

Hurunui College

ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE WHAKAURU KI TĒ AKO, WEHE ATU KIA MANAAKITIA

Nga Kōrero ā te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou parents and whānau,

The start of 2022 has definitely had that feeling of “déjà vu” as we head into our third year with Covid 19 being front and centre of much of our thinking. And sadly, even after all our hard work, we are no longer insulated from the global pandemic or continue to have the privilege of observing the pandemic while other areas of the country grapple with the complexity of the virus. Like many businesses and organisations, the start of 2022 has certainly been the most challenging for us since the outbreak began back in 2019. We have experienced greater unpredictability and this has been compounded through ongoing absences of students and staff due to the necessity of isolation and through infection of the virus.

The term hybrid learning has quickly been tossed out there along with the expectation that learning is delivered both at school and in and from the home. This is easier said than done and has presented real challenges over the term. However, staff in the school have worked cooperatively and proactively to deliver the best possible outcome under some very difficult circumstances. What has helped immensely is the general cooperation of our school community and the high compliance in relation to our protective measures. Although we have seen sporadic and increased absences, we have not seen widespread transmission within class groups or across our staff. It would be naive to think that no transmission has happened in the school, but overwhelmingly we have seen the need for isolation to be due to factors outside of the school. This has allowed us to largely maintain business as normal for much of our teaching and learning and as of yet, we

Key Dates Term 2 2022

4-6 May	Exploring Camp
12th May	Teachers Only Day, School closed for students
18th May	RYDA Road Safety Program
26th May	Careers Expo
31st May	HPSSA Cross Country
3rd June	Queens Birthday , School closed
22nd June	Matariki, Public Holiday, School closed
28th June	Discovery Learning Conferences
9th July	Term 2 Holidays Start

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have not been required to step up our contingency planning. We have seen more of a slow burn and we can be grateful for the minimal disruption so far. As we head into term 2 we will likely see the continued relaxing of protective measures as the school and country take another step towards living with the virus. We look forward to being able to experience a greater sense of normality and begin to function again as a whole school.

Even with the pressures this term, we have still managed to see progress across the school and probably what is most obvious from the outside is the repainting and the completion of Whare Tūhura, our new building at the primary end of the school. It was fantastic to have the students move into the building on the 1st of March after an intimate ceremony supported by Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga and Taumata Maaka Tau and Tira-roa Rueben. The opening and karakia cleared the way for us to move into our new building.

The building of Whare Tūhura has been a twelve month build but the journey started well before then. The concept has been discussed for as long as I have been in the school. It has resulted in an excellent building and a fantastic learning environment for our younger tamariki. We are over the moon with the outcome and it is fabulous to have fit for purpose classrooms in place for our younger

tamariki as they begin their educational journey at Hurunui College. The students and staff have quickly settled into their new environment and are making good use of the space. Although there is still a small amount of work to be completed in the outdoor learning area, we look forward to having it open for the start of term 2 and look forward to being able to have a formal public opening of the building later in the term.

As we head into term two we will have a major focus on getting back to normal and alongside this will be a big focus on raising attendance and getting all our students back to school. Although hybrid learning has filled a short term gap it is not a long term solution.

Hopefully the students take the opportunity to have a bit of a break from mask wearing over the next couple of weeks and that some of you are able to spend some quality time with your children.

Nāku noa, nā

Stephen Beck
Tumuaki - Principal
Hurunui College





Sheppard House Update



Term 1 has been a great term for Sheppard house. A big thank you to everyone in Sheppard who has participated in swimming sports, last length, force back, four balls under the post and other house events that have happened throughout the term. We look forward to seeing more participation throughout the coming terms with many more house events to come.

From your house captains Lilijana Paton and Zoe Wiltshire.

Sumner House Update

Sumner has been going strong this term with lots of kids participating in the house events. Swimming sports and 4 balls under the post were a positive with Sumner coming out on top. Thanks for everyone's participation this term. Bring on the rest of the activities for the year.

By Josh and Maggie



Taylor House Update

Thank you to all the Taylor students who have been participating and helping our house get much needed points. We have had a good start to the year with swimming sports, four balls under the post, the quiz and last length swim. The highlight for us would have to be the last length swimming competition, as we came out on top! We now have a game of Forceback to finish the term strong.

