicians from the Wanganui District Health Board. Parents will be notified if their son needs attention in either area.

## Boarding Bursaries

Boarding Bursaries are available from the Ministry of Education for a student under 10 years who lives 3.2 kilometres or more from the nearest state school or from the nearest bus stop, OR for a student who is 10 years or older who lives 4.8 kilometres or more from the nearest state school or from the nearest bus stop

Boarding bursaries may also be awarded to assist students who are seriously at risk in their educational, social or emotional development because of continuing, unsatisfactory features in their home or social environment.

For more information check this website

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/NZEducation/EducationPolicies/Schools/SchoolOperations/HostelRegulations/GovtBoardingBursaryInfoCriteriaApplicationForm.aspx>

Yours sincerely

B.J. Gay

Headmaster

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Year Group Dinner Invitations

Y4/5/6 Camp Information and Consent Form

Code of Behaviour

ICAS Information

Billet Return Form



# HUNTLEY VALUES

Kindness

Honesty

Respect

Service

Tolerance

G.D.P.

Enthusiasm

Responsibility

# HUNTLEY TRIATHLON 2012

Friday 24th 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 3/4/5/6

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 in the car park and in the designated areas on Johnston Road.

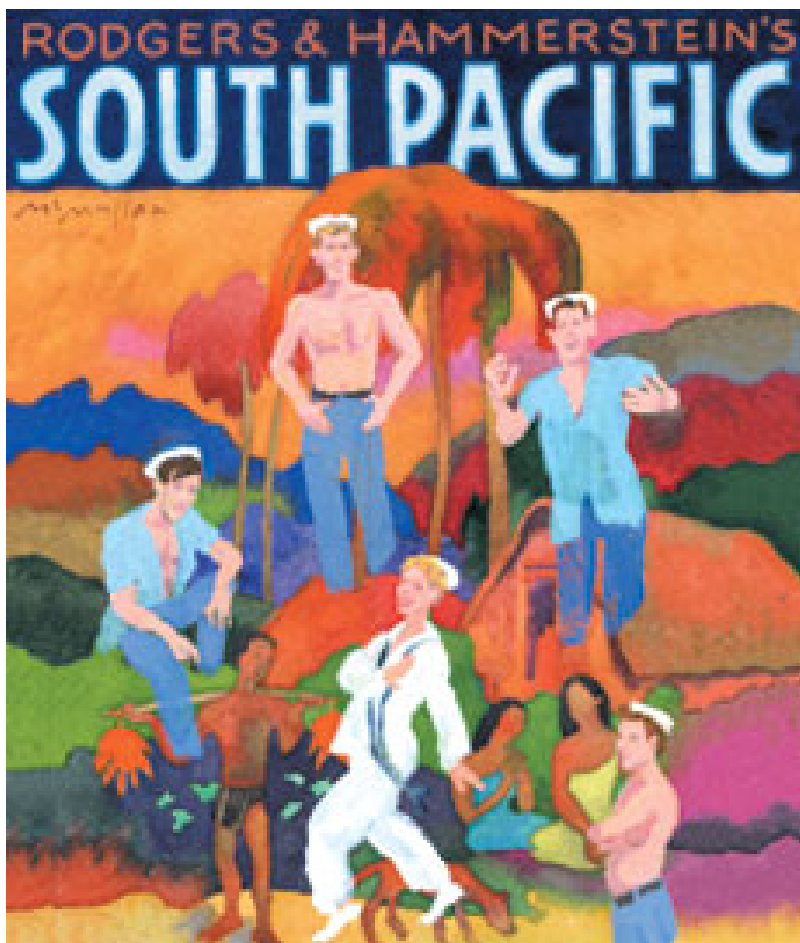
Please take extra care as there will be boys on bikes crossing the front entrance

between 1.35 pm and 3.00 pm.

# PNBHS Senior Production 2012

## SOUTH PACIFIC

27th March at 5.00pm



This year we have booked tickets for all the boys to attend “South Pacific”. The show starts at 5pm on Tuesday the 27th of March and finishes at 7.00pm. Boys will arrive back at school by approximately 8.30pm. Palmerston Bus Day Boys can be collected from the Speirs

Centre following the show. We believe it will be a stunning performance. It is anticipated to cost around \$17 per boy. Wanganui Bus boys will be dropped back to Wanganui Splash Centre at approximately 9:00pm. We will be taking a picnic tea to have on the way home. Please let the Office know if this doesn't suit.