Hurunui College

Welcome

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. This year the newsletter will be sent home on Thursday afternoons with the students, or delivered on Friday via the rural mail.
The 2012 school year started smoothly on Monday, with a whole -school assembly in the morning, where I outlined the school's key values and expectations, particularly respect and responsibility. Assembly was followed by whanau time, and the issue of stationery by Mrs Topp and her capable team of helpers. The school timetable and class programmes were under way by period three. We aim to get students started on their learning as soon as possible, to make the most of the opportunities available. We welcomed 30 new students to the college on the first day, and we hope they all enjoy their time working as part of this school community. We also welcomed Ms Haley Ross to the secondary team, and Mrs Lynda Brice in the role of Reading Recovery teacher.

Exam results

There are many pleasing aspects to the final results from last year. Four of our five Level 3 students gained NCEA level 3, an excellent result and good reward for hard work by the students. Special congratulations also to Hayden Smith (Level 1) and James Tweed (Level 2), who gained endorsed certificates at merit level, an outstanding effort.
Thanks to all teachers for their hard work, initiative and high standard of professionalism in preparing students for the exams, and in finding pathways to success for so many of our students.

Tabloid Sports

Our first house competition takes place on Friday afternoon at 1.30pm, with all the fun of the tabloid sports. Houses compete in mixed-age teams in a variety of fun challenges. Students should bring some old clothes to change into for the event, as they could get wet or muddy. Parents are welcome to come along to support the students.

Swimming Sports

The secondary swimming sports take place next Friday, starting at 11am. Parents are invited to come along to support the students.

Whanau Groups

Our pastoral care system for students in Year 8-13 classes is based around whanau groups. Each student has a whanau teacher, who is your first point of contact if you have any concerns about personal, social or general school issues for your son or daughter. The whanau groups meet twice a day for 10 minutes, and extended whanau group times are provided for particular purposes. Because students stay with the same whanau teacher throughout their secondary career, the whanau teacher gets to know them really well.

School Magazine

There are still a few copies of the 2011 magazine currently available, and we have been very pleased with the positive feedback about the quality of this edition. It is a great record of the richness and diversity of our school year, and packed with photos, reports and student work. There are 8 pages of colour photos to go with all the others. They are available from the school office at $10 each.

School Diary

All students will be issued with a school diary in the near future. This is provided free of charge through the generosity of the many businesses who paid for advertising in the diary. I hope school families will support these businesses. The diary contains a lot of important school information, such as expectations and uniform regulations, and I encourage all parents to read the front section.

Ron Ballantyne,
Principal

Angus Hodgen and Seth Smith, the two new entrants who started Hurunui College this week, were also the first pupils to receive two picture books each from the Hawarden-Waikari Lions. This is a new initiative from the Hawarden-Waikari Lions aimed at helping children to improve their literacy levels, by encouraging parents to continue to read to their children on a regular basis. Grateful thanks to the Hawarden-Waikari Lions and to Paper Plus Northlands Mall for their sponsorship of these books.

Week ending 3rd February 2012.
This week's newsletter is sponsored by:

The Christmas Tree Festival Committee

SCHOOL NOTICES

Coming Events

Week 2

6	**Waitangi Day – school closed**
8	Board of Trustees agenda closes
9	CANTANET orientation day
10	Secondary Swimming Sports

Week 3

13/2	Board of Trustees meeting; swim **p**ost**p**onement **d**ate; Peer Support training
14	Triathlon
15	Year 0-6 trip; Year r 9 camp
16	Year 0-6 trip ppd; Year 9 camp
17	Primary Assembly; Year r 9 camp

Week 4

20/2	**C**ombined **C**ountry **H**igh **S**chools swim
21	Hurunui College Primary swimming
23	Primary swimming ppd
24/2	Last day for course changes; Preliminary reports

Attendance requirements

All students are required to be at school during our normal hours of opening from 8.45am-3.15pm each school day, unless illness prevents it. All absences are disruptive to learning, and full attendance helps students achieve well. If your child is going to be absent, please ring the office before 8.45am so the teacher can be informed and we know your child's whereabouts. If you are seeking to remove your child from school for any other reason, you need the prior approval of the Principal.