By Sam Torrie and Brandon Johnson



Mason House Update

Mason house, cheers everyone that has participated in the house events so far this year. Your effort is appreciated! An extra congratulations to Finn and Sophie, good job in your swimming, good kick William McNaughton in four balls under the post, solid effort in the triathlon and touch everyone. Keep up the good work, team.

By Nikita & Caleb :)

Ara Experience

I am currently studying Business Communication at Ara and my experience has been wonderful, the teachers were really understanding and helpful. Ara is really hands-on, I feel like I am working in an actual office environment. I am very thankful to the school for giving me the opportunity to study at Ara two days per week. I highly recommend studying at Ara for a great experience.

By Kimberley Lampinez

Discovery



Tuesday 1 March, Discovery Learning Community finally moved into their new building, Whare Tūhura, much to the relief of the teachers and students who had spent the first 4 weeks of the term in temporary classrooms. Since then, we have all enjoyed working in our fabulous and very spacious new learning spaces. The children have new tables and chairs to work from, and we are awaiting the arrival of further storage units for the classrooms. It is such a pleasure to be able to work in such a wonderful learning environment, which is purpose built to meet the needs of our younger children.





Exploring

Waitā

Clever Creatures

Kaitiakitanga

Our topic is all about places we feel connected to and taking guardianship of our land. We are focusing on waterways and ecosystems.

We have been using Nanogirl's Clever Creatures book to guide in exploring the ecosystems around our classroom and the critters that live there. We have been collecting bugs and making bug bases. Some of us made balancing butterflies and even a sensory bag to act like a slow worm.

We have also had a visit from Jocelyn at ECan who spoke to us about the importance of healthy water ways and the creatures that live in them. We made a cool food web out of string. We had a great trip to the Hurunui River to monitor the river.



Pancake Day

Waitā class celebrated pancake day by learning how to make pancakes!



Fantastic Face Masks



Waitā and Hiwa-i-te-rangi Class all made their own face masks to help keep them safe. There were 2 patterns to choose from. We had to measure and cut the fabrics. Sew in the filter layer. Attach the elastic and turn it the right way around. It was tricky especially for the students who had never used a sewing machine before. It was hard to keep it going in a straight line!



RISE Time

During RISE time a group of students have been sewing their own chromebook sleeves. It was a bit tricky getting the measurements correct and threading the sewing machine properly. They look really cool and the students enjoy using them.



Winter Olympics!

To celebrate the Winter Olympics Waitā and Hiwa-i-te-rangi classes took part in some challenges of their own. They tried:

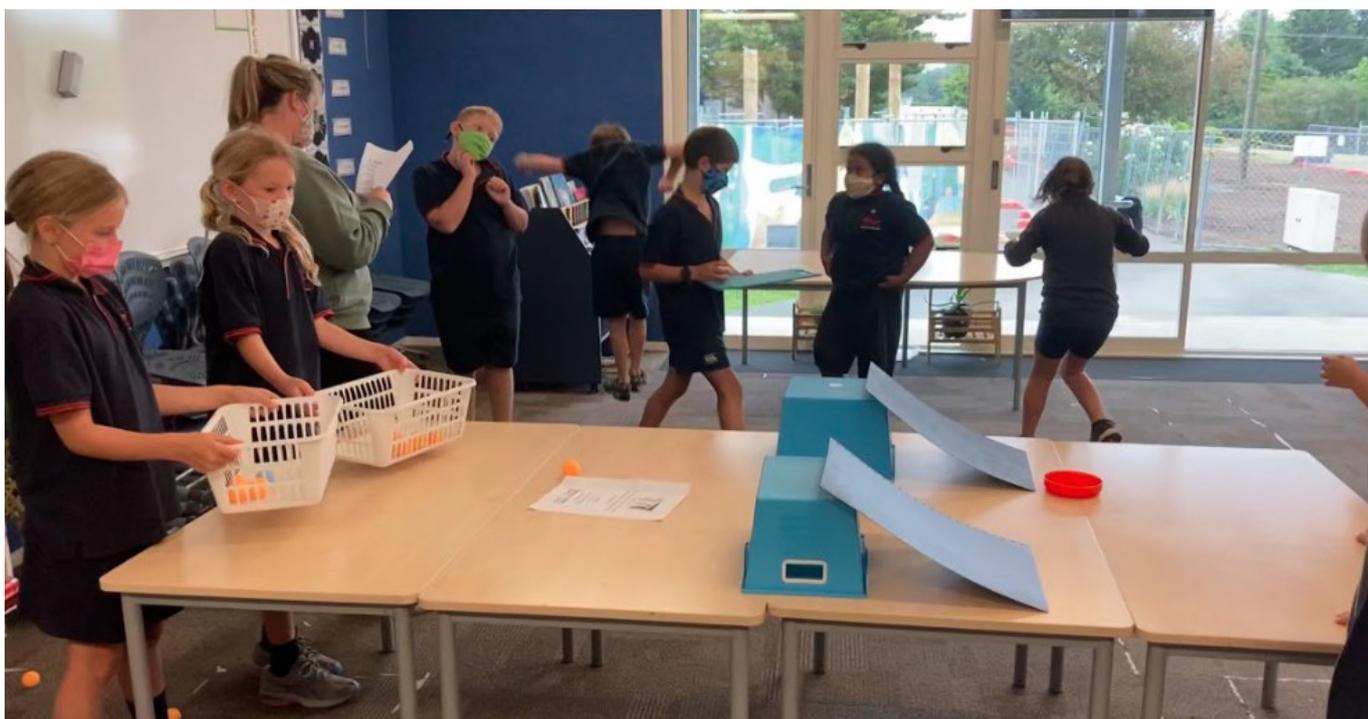
Ice hockey; using straws to hit an ice cube into a goal on the table.

