



Headmaster's point of view

Dear Parents,

Term has started well and the magic of the **Grandparents' Day and Music Concert** is still lingering. It was simply the best concert I have been to during my time as Headmaster. The Grandparents obviously enjoyed it and finishing a little earlier than expected enabled people to get home early. The Grandparents were very good at buying our new Taste Huntley Cook Books which were going like Anna's hot cakes on the day. We now have copies available at Whitcoulls Palmerston North, Haymans Paper Plus Marton, Petals and Presents Marton, The Brown Sugar Café, Sugar Plum Café, Taihape and Otaki, and Diahann Boutique Havelock North.



Mrs Grant, a fabulous cook in her own right, couldn't wait to get a copy of the Taste Huntley Cook Book.

Marketing

Our Taste Huntley Open Day was another successful day. We have never had a mid week Open Day before and it was wonderful to see twenty nine families visit on the day. Five of these families have subsequently booked for next year and a number have sent in pre-enrolments for future years. It is still difficult to pin down the numbers for next year as we are continuing interviewing at the moment. If you know of anyone who may benefit from the Huntley experience please let me know their details. The information evening at the Alderson's was a lovely occasion and the Orientation Day last Saturday was well supported. I would like to thank the PFA for their help and Peter Spencer and Sally Marshall for opening up their home, The Ridges, for a beautiful lunch.

Carnot Social

This was another much anticipated event and although a number of boys have been ill recently it was amazing how the recovery rate peaked just

November 2009

Grandparents' Day

"Taste Huntley"

Drug and Alcohol

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Huntley School Music Concert and Grandparents' Day

before the social. Much fun was had by all and the Year Seven boys were watching closely to see how they should behave next year.



Henry Gay was very proud to show around Mr & Mrs Scott, and Mrs Gay.



Harrison's Grandmother finally got to see him in his classroom which is downstairs this year. Next year the new lift will make all the difference thanks to the proceeds from the cook book.



Headmaster's Colours

Public Speaking

Justin Pang has won the Junior, Intermediate and Senior finals of Public Speaking during his time at Huntley. This has not happened since 2005 and is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Justin.

Music

James Durkin-Wright, Justin Pang



Colours

Choir

Roddy Crowley

James Durkin-Wright

Public Speaking

Congratulations to James Houghton who has reached the Senior Final this year, and also the Intermediate Final in 2008. Well done James.

Honos Awards - Week 1

- 8BG Matthew Dawidowski, Joshua Ellery, Riva Hayward
- 8GB Jack Gleeson, James Houghton
- 7AO Angus Griffin, Liam McElwain, Connor McLaughlin
- 7DR Jamie Gillespie
- 6BW Mark Bartlett, Fred Kemp, Jack Kinder, Leo Suen
- 4/5EK Tayler Burke, Jarod Berendt, Finn Coleman, William McRae, William Morris

Honos Awards - Week 2

- 8BG Mitchell Coleman, Justin Pang
- 8GB Jack Gleeson, James Houghton, Nathan Kelland
- 7AO Jack Lord, Connor McLaughlin, Hugh Symes, Jake van Lienen
- 7DR Matthew Horton, Michael McCulloch, Samuel Medlicott, Lachlan Thomas-Ash
- 6/7BB Seth le Marquand
- 6BW Matthew Howe

Honos Awards - Week 3

8BG	Riva Hayward, Richard Pearson, Beau Robertson
8GB	James Houghton
8BP	Bryce Hirschberg
7AO	Roddy Crowley, James Durkin-Wright, Jack Lord, Liam McElwain, Jacob Pritchard
7DR	Jamie Gillespie, Matthew Horton, Samuel Medlicott, Cameron Rowden, Mackenzie Skinner, Lachlan Thomas-Ash
6/7BB	Mark Arunchayanon, Fergus Grant, Andrew Scott
6BW	Brodie Hobbs, Jack McLeod, Leo Suen
4/5EK	Douglas Ashton

Honos Awards - Week 4

8BG	Owen Edwards, Thomas Edwards, Riva Hayward
8GB	James Houghton
8BP	Peter Ware
7AO	James Durkin-Wright, Connor McLaughlin, Hugh Symes
7DR	Lachlan Thomas-Ash
6/7BB	Jayden Dowman
6BW	Jack Kinder, George Smith, Leo Suen
4/5EK	Harry Newman, George Reddish, Joe Reddish

Boarders of the Week

The following boys have been awarded Boarder of the Week:

Jack Hughes, Ollie Alderson, Jack Kinder, Nick Cave, Matthew Howe, Jake van Lienen, Tyler Malone, Seth LeMarquand and Matt Dawidowski

