

Hurunui College



Culminating Activity

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who came in to the culminating activity last Friday. It was great to have such a large crowd to view the wonderful performances that the students put on. Congratulations to the students on their excellent performance and thanks to the primary staff for all the hard work that had gone into preparing the items.

Congratulations

John Marr did particularly well in the equestrian events at the Special Olympics in Palmerston North last week, gaining two silver medals. Well, done, John. Congratulations also to our equestrian team (Taylor Painter, Ella Crean, Emma Tweed, and Hayley Kemp) who took part in the Amuri Equestrian Training day on Monday. They all performed well, and Taylor was the combined training champion.

Building Programme

The contractors arrived on site on Monday with their heavy equipment and immediately got to work preparing the sites for the tennis courts and the foundations of the new primary block and technology block. The big machinery has caused a lot of excitement and interest, with lots of people keen to keep a close eye on proceedings. You can see pictures on our website.

Amuri Summer exchange

On Tuesday afternoon we hosted Amuri Area School for our annual summer exchange. We had a successful afternoon and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support the students.

Farewell

At the end of the year we are farewelling a number of staff; Mr Jolliffe, who is finishing here after nine years leading the Social Sciences department; Ms Adams who has been teaching technology for the last 18 months; Ms English and Mrs Evans, who have been relieving teaching Kowhai class; Mrs McTeigue who has been community education coordinator; Ms Bowen, who has been teaching kapa haka; and Mrs Brice and Mrs McKnight who have been helping out in the primary department. I thank them for all of their hard work and contribution to the success of the students, and wish them all the best for the future. Miss Brady will also be away next year. She has a year's leave in 2010 and we wish her all the best for her overseas adventure.

Reports and Portfolios

The Year 7-8 portfolios and the Year 9-10 reports will be coming home tomorrow (11th December). They contain a lot of information on student attitude, effort, progress and achievement, and I hope parents find them informative and helpful. If you would like to seek further information or discuss the reports, please ring the school office to organise an appointment.

Prize-giving

We will be holding our end-of-year prize giving ceremony in the gym on Tuesday 15th December starting at 1pm sharp. All parents, grandparents and friends of the school are cordially invited to come along and join us for this celebration of effort and achievement.

Thank You

This is our last newsletter of the year, and I want to thank all those who have sponsored the newsletter throughout the year for your generous support. The newsletter is widely read, with 700 copies going out weekly, and your support helps us continue this community service.

Thanks also to all parents, community members and organisations who have supported the school in so many ways this year. We are very fortunate to have such a generous and supportive community.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and enjoyable summer break.

Ron Ballantyne,
Principal



Above

When the workers take the classes down they will build more classes and big kids will go in the classes.

Writing and artwork by Michael Lord, Whero Class

Week ending 11th December 2009.

This week's newsletter is sponsored by:

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Phil and Clare Tweed. Phone 314-4110 or 0275 589-333.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Notes from the Board of Trustees meeting Monday 30th November.

The principal's report was the first item on the agenda and he advised on the Goal Data for reading, maths Year 4 – 8 and writing. The Board asked the principal to congratulate the staff involved in these areas for their efforts. The Board was appreciative of the work which has gone into producing these pleasing results.

A general discussion was held on discipline and the health and safety chart for the past month. This details any issues that have occurred and the outcomes. Form Books are used to record any incidents of poor behaviour and these have shown improvements over the last few weeks. The "Hurunui Way" booklet has been sent out to all families and this explains expectations of the school. There is on-going training for staff in the "Restorative Practices" system and three staff attended training in early December. The whole staff will eventually be trained in this. The "Safer Schools" report prepared by Sharlene Sterling from the Ministry of Health has been completed but unfortunately not in time to be considered at this board meeting.

The principal's annual performance appraisal has been completed and the board was given an executive summary. Congratulations to the principal on his appraisal. The appraisal sub committee will consider the complete report. and advise the full board.

The library representative advised that the exterior is to be painted during the holidays. Heating during holiday periods is to be investigated as the boiler is not operating during holidays. Options are to be investigated. Additional lighting is to be installed.

Ms Nici Costello presented a wonderful PowerPoint presentation on Hurunui College, what was on offer and why it is so good. Nici is the outgoing student representative on the board of Trustees. She was thanked for her presentation and presented with flowers. This was Nici's last meeting. Jacob Smith is the new student representative and the Board wishes him well.