Skeleton; Racing around the classroom on their bellies collecting the parts of a skeleton and putting it together.

Ski Jump; sending a ball up the ramp and trying to land it in the box

Snowboarding; bouncing some 'snow' on a chopping board and running up and down the classroom.

It was great fun and well done to our winning team who not only were successful working together at the challenges but also showed great sportsmanship.



Hiwa-i-te-rangi

Topic

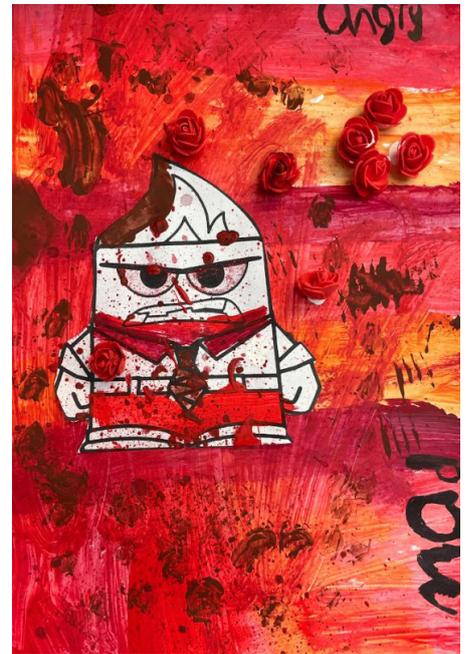
This term we have been learning about ecosystems and the water cycle. We created a big water cycle on our wall to help remember all the terminology! We then made our own ecosystems with soil, water and seeds. Over the past 3 weeks we have grown our ecosystems. We now can see that we have created an ecosystem that will survive as it has food, water, sunlight and air!





Zones of Regulation

We have been learning about the zones of regulation! We have created posters that represent each zone!



Waitā and Hiwa-i-te-rangi Rubbish Clean Up!



Waitā and Hiwa-i-te-rangi have also been learning about waterways and the effect humans can have on this natural resource. Rubbish was one of the issues, so both classes decided to do something about it. As part of our value service, and to support and help out our local community, Waitā and Hiwa-i-te-rangi went over to the Hawarden Domain and collected all the rubbish they could find!