Uniform

It is pleasing to see such a high level of compliance with the uniform regulations. The uniform requirements are published in the prospectus and the homework diary. If a student is out of uniform for any reason, they need to bring a note to school, signed by a parent, outlining the problem, and when it is planned to be fixed. We have spare uniform items at school, and will ask students to wear these until the matter is resolved. I thank parents for their support of the uniform regulations, and ensuring their students are correctly dressed.

Primary students are required to wear appropriate footwear. If the footwear they have is not suitable for running or sport, please send suitable shoes with the child. We have too many accidents because children wear bare feet. The pain and distress this causes can be avoided, as can the time staff spend attending to stub toes, cuts, and stings.

Sun Safety

We ask that parents support us in our drive for sun safety. The Board of Trustees has provided shade areas in the primary and secondary area, but we also need students to take individual protection, through wearing school sunhats (which are part of the uniform and compulsory in Year 0-8) and sunscreen when outside.

Stationery

All students were issued with their stationery on Monday, and accounts will be sent home in the near future. We ask that students bring all necessary books and equipment to school each day.

School Calendar

A calendar of school events has been sent home this week. Please keep this handy for easy reference. There are four pages of key information about the school at the front of the calendar, which I encourage all parents and caregivers to read. The calendar is accurate at the time of printing, but from time to time changes need to be made. An updated calendar appears in the newsletter each week, with the events for the coming three weeks listed.

ICAS Competitions

The school offers students the opportunity to take part in these Australian-based competitions. They provide students with competitive challenges. The dates and costs for the competitions are below. If you wish your son or daughter to take part, please fill in the table above or send in a note stating which competitions you are choosing to enter and the appropriate fee. Closing dates for entries is Friday 2nd March.

Cell Phones

Just a reminder of our guidelines about cell phones at school. The school discourages students from having cell phones at school, and students **bring them to school at their own risk**. Communicating by cell phone is not necessary during the school day, and can interfere with learning. If students do need to bring a cell phone to school (eg so they can contact a parent after a sports practice) we advise them to hand it into the office for safe -keeping during the day. Students caught with cell phones in class will have them removed. A repeated breach of the rule will see them confiscated for 5 school days. We thank parents for their support in this.

Library Book Sale Look for the table near Room 6 (Ms Dent's class) for the withdrawn library books, fiction and non fiction being sold for 50c or 20c each. Magazines 10c each.

Ukuleles Could all students who own ukuleles please bring them to school over the next week for Ms Lawrence to tune, so we can use them in music lessons.

Congratulations to Taylor and Corban Painter for competing successfully in the equine events at the recent Hokitika A&P Show. Taylor finished the day very well, being awarded the Champion Open Pony and Supreme Overall Pony. Corban achieved a 1st , two 2nds, a 3rd and 4th with the first outing of his miniature horse.

ICAS Subject	Year levels	Test Date	Entry Fee per student	Student name: _____
Science	Years 4-13	6 June 2012	$ 7.50	❑ tick if entering
Writing	Years 4-13	18 June 2012	$17.50	❑ tick if entering
English	Years 4-13	31 July 2012	$ 7.50	❑ tick if entering
Mathematics	Years 4-13	14 August 2012	$ 7.50	❑ tick if entering

Notices Sent Home *means available on Notices of school website*

- Kakariki Class newsletter
- Tutu Class newsletter
- Karaka Class newsletter
- Karaka Class Wellington Trip newsletter 3
- Year 5-8 Friday night Basketball
- PTA - Hurunui Races
- PTA - Summer photos
- 2012 School Calendar
- The Lunch Lady menu

Parent Teacher Association

HURUNUI COLLEGE PTA There is still a month of summer to continue taking photos of someone or something, somewhere in the Hurunui District for the book we are going to produce. Send your photos to hurunuicollege.pta@gmail.com. We are looking forward to seeing the great variety of activities you've captured, as well as the fantastic scenery. Keep snapping!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES ***for Sunday 5th February 2012***

Anglican		
Catholic	6.00 pm	Hawarden
Presbyterian	9.00 am	St James, Hawarden

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL A very successful festival was held on December 10th 2011. The Christmas Tree Festival would like to thank Mason's Flat Engineering, Linda Westall-Murchison and all the other donors for their generous contributions. The people's choice award went to Waipara County Historical Society.
Raffle Results: 1st Denise Dent 2nd Euan Murchison
3rd Richard Sidey 4th Finn Fricker 5th Jenni McQuillan
6th Marie Dawson 7th Buzz Frame 8th Beth Bailey 9th John Harper.
Found after the festival: a pink hoodie, size 3, named Tilly. Please phone Chris Taiaroa 314-4569 to collect.