Oral Assessment “Catch-up” Results

Distinction

Fergus Gilman

Highly Commended

2 boys

Commended

2 boys

ICAS English Results

A total of 5 Distinctions and 18 Credits were achieved in the recent ICAS English examination. The following boys were awarded a “Distinction”:

Charlie Boon, Owen Edwards, Tom Edwards, Dylan Leney, Justin Pang

Public Speaking Results

Congratulations to these boys:

Junior Finalists: Fred Kemp, William McRae, Harley Transom

Junior Winner: Rourke Fraser speaking on "Hospital"

Intermediate Finalists: Ollie Alderson, Seth le Marquand, Connor McLaughlin

Intermediate Winner: Hugh Symes speaking on "Billy Connolly"

Senior Finalists: Charlie Boon, James Houghton, Harrison Morris, Richard Pearson

Senior Winner: Justin Pang speaking on "The madness of excessive consumerism
(a thought on the global economic crisis of 2008/09)"

New Zealand Cycling Secondary School Champs

During the holidays Huntley entered two road cycling teams in the New Zealand Secondary School Championships, competing in the Year 7 and Year 8 Team Time Trial Competition. Teams were made up of four riders. The Huntley A Team was Hemi Bettridge, Luke Mudgway, Liam Ellis and Jamie Gillespie. The Huntley B Team was Ben Jordan, Scott Woolford, Ben Werthmuller and Jake van Lienen. Both teams competed commendably, with the competition being incredibly close. Huntley A stopped the clock in 30 minutes and 37 seconds for the 16km course to finish 7th, only eight tenths of a second off 6th place and only 48 seconds off the silver medal position. The Huntley B Team also competed well finishing in 16th position in a time of 33 minutes and 36 seconds. It was a great experience for the boys involved and a solid first attempt competing in such a competition. We now look forward to having another go next year.

Orchard Sleepover

In the last few weeks of term, Mr Osmond will be having two Orchard Sleepovers, one for Year 7 and below and one for the Year 8's. Boys who are planning to do an Orchard Sleepover need to have their sleeping bag at school. The Orchard Sleepover is open to all boys if they are part of a hut or if they are invited to stay in a friend's hut. This includes Day Boys. Obviously an Orchard Sleepover is dependent on the weather and the decision to have a sleepover is often made on the day.

Tall Poppies Concert

Those boys who have worked with Del Costello this term are putting on a concert on Tuesday the 24th of November at 7:00pm for any interested parents and the boarders.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

Saturday 14 November

P R O G R A M M E

10.30 am

Morning Events start

(Please do not be late as all boys will be racing before 11.00 am)

12.00 pm

Picnic Lunch

Parents are asked to provide a light lunch

for their son.

1.00 pm

Afternoon events start

3.30 pm

Prize Giving

Prizes presented by Mrs Louise Brankin

4.00 pm

Barbecue

The barbecue, cooked by the staff, is for all boys

and their families.

All food and beverages will be provided by the School.

Year 4/5/6 Arts' Festival

This will be held on Friday 20th November commencing with drinks at 5.30 pm followed by dinner and the Arts' Festival. Weekend Leave for Years 4/5/6 will commence at the conclusion of the plays.

Hereworth Fixture

On Wednesday 18th November the Hereworth 1st XI, 2nd XI and Tennis VIII will arrive at Huntley to play their fixture the next day, commencing at 9.30am. Thank you to all parents who have offered to billet.

Year 7 Music Concert - Tuesday 1 December

All Year 7 parents and families are invited to attend the Year 7 Music Concert which is on Tuesday 1 December commencing at 6.00pm. Tea and coffee will be served in the Hall foyer prior to the Concert, from 5.30pm onwards. The Concert will conclude at 7.00pm.

Drug & Alcohol Education

Alcohol and Drug Education is a priority in this day and age and it is vital that our senior boys have the opportunity to receive guidance prior to entry into secondary school - prevention is preferable to cure! Mrs Liz Jamieson, of the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Trust, will spend Monday, 7th December with small groups of Year 8 boys. In the evening she will speak to boys and their parents as a group, providing ample opportunity for parents to learn for themselves and to ask questions. This will commence at 7.00 pm and supper will be served afterwards.

The day follows a very successful format and I urge parents to attend the session in the evening. I enclose a form which you are asked to return as soon as possible.

6BW Class Trip

On Friday 4 December, departing at 8.15am, 6BW is going to John Brebner's Homeprint Workshop at 24 Sandilands Street in Feilding. Boys will wear their usual day greys. Parents are most welcome to accompany the class, or to meet up over there. Please contact Barry Williams if you would like to take part. Boys return to school at 3.30pm.