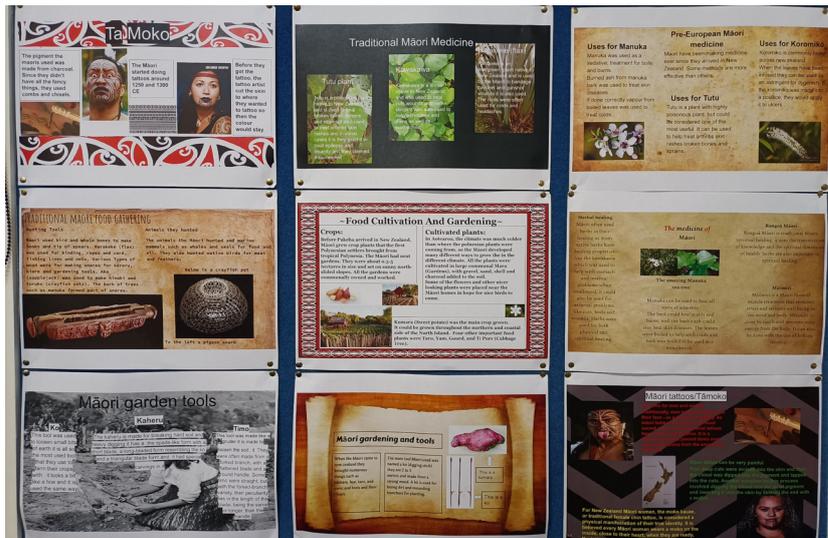


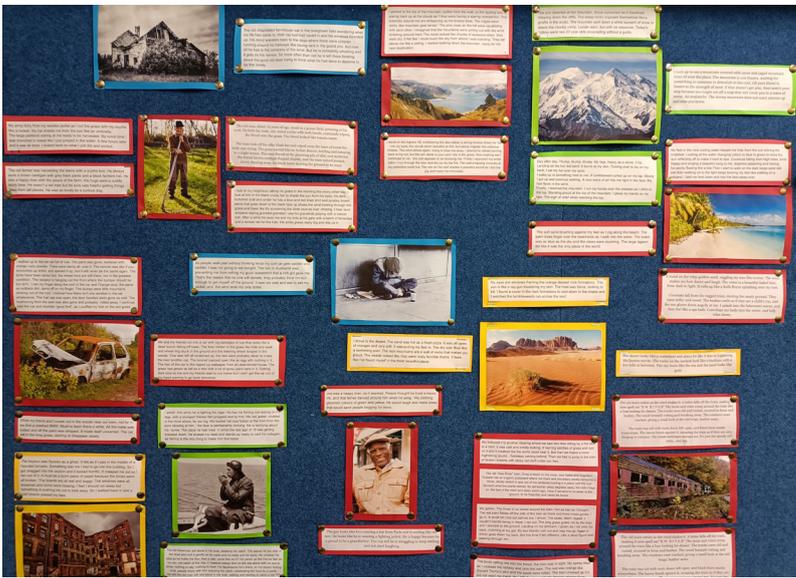


Investigating

Year 8

It has been a busy term in the Year 8 class this term. Despite having our camp to Lake Taylor postponed towards Term 4, the students have engaged well in all learning and made the most of the opportunities in the class. In social studies, they have been learning about early Aotearoa history which included making a model pā (fortified Māori village). In literacy, they have developed their creative writing skills through poetry, descriptive writing, and creating their own story about "Dystopia". Furthermore, many of the Year 8 students competed in the triathlon and swimming sports with enthusiasm. Thanks for making a disruptive term so much fun Year 8!





Outdoor Education



This term the Outdoor Education class have been working towards a snorkel trip. The students have been learning skills in the classroom then heading to the pool to practise them. We managed to get a good day trip to Kaikoura's South Bay during "Sea Week" on the 9th of March which allowed the students to experience the saltwater and practise their skills in deeper water while exploring the different environment. Following this trip on the 23rd and 24th we headed back for an overnight trip and final assessment opportunity. Conditions were pretty good and allowed us to tick off all the boxes and have some free time to explore the aquatic life. We had planned to explore the Marine Reserve on our way home but the conditions were too rough so will aim for a day trip at another point this year.

Last Length

On Tuesday 22nd March we held the annual Last Length House competition where students get one last dip in the pool and do as many lengths as they can in 5 minutes to gain points for their houses. After some calculations based on the number of people per house and the lengths completed the following results were confirmed;

1st Taylor, 2nd Mason, 3rd Sheppard, 4th Sumner



Elimination of Racial Discrimination

On Monday 21 March, it was the International Elimination of Racial Discrimination day. The student council found it necessary to show awareness towards this cause. On Monday, the Year 13's put 14 different flags up which reflected the students at Hurunui College's different cultures and hung them up on the fence of the tennis courts. The following Friday, Campbell Shepherd, Daniel Topp and I hung the flags back up during our study periods and I spent that day organising a house competition in hopes of promoting awareness. It was a quiz run like Cantamaths based on Geography/Culture/General Knowledge where all the houses were separated into teams and they all completed the quiz with the house leaders marking the answers. Sumner took it out, securing 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, with Taylor not far behind. It was really awesome to see the mixed groups converse with each other and work together and this really provoked a positive atmosphere amongst the student community. A huge thanks to Mr Brinson for helping me and making sure everything turned out well. Here are a few photos from Friday's event. Thanks again to everyone who participated, helped out and brought such a positive attitude. It meant a lot!