The Board of Trustees elections are to be held in the New Year and the date has been set as Friday 7th May 2010. Three current board members, Jenny Keeble, Danny Kemp and Tim Elms will have completed their three year terms. Therefore three positions will become available. Parents, caregivers and stakeholders are asked to consider making themselves available for election. This is an important role and a great way for parents and/or community members to contribute to running of our school.

The Board of Trustees wish all the staff, parents and members of the community a very Merry Christmas and the best for the New Year.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Return of School Property

It is important that all school property borrowed throughout the year, such as text books, library books, and sports equipment, is returned by the end of the year. Parents will be sent accounts for items that are not returned.

Coming Events

Week 9

11 Year 7-10 report/portfolios out

Week 10

14 Prize giving practice; picnic lunch

15 Prize giving 1pm

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Week 1

1 Feb Course confirmation Year 11-13, 1.30pm

2 Feb School starts 8.45am for all students

5 Feb Tabloid sports 1.30pm

Building Programme

If you would like to follow the building progress over the holidays, visit the *Building* page on the school website.

Swimming Pool Mural

The mural on the outside of the changing rooms at the swimming pool has been repainted. Thank you Tweed Decorating for providing the paint, to Andrew Stanley for painting out the background and to the Year 7 and 8 students, accompanied by Mr Zeinert and Mrs Costello, for their wonderful artwork and painting skills.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES for Sunday 13th December 2009

Anglican 8.30am Glenmark, 10am Horsley Down

Catholic 10.30am Culverden

Presbyterian 10am Horsley Down

New Life Church: 10am Waipara Memorial Hall. Crèche provided, Sunday School and Bible Class.

CHURCH SERVICES for Sunday 20th December 2009

Anglican 8.30am Scargill, 10am Waikari

Catholic 6pm, Hawarden

Presbyterian 9am St James, Hawarden

New Life Church: 10am Waipara Memorial Hall. Crèche provided, Sunday School and Bible Class.

CHURCH SERVICES for Thursday 24th December 2009

Anglican 5pm Horsley Down, Children's Service 8pm Glenmark

Catholic 7pm, Hawarden, 9pm Culverden

CHURCH SERVICES for Friday 25th December 2009

Anglican 7.30am Scargill, 9.30am Waikari

Presbyterian 8.30am St James, Hawarden

Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 13th December 7pm, St Raphael's Catholic Church, Hawarden. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Catholic Social Services.

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HAWARDEN WAIKARI TOY LIBRARY

End of Year Toy Clean Night

To be held at the Toy Library on Monday 14th December at 7.30pm. Please bring a cloth and a bucket. Come have a catch up and chat while you clean. Wine and nibbles provided. See you there! Note: If you can not attend please contact Sonya (314-2023) or Sarah (314-4053) to arrange a time to organise your share of toys to be cleaned.

STUCK ON YOU LABELS Hawarden Playcentre are fundraising. Please contact Wendy Hodgen (314-4803) (hm) or (314-4037) (wk) or Jen Banks (314-4502).

LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday hours for the library begin on Wednesday 16th December. Open Tuesdays 1-4pm, Wednesdays 9am-4pm, Fridays 1-6pm. We close for the Christmas break at 4pm on Wednesday 23rd December and reopen Tuesday 12th January at 1pm. The Hurunui Memorial Library at Amberley is open through the holiday period. *Seasons greetings and happy holidays from the library staff.*

A HUGE THANK YOU

On behalf of the Hurunui Adult Community Education Advisory Committee I would like to extend our thanks to everyone who participated in the ACE courses through Hurunui College over the years. A special thank you must also go to the Coordinators, Advisory Groups and Tutors whose dedication has brought lifelong learning to our community. We hope that you continue with your chosen topic or "hobby" and over time share these experiences with others. This is the end of an era for Hurunui and we also thank the BOT and staff at Hurunui College for their assistance. *Thank you, Thea McTeigue, ACE Coordinator.*

HAWARDEN FIRE BRIGADE NEWS

Expo: Just a reminder that our brigade is hosting another Fire Expo evening in conjunction with St. Johns, March 27th 2010. Mark it on your new calendar for an opportunity to further your skills in Fire Prevention and First Aid.