HAWARDEN-WAIKARI PLAYCENTRE We are now open for Term 1, every Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 12noon. We welcome any new and existing families. To those of you who do not where we are, you will find us at 45 Wellington Street, Hawarden or contact our supervisor phone 314-2171.

COMMUNITY CHOIR Term begins again at 7pm on Tuesday 7th February at 10 Allen Street, Waikari. Newcomers very welcome. Contact Denise 314-2315 or 021 166-4493 for details, or email deniseldent@googlemail.com

AMBERLEY GIRL GUIDES - recommencing Wednesday 8th February.

Pippins	(5-6 years)	4.00pm-5.30pm	Wednesdays
Brownies	(7-9 years)	5.30pm-7.00pm	Wednesdays
Guides	(10-13 years)	7.00pm-8.30pm	Wednesdays
Rangers	(13-18 years)	7.00pm-8.30pm	Mondays

All meet at Scout Den in Chamberlain Park. New Members welcome. Enquiries phone Katrina 314-8153 (evenings).

MAIL DELIVERY There will be no rural mail or newspaper delivery on Monday 6 February, Waitangi Day.
Mail and newspaper delivery will resume on Tuesday 7 February.

HAWARDEN KARATE CLUB We will be running a junior karate class after school on Fridays, starting 10th February at the Hawarden Memorial Hall. The class will run from 3.30pm – 4.30pm, cost $40 per term. Any enquiries, please phone Ella Crean 314-4083 or Jackson Kemp 314-2199.

HURUNUI RACES ***11th February 2012***. First race at 11am. Food and refreshments available. $5 per adult, children under 12 free. Tickets available pre purchased at Hawarden 4 Square and Waikari BP. No dogs at the grounds.

HAWARDEN-WAIKARI GARDEN CLUB Visit to Hawarden, Mason's Flat Gardens, Monday 13th February. Bring morning tea, lunch and chair. Travel by car meeting at Hawarden Hall, 9.45am.

HAWARDEN NETBALL CLUB AGM To be held at the Hurunui Café Wednesday 15th February 2012, 7.30pm. Apologies to Dee Ginders 424-4344 (local number)

MEDBURY HALL 125TH JUBILEE
Medbury School Saturday 10th March 2012
Medbury Hall

Starting at 1.30pm- games for children
2.30pm - official speech and cutting of cake
Followed by a cup of tea/coffee and time to enjoy a good old chat. BYO picnic for later.
We extend a very warm welcome to ex-pupils, ex-residents and present residents of the Medbury/Hurunui area.
We are trying to compile a history of our school/hall and if you have any photos, memorabilia or stories to tell please bring and share with us.
We would love to see as many as possible on this day so if you can come just let me know by 1st March so we've got enough "cups etc" for you all.
Thanks Diane McKay, 89 Buschs Road, Hawarden R D
Email mckay@amuri.net or 314-4151 txt 027 423-1161

HAWARDEN A&P SHOW ***Saturday 17th March***
A reminder that the schedules are out in all main stores. Or you can download them as well as an entry form from the website. Entries close 27th February, so get them in early so you don't forget then have to rush. www.hawardenshow.co.nz
Photography Section
This year is your year to be prepared and get your entries in early. You can get them printed cheaply online www.snapfish.co.nz. Or slightly more expensive yet better quality at www.photo.co.nz. For best results have them printed in matt and with a white border (both free). Loads of fun classes to choose from in all different sizes. Any queries phone Lucy Hunter-Weston 314-2082.

HAWARDEN SWIMMING CLUB
It was great to see so many keen swimmers at the coaching with Brigitte Mahan and at Swim Week, over the holidays. Now we are all geared up for this season's carnivals over the next six Sundays. They start at 10am, except for Hanmer which will start at 9am.