By Ebony Varnam



Year 13 vs Staff Spoon Challenge

In year 13 we have a competition called the Spoon Challenge. The Spoon Challenge is a competition between the year 13's and the teaching staff. We have completed two Spoon Challenge events this year, the year 13's have lost both and they still have the spoon. At the start of the year we had a relay race at swimming sports against the staff, who beat us. Then we did small bore rifle shooting, we won thanks to Martin Quigley's skills, who shot a 98.8 out of 100! But we forgot to take the spoon to the event, so we lost on a technicality. Better luck to the year 13's next term!

By William Costello

Friday Night Basketball

Friday Night Basketball was played from 4th March to 8th April and Hurunui College entered a 3x3 team called Hurunui Hot Shots and a 5v5 team called Hurunui Hawks.

Both teams have played really well and had some very good competitive games that the students have really enjoyed. Thank you to Tahlia Beck for coaching both teams and Tara Abbott and Keri Zino for managing a team each.



Swimming Sports

Term 1 has been very restricted due to COVID so unfortunately we haven't been able to have our very supportive families on site to cheer, encourage and support our students through the sports that we have been able to run.

Year 8-13

It was a beautiful day for swimming and there was a good turnout of enthusiastic, competitive and non-competitive swimmers. The Results are...

Freestyle

Open Boys 100m

- 1-Josh Gunn
- 2-Luke Chisnall
- 3-Kyle Searle

Open Girls 100m

- 1-Sophie Thompson
- 2-Sinead Chisnall
- 3-Katie Gunn

U12.5 Boys 50m

- 1-Elliot Holdaway
- 2-Shea Kelly
- 3-Will Zino

U12.5 Girls 50m

- 1-Sophie Frost

U14 Boys 50m

- 1-Finn Fricker
- 2-Flynn Sowden
- 3-Jamie Oberholzer

U14 Girls 50m

- 1-Sophie Thompson
- 2-Sinead Chisnall
- 3-Ashlee Murray

U15 Boys 50m

- 1-Kyle Searle
- 2-Nikau Reti

U15 Girls 50m

- 1-Miane Grove
- 2- Millie Sidey
- 3-Mia Northover

U16 Boys 50m

- 1-Luke Chisnall
- 2- Hunter Cattermole
- 3-Seth Smith

U16 Girls 50m

- 1-Hannah Sidey
- 2-Nikita Carr

Snr Boys 50m

- 1-Josh Gunn
- 2-Daniel Topp
- 3-Caleb Spencer

Snr Girls 50m

- 1-Zoe Wiltshire
- 2-Katie Gunn
- 3-Samantha Torrie

Butterfly

U12.5 Girls 50m

- 1-Sophie Frost

U14 Girls 50m

- 1-Sophie Thompson - 41.08
- 2-Sinead Chisnall

U16 Boys 50m

- 1-Luke Chisnall

Snr Boys 50m

- 1-Josh Gunn
- 2-William Costello
- 3-Caleb Spencer

Snr Girls 50m

- 1-Katie Gunn



Backstroke

Open Boys 100m

- 1-Luke Chisnall - 1.18.52
- 2-Elliot Holdaway
- 3-Caleb Spencer

Open Girls 100m

- 1-Sophie Thompson

U12.5 Boys 50m

- 1-Elliot Holdaway
- 2-Shea Kelly
- 3-Toby Kirkus

U12.5 Girls 50m

- 1-Sophie Frost

U14 Boys 50m

- 1-Finn Fricker
- 2-Flynn Sowden
- 3-Jamie Oberholzer

U14 Girls 50m

- 1-Sophie Thompson - 37.22
- 2-Sinead Chisnall
- 3-Ashlee Murray

U15 Girls 50m

- 1-Miane Grove
- 2-Millie Sidey
- 3-Katie Spencer

U16 Boys 50m

- 1-Luke Chisnall
- 2-Hannah Sidey

U16 Girls 50m

- 1-Hannah Sidey

Snr Boys 50m

- 1-Josh Gunn - 33.00
- 2-William Costello
- 3-Caleb Spencer

Snr Girls 50m

- 1-Katie Gunn
- 2-Stacey Jack
- 3-Samantha Torrie

Medley

Open Boys

- 1-Josh Gunn
- 2-William Costello
- 3-Caleb Spencer

Open Girls

- 1-Sophie Thompson
- 2-Sinead Chisnall

U12.5 Boys

- 1-Elliot Holdaway
- 2-Shea Kelly

U12.5 Girls

- 1-Sophie Frost

U14 Boys

- 1-Flynn Sowden
- 2-Finn Fricker
- 3-Khalani Tuinawaivuvu

U14 Girls

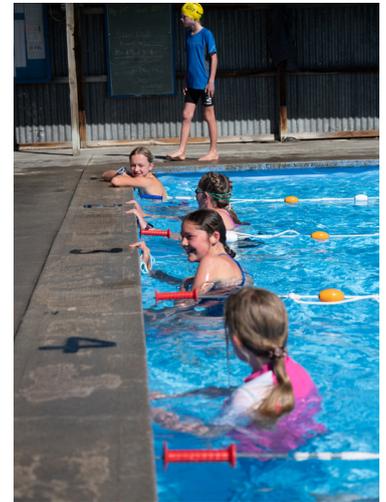
- 1-Sophie Thompson
- 2-Sinead Chisnall
- 3-Ashlee Murray

U15 Boys

- 1-Kyle Searle

Snr Boys

- 1-Josh Gunn
- 2-Daniel Topp
- 3-William Costello



Year 1-7

We had the perfect day for swimming sports, although we did miss our wonderful parents who are not only enthusiastic spectators, but also great parent helpers on the day! However, the students were still all able to participate and had a great day of swimming.

Results were...