Secondhand Uniform

Gracie's Menswear, 59-63 Fergusson Street, Feilding, have second-hand Huntley uniform for sale. Appointments can be made, although not necessary, by contacting Gracies on 06 323 6354 from Friday 8 January 2010. If parents have uniform to sell they can do so by taking dry-cleaned and washed items into Gracies's Menswear as soon as school breaks up so clothing can be sorted and priced ready for sale.

Gracies also have a convenient website that parents can order new items from.

www.Gracies.co.nz

2 Litre Ice-Cream Containers Needed for Science

Miss Watson requires many ice cream containers for Science and if you are having a clean-out of the cupboards, please drop these off to school. Thank you very much.

End of Term Arrangements

Parents are asked to note the following arrangements for the end of term activities. If you are not certain about a particular activity, please do not hesitate to ring the school.

Monday 7 December

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| 5.30 pm | Year 4/5/6 Barbecue (boys and staff only) (Mufti for Day Boys) |
| 7.00 pm | Drug and Alcohol Abuse Seminar - Year 8 Boys and Parents |
| 8.00 pm | Year 4/5/6 Day Boys go home |

Tuesday 8 December

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| 10.30 am | Debating Final |
| 5.30 pm | Year 7 Barbecue (boys and staff only) (Mufti for Day Boys) |
| 8.00 pm | Year 7 Day Boys go home |

Wednesday 9 December

- 9.00am - 1.00pm Tennis / Chess Finals
- 5.30 pm Year 8 Barbecue (boys and staff only) (Mufti for Day Boys)
- 8.00 pm Year 8 Day Boys go home

Thursday 10 December

- 9.00 am Huntley XVth Olympiad
- 1.30 pm Christmas Party - Boys and Staff only
- 7.00 pm **Carol Service** in the Huntley Chapel for Friends of the School

The boys, apart from the choir obviously, will **not** attend.

A wonderful chance for 2010 new parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends to be a part of a Huntley Carol Service.

Friday 11th of December

- 7:30 **Year 8 Parents dinner at Orlando Country**
(Invitations will be sent to Y8 parents shortly).

Saturday 12th of December

Sport and Cultural Prize Giving / Leavers' Day

- 9.00 am Day Boys arrive
- 9.30 am Sport and Cultural Prize Giving
- 10.00 am - 5.00 pm Leave for all non-leavers

It is hoped that parents of day boys, and those boarders who live reasonably close to the school, will be able to have one or two of the other boarders out for the day. Would parents please let their sons know if they are unable to take them out for the day, and arrangements will be made.

- 10.15 am **Leavers' Day commences**

This day is for leaving boys and their parents and we hope that the occasion will be a happy and enjoyable one for all concerned. All fathers **and** mothers of leaving boys are invited to play cricket,

tennis or softball against their sons. Parents are asked to wear 'whites' if they have them for tennis and cricket and tennis shoes, not cricket boots. If parents could inform their sons which sport they would like to play, teams will be organised. At 12.30 pm there will be **lunch for the leaving boys and their parents ONLY**.

Unfortunately, brothers, sisters, and other members of the family cannot be catered for, so please bring a picnic lunch for them.

- 4.30 pm Cricket and Tennis ends
- 5.00 pm Leave ends - all Boarders and Choir Day Boys return
- 5.30 pm Showers for all boys
- 6.40 pm Day boys arrive at St Stephen's
- 7.00 pm **Carol Service** at St Stephen's Parish Church, Marton
(Day Boys Compulsory Attendance)

All Huntley Boys and their immediate families only (Boys travel to/from by bus)

Sunday 13 December

Prize Giving Day

The School year will end on this day. All boys must attend.

The Prize Giving will be held in the gymnasium at 10.45 am. All parents, families, and friends are welcome to attend this function.

- 9.15 am Choristers report to Chapel
- 9.30 am Year 8 Day Boys arrive
- 9.45 am Chapel doors open
- 10.00 am Year 4/5/6/7 Day Boys arrive

- 10.00 am Leavers' Service - Leaving boys and their parents only.
Boys (except choir) sit with parents
(Grandparents / brothers / sisters / others will not be able to attend due to limited space.)
- 10.15 am Orchestra assemble in gymnasium
- 10.30 am All boys assemble on concrete
- 10.45 am Prize Giving
Following Prize Giving boys farewell Staff

This term is going to fly by and I look forward to seeing you all at Prize Giving.

Kind regards,

Bradden J. Gay
Headmaster

Encl: Music Tuition Form (Years 4/5/6/7)
Drug & Alcohol Form (Year 8)
Taste Huntley Order Form
Effort Report