Feb 5th: Hawarden	Feb 12th: Culverden
Feb 19th: Cheviot	Feb 26th: Amberley
Mar 4th: Hanmer	Mar 11th: Championships at Amberley

GGGOOOOOO HAWARDEN!!!

HAWARDEN SWIMMING CLUB

Carnival Trainings are as follows:

5-9yr olds	3.30-4.30pm	Wednesdays
10 yr+	3.30-4.30pm	Fridays
Masters	8.00-8.45am	Tuesdays and Thursdays
Anyone	9.30-10.30am	Saturdays

Phone Nicky 314-4429 or Bronnie 314-4411.

BUSY BEES School Preparation Playgroup

Busy Bees will be starting on February 13th at 9.30am at Hawarden Playcentre. Rosters and information has been emailed out to families already enrolled. If you would like to enrol your four year old, to participate in school type routines and activities in preparation for school life, please contact Kylee 314-4664.

HURUNUI YOUTH PROGRAMME

Bronze Medallion, Bronze Star + Award of Merit Swimming/Lifesaving courses

The internationally recognised Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion award aims to develop the level of knowledge, judgment, technique and physical ability required to carry out safe water rescues.

HYP are offering the following:

- Bronze Star training course for under 14 year olds
- Bronze Medallion for 14 years and over
- Award of Merit Training for those who already have their B.M Award

Two day training course Dates: Saturday 11th and Saturday 18th February 2012

Training will be held at the Amberley Swimming Pool – Douglas Road.

Assessment date: 25th February

Course Cost: $20. Assessment cost: approx. $25

Register online at hyp.hurunui.govt.nz or collect a registration form from the Amberley Library, Amberley Pool or contact Sam

HYP Hawarden Pool Party Friday 24th February. Hawarden Swimming Pool. 3.30-6pm. BBQ, Swimming, Games, Music and Spot Prizes. Just $3 entry

Check out all that is HYP on the new website – hyp.hurunui.govt.nz

HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Domestic and Commercial Refuse and Recycling Collections

Due to Waitangi Day on Monday 6th February, for one week only, Hurunui District Council refuse and recycling collections will run one day later than usual.

Normal collections will resume the week commencing Monday 13th February.

Please note: Hurunui District Council transfer stations will also remain closed on the 6th February.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING

THE LUNCH LADY

The Lunch Lady menu for 2012 was sent home earlier this week. There are a couple of new menu items…

Gado Gado, an Indonesian Salad with a homemade satay sauce, **Pizza Snacks** with a salami, cheese, tomato sauce and oregano topping. I hope they`ll be popular! There are a few price changes to some items, so check those before you order. I look forward to another year of giving you a day off making school lunches!!

Nicky Huxford 314-4429 027 344-8943

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

Nissan Pulsar 1995 4 door excellent condition. $3500 ono. Phone Jo 314-4538.

House Items and Hurunui College Uniform Items 2x petticoat tables $10 each. 1x mirror 75x90cm $30. Various uniform including small polar fleece, sports uniform, checked skirt, size 80cm navy shorts. Phone 314-4508.

Terminal Sire Rams 2 tooth. Texel, South Suffolk and Suftex rams. Please phone Daniel 314-2533.

WANTED

Hurunui College School Dress To suit 5-6 year old. Please phone Jane 314-2521.

Cut Log From either oak, birch, poplar, beech or alder log—between 10/15cm diameter and 50-100cm long. Needs to have been cut within last 3 months. Phone 314-4966.

CONTACT DETAILS

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	Web	www.hurunuicollege.school.nz
	Principal	rb@hurunuicollege.school.nz

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ADVERTISING CHARGES

Private and Community

(not-for-profit organisations) advertisements:

First advert for year: up to 20 words free – will run for one week only. If you wish to run it longer, you need to ring to reinsert it and arrange payment at 20c per word.

Business advertisements:

20c per word or $2.50 per column cm (boxed)

As this is a school/community, widely read newsletter, your sponsorship would be appreciated.

Sponsorship:- **$35 per issue**

This entitles you to a free boxed advert.

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