Fire Restrictions: If the weather heats up and the restrictions come on please be aware that means a total fire ban, no fires of any sort, unless you have an issued permit.

HAWARDEN A&P SHOW

Expressions of Interest Hawarden A&P Show invites expression on interest for the position of Horse Marshall and/or Ring Coordinator. Please contact Pip Hunter Weston (President) (314-2082) if you are interested in being involved in the horse section in any way at all – as Marshall/Coordinator, support team, helper on the day). We look forward to hearing from you!

Creative Artwork Classes

Again we will have competitive and noncompetitive classes. So that you have advanced notice the competitive classes will include:

1. Made with a machine needle-construction to be predominately made on the machine, eg garments, machine patchwork, machine embroidery.
2. Crafted with my favorite knitting needles, any garment or article
3. Created by hand with a needle with an eye, tapestry embroidery, appliqué, cross stitch.
4. Look what my clever hands have made, any form of artwork not already listed, e.g metalwork, woodwork, art, etc.
5. Special memories, one page of scrapbooking.

HAWARDEN TENNIS CLUB - Family Barbeque for all club members and their families including families that have been involved in coaching **Saturday 19th December** from 6pm at the tennis courts. Please bring a salad or desert to share. BYO drink, seats plates etc. Tennis club will provide barbeque, sausages and bread. Bring your racquet if you would like to have any further queries please phone Alan (314-4510) or Di (314-4231).

HAWARDEN SWIMMING CLUB We have tons of parents and children booked in for coaching with Brigitte Mahan. After the assessment day on Tuesday we now have groups organized. I have sent a timetable for Monday 21st December home today (Thursday). Check your children's school bags. Nicky Huxford phone 314-4429 or 027 344-8943.

HAWARDEN SWIMMING CLUB is going to have solar heating installed at the pool – hopefully before Christmas. We need some help to prepare the roof for solar panels. Anyone who would like to help for an hour or so this Sunday morning please contact Paul Munnerley or Bronwyn Gunn.

HAWARDEN & WAIKARI - REFUSE AND RECYCLING FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Household Refuse Collections

Collections will be one day later on **Wednesday 30th December** and **Wednesday 6th January**

For businesses covered by Council's refuse and recycling service, collection days will be as those for domestic refuse.

To ensure collection, place no more than two securely tied refuse bags at the kerbside boundary by 8am. For safety reasons, sacks of glass bottles will not be collected. Please recycle these through the transfer stations.

Household Recycling Collections

Collections will be one day later on **Tuesday 29th December** and **Tuesday 5th January**

For safety reasons, do not place glass bottles in recycling bags. Please recycle these through the transfer stations.

Transfer Stations Arrangements

Amberley: Closed on the 25th, 26th and 28th December and the 1st and 4th January, otherwise normal opening hours apply.

Cheviot: Normal opening hours apply

Culverden, Hanmer Springs and Waiau: Closed on the 26th December, otherwise normal opening hours apply

Through the transfer stations newspapers, magazines, cans, cardboard, plastics, metal, plasterboard, untreated timber, glass bottles, car batteries, gas bottles and garden waste can be recycled.

CHEESE ROLL FUNDRAISER Ben Keeble has been accepted for a AU/ NZ Rotary Exchange in 2010. Please help him to fundraise by ordering cheese rolls: 1 dozen/\$3.50 or 3 dozen/\$10. Orders taken now for delivery in February 2010. Please phone 314-4698, Jenny or Ben.

KOWAI SPORTS & FAMILY FUN DAY Sunday 7th March 2010 Sefton Domain

Book your stall site now, \$25 for prepaid sites or \$30 on the day. Contact the secretary - Debbie Donald (03 312-9687 debbiedonald@xtra.co.nz)

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING

NEW YEARS EVE See in 2010 at Hawarden Tavern. XCEED is back by popular demand.

Enter to learn Leave to serve

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TWEED DECORATING

Thank you for your support over the year.
Best wishes for the holiday season.
Call Phil the Painter.

JOHN CREAN GARDENING SERVICES John, Lisa and Jo wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Phone 314-4311, any time.