RED = records

Freestyle

1 length Boys-Year 2

- 1-Angus Thompson

1 length Girls-Year 3

- 1-Leah Tuinawaivuvu
- 2- Kelly Abbott
- 3- Willow Hodgkinson

1 length Boys - Year 3

- 1-Darcy Kelly

1 length - Girls Year 4

- 1-Mollie Courto

1 length Boys-Year 4

- 1-King Lampinez

1 length Boys-Year 5

- 1-Mason Rogers

1 length Girls-Year 6

- 1-Elizabeth Murray

1 length Boys - Year 7

- 1-Joshua Spencer
- 2- Harry Sidey
- 3- Jack Savage

2 lengths Girls - Year 7

- 1-Samantha Jackson
- 2- Alexa Velmonte
- 3- Lilly Searle

2 lengths Boys - Year 7

- 1-Hamish Thompson
- 2-Rylley Dalton

2 lengths Girls - Year 6

- 1-Charlotte Thompson
- 2- Lily Frost
- 3- Beth Earl

2 lengths Boys - Year 6

- 1-Jake Abbott -34.36
- 2- Quinn Anderson
- 3- Sam Holdaway

2 lengths Girls - Year 5

- 1-Tina Tuinawaivuvu
- 2- Katie Devine

2 lengths Boys - Year 5

- 1-Nico Svenson
- 2-Jens Grove
- 3- Frank Anderson

2 lengths Girls -Year 3 & 4

- 1-Abby Youngman - 44.14
- 2- Billie Ramsay
- 3- Cassie Earl

2 lengths boys - Year 3 & 4

- 1-Angus Ferguson
- 2- Stanley Savage
- 3- Hunter Toki

Backstroke

1 length Boys - Year 7
1-Harry Sidey - 25.50
2- Rylley Dalton
3- Joshua Spencer

1 length Girls - Year 6
1-Elizabeth Murray - 23.86
2- Eva Kelly

1 length Boys - Year 6
1-Jake Kirkland-Manderson

1 length Girls - Year 5
1-Katie Devine

1 length Boys - Year 5
1-Patrick Frame - 29.42
2- Mason Rogers

1 length Girls - Year 4
1-Abby Youngman - 28.52
2-Cassie Earl
3- Mollie Courto

1 length Boys - Year 4
1-Stanley Savage
2-Hunter Toki
3-King Lampinez

1 length Girls - Year 3
1-Kelly Abbott
2-Leah Tuinawaivuvu
3-Willow Hodgkinson

1 length Boys - Year 3
1-Darcy Kelly

2 lengths Girls - Year 7
1-Alexa Velmonte
2- Ariana Luton
3-Lilly Searle

2 length Boys - Year 7
1-Hamish Thompson

2 length Girls - Year 6

1-Charlotte Thompson
2- Beth Earl
3- Lily Frost

2 length Boys - Year 6
1-Jake Abbott
2- Quinn Anderson
3- Darcy Ramsay

2 length Girls - Year 5
1-Tina Tuinawaivuvu

2 length Boys - Year 5
1-Jens Grove
2- Nico Svenson
3-Frank Anderson

2 lengths Girls - Year 4
1-Billie Ramsay
2- Cassie Earl

2 length Boys - Year 4
1-Angus Ferguson



Breaststroke

1 length Boys - Year 7
1-Harry Sidey - 29.53
2- Joshua Spencer
3- Ian McNaughton

1 length Girls - Year 6
1-Elizabeth Murray - 29.28

2 lengths Girls - Year 7
1-Alexa Velmonte
2- Lilly Searle
3- Ariana Luton

2 lengths Boys - Year 7
1-Hamish Thompson
2-Jack Savage

2 lengths Girls - Year 6
1-Charlotte Thompson
2-Lily Frost
3-Beth Earl

2 lengths Boys - Year 6
1-Jake Abbott - 49.30
2- Darcy Ramsay
3-Sam Holdaway

2 lengths Girls - Year 5
1-Tina Tuinawaivuvu
2-Katie Devine

2 lengths Boys - Year 5
1-Jens Grove
2-Nico Svenson

2 lengths Girls - Year 4 & under
1-Billie Ramsay
2-Abby Youngman
3-Cassie Earl

2 lengths Boys - Year 4 & under
1-Stanley Savage
2-Angus Ferguson

Triathlon

After much discussion on whether our triathlon could be run within the COVID guidelines, there was a plan hatched!

With the students doing a new 2km run inside the school grounds and then out to the road for the year 5-8 students to cycle 5km to Inch's gateway or for the Year 9-13 students 11km to Masons Flat corner they then went into the pool via the back gate and the Year 5-8 students swam 5 lengths and the Year 9-13 students 10 lengths.

A HUGE thankyou to all our fabulous parents/caregivers who worked within our COVID guidelines to make this run so smoothly and without a hitch, and to our fabulous staff for being so adaptable in these trying times, doing any job that was asked of you.

The results are-

Year 5-8 Individual

Boys

Jake Abbott - 20.07
Hamish Thompson - 20.45
Shea Kelly - 22.07
Quinn Anderson
Jens Grove
Sam Holdaway
Jack Savage
Darcy Ramsay
Mason Rogers
Max Harray

Girls

Lily Frost - 23.28
Charlotte Thompson - 24.52
Elizabeth Murray - 26.33
Sophie Frost
Eva Kelly
Ashlee Murray
Caitlyn Ferguson
Beth Earl
Tina Tuinawaivuvu

Runner	Cyclist	Swimmer	Time
Josie Earl	Will Zino	Sinead Chisnall	22:23
Joshua Spencer	Harry Sidey	Joshua Spencer	22:51
Rylley Dalton	Rylley Dalton	Samantha Jackson	22:55
Patrick Frame	Frank Anderson	Pippa Ginders	25:27
Zac Shennan	Leon Thomas	Elliot Holdaway	26:01
Tylan Toomey	Nico Svensson	Jake Kirkland-Manderson	26:27
Lilly Searle	Lilly Searle	Kayleigh Turner	30:05
Noa Cory	Katie Devine	Nicola Upritchard	35:21

Year 9-13 Individual

Boys

Caleb Spencer - 33.41
 MR KELLY - 33.53
 Luke Chisnall - 35.47
 Finn Fricker
 Kyle Searle
 MR THOMPSON
 Jayden Schoeman
 Horton McKay

Girls

Sophie Thompson - 33.43
 Katie Spencer - 44.25

Runner	Cyclist	Swimmer	Time
Cameron Trethowen	Brandon Johnson	Josh Gunn	32:52
Jesse Willis	Hunter Cattermole	Seth Smith	36:47
Samantha Torrie	Zoe Wiltshire	Katie Gunn	37:33
Flynn Sowden	Jamie Oberholzer	Khalani Tuinawaivuvu	37:53
Stacey Jack	Lilijana Paton	Ebony Varnham	44:58

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From the start of Term 2 Hurunui College uniforms will be available from NZ Uniforms online store. Sample uniforms will be available from the school office to try on for sizings. Keep your eyes out for more info on this early next term!