HEDGE TRIMMING, SHELTER BELTS

Phone Maurice and Jo Croft, Waipara
314-6037 or 021 078-7737.

Many thanks to those who supported us
in our first year of business. *Merry Christmas.*

CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY

in Waikari, on Fridays.
For appointments, please call Dorte Duckworth
phone 314-4560 or 027 208-6968.

TRAVEL BROKER

last 2 weeks for 2010 UK/Europe
Early-bird sale fares - sales until 15th December.
Phone Kate Costello 314-4098.

HAWARDEN AUTO AND ELECTRICAL

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We will be closed from 4pm Thursday 24th December.

We will re open Tuesday 5th January 2010.

WADE BOVEY Forestry and Agriculture Services

For all Forestry Silviculture, Tree Felling, Trimming, Pruning and
Topping. Rabbit control, poison and shooting.

For a free quote phone Wade 314-4955.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FREE

Corsican Christmas Trees Growing Lake Sumner Road, right
hand side before McKeegan's bridge. Cut your own. *Neil
Spencer.*

LOST/FOUND

Found – Fluffy-tailed, Chocolate Brown Tom-cat, Masons
Flat. Very friendly. And, lost, probably in response, friendly
ginger cat. Phone 314-4129.

WANTED

Buttons Buttons Do you have any old buttons that you don't
know what to do with? New Zealand's only Jewish school is
trying to collect 1.5 million buttons. One button for every
child killed in the Holocaust to show in a physical form the
true extent of that number. If you have any spare buttons to
help these children please phone Jean Dalley (314-4230).
Thank you

**Wanted to buy – Urgently - A Modern Working Washing
Machine** Prefer by Christmas. Phone Jen 314-4502.

Ladies Bike and Sofa Bed Thank you to all the people who
have helped me out so far. I am looking for a **Ladies Bike**,
suitable for gentle non-lycra cycling, and a **Sofa Bed**. Phone
Denise 021 166-4493.

Tricycle Please phone 314-4908.

EMPLOYMENT

Babysitter/Child Minding Jo Costello (15yrs) home for
holidays 13th Dec- 8th January. Phone 314-4098.

Secondary Student wanting work over the holidays. Phone
Denym Prendeville 314-4529.

Casual Worker Available Anything considered. Temp staff.
Going on holiday? Need your farm looked after? Phone 314-
4655.

Holiday Work Wanted Bradley Clyma, phone 314-4028.

REAL ESTATE

Accommodation Required Local Agricultural Contractor
requires house for family of four in the Hurunui area. Please
phone Ashton or Suzanne on (03) 327-5670.

FOR SALE

Standing Hay Please phone 314-4655.

Swimming Pool 12ft round, 3ft deep. Includes pump, sand
filter and accessories. \$300. Phone 314-4698 (Keeble).

Trampoline 10ft x 7.5ft. Good condition. No pads. \$200 ono.
Ph 314-4508 Charles or Emily.

Trampoline - large heavy frame (won't blow over) mat size 1.5 x
3m, with padding. Kate 314-4098.

Working Dogs for sale 3x Heading/ Plain-eye, 2^{1/2}, 4 and 8
years old. 2x Handy Dogs, 7 year old and 14 month old.

They work to whistle and voice. Phone Paul 314-4939.

27 " High Definition LCD Samsung Television. Great
condition and only a year old. \$530. Phone Dave on 314-4117
(selling on behalf of his son)

Jigger, Swing and Slide Set In good condition. Could use a
paint. \$80. Phone 314-4129.

Nissan Sentra 1992 White, 4 door hatch. Manual transmission,
326,000km. NZ new. Great car for learner. Selling because
owner has moved overseas. In good tidy condition,
registered and warranted. \$1050 ono. Phone Blair 314-4167.

Old Man Pine Firewood for sale. Phone Pete or Heather
314-4353.

Sheep Manure \$5 per bag. Please phone John Crean 314-4311.
Double French Doors, approx 1.9m x 1.2m. \$200. Phone Jude
314-4909.

Sadly, Sam our 14.1 HH friendly Pinto is looking for a new
home as all of our children have outgrown him. He loves
Pony Club, Jumping (1.3), Show Hunter, Trekking, Barrel
Racing and Hunting, but most of all he loves children. Call
Heather or Pete (314-4353).

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