Dear Parents,

Thanks to our fantastic community who have made the start to the year a smooth one. We hope our new students and their families have enjoyed their first week.

**SUN SMART HATS**

A reminder to all parents and carers to ensure that all students have a sun smart hat in their bags each day. The school's preference is the navy bucket hat as per our Uniform and Sun Smart Policy.

**PARKING AND CROSSING SUPERVISOR SURVEY**

Many of you would have received a Tiqbiz message yesterday regarding the crossing in Gungurru Road. I have asked the City of Greater Bendigo to assess the crossing area with a view to improving signage re. parking. The council will also be surveying the use of the crossing in Gungurru Road in an effort to establish a case for a permanent crossing supervisor. This survey will take place between 8.00am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm. The survey will look at the number of cars going over the crossing and the number of students and adults who use the crossing. I would urge all of you to use this crossing over the next couple of weeks.

**HOT WEATHER DAYS**

We have a few days of hot weather coming up and I would remind parents and carers to ensure that all students have plenty of water in their drink bottles. We will be keeping an eye on the weather and if it becomes too unpleasant, we will have an inside timetable during our lunch breaks.

**CENSUS DAY**

The Department of Education has made Tuesday 28th February as Census Day. The number of students enrolled at Huntly Primary School on this day establishes our school budget for 2017. We would ask that all absences, especially over the next few weeks are followed up with an Absence Note (these are available on our school website or from the school office). If you are contemplating a longer absence in February, can you please indicate this in writing and leave at the school office.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

I have declared School Council Elections for 2017 open as of 4.00pm Monday 6th February, 2017. There are 4 parent vacancies and 2 staff vacancies for the 2017 year. I would like to thank the outgoing councillors for their time on School Council. A schedule of dates for the election and further information is detailed on following page.

Craig Burnett, PRINCIPAL
Thursday 9th February  Huntsy PS Community Group Meeting 2.30 pm (see newsletter article)
Friday 10th February Grade 6 Polo Shirts Order due back (see newsletter article)
Friday 10th February Zooper Dooper Day - for sale second lunch at canteen. $1.00 each.
Wednesday 15th February Junior School Partners in Print 5.30pm to 6.30pm (see newsletter article)
Wednesday 15th February Hockey Road Show - Grades 1 to 4 at school (see newsletter article)
Wednesday 15th February Senior School - permission forms and payment for Gymnastics Program due back
Thursday 16th February Parents’ Group Meeting 9.15am in OSHC room.
Thursday 16th February Senior School Information Night 6.00pm (see newsletter article)
Friday 17th February Book Club orders close
Monday 20th February Gymnastics Program begins for Senior School $32 (more information next week)

COMMUNITY GROUP GATHERING
Thursday 9th February 2.30pm to 3.30pm

The next meeting of Huntly P.S. Community Group will be held tomorrow, Thursday 9th February. This is an opportunity for new parents (and not so new parents) to get to know each other in an information setting. All parents are welcome to attend, toddlers welcome.

Please come along to our first community group gathering for 2017.

GRADE 6 POLO SHIRTS
Order forms for Grade 6 school polo shirts will be sent home this week. Please return this form by Friday 10th February with full payment in a named envelope to the school office. Please note this is a one off opportunity to purchase these polo shirts, it will not to available again.

Late orders will not be accepted.

SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING
For Grades 3 to 6
Thursday 16th February at 6.00pm

Classroom teachers will share specific information on their Reading and Mathematics programs as well as general information about their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there.

Due to time constraints the Movie Night Committee will not be putting together a Movie Night survey as proposed. Therefore we invite any suggestions regarding the Movie night to be submitted in writing to the school office by 13th of February so we can move forward in creating a great night for our Community.

Do you have a business you would like to promote on the Big Screen, please contact Renee on 0400 971 484 to view our family discount offer.

If you know someone who might be interested in getting their business out their to our growing community please call Brooke on 0433 079 644

The next meeting of the Movie Night Committee will be held on Thursday 16th February at 3.45pm

ZOOPER DOOPER DAY
Friday 10th February
Zooper Dooper @ $1.00
For sale second lunch at the canteen.

PARENTS’ GROUP NEWS
NEXT MEETING:
Will be held on Thursday 16th February at 9.15am in the OSHC room. Everyone (including pre school children) are welcome to come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Upcoming Events:-
• Easter Raffle
• Zooper Dooper Days

PARTNERS IN PRINT EVENING
For Grades Prep to 2
Wednesday 15th February 5.30pm to 6.30pm
In your child’s classroom.

Please come along with your child to an evening where teachers will share skills and strategies to help you assist your student in Literacy at home. Partners in Print is an evening designed to assist parents to support their child’s literacy success. Please note the strategies we share with you on the second night will be different from the first evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL
MOVIE NIGHT
UNDER THE STARS
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH
5.30pm to 10.00pm
Movie to be announced….
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
As the Chief Executive Officer for the Huntly Primary School Council, I have opened the election process as of 4.00pm Monday 6th February 2017.

School Council Membership Vacancies are:
   4 parent vacancies for 2 years
   3 staff vacancies for 2 years

These vacancies have occurred as this year we have four parent and three staff representatives retiring. I would like to pass on my appreciation to the following School Council members who have worked on council as their membership ends at this election.

Three of the retiring parents are eligible for re-nomination. Lisa Storie’s children have moved on to secondary college and therefore she is ineligible.

Parent Representatives-
   Kathryn Stanislawski, Kristy Hunt, Helen Purdy and Lisa Storie.

Staff Representatives-
   Mandy Regan, Selena Van Riet and Linda McCarten

Nominations will close at 4:00pm next Monday 13th February 2017.

I urge all of you to consider standing for School Council as it gives our community a voice in the development of the school and its programs over the next few years.

If you have any questions about School Council, please contact me at the school. A letter was sent home with students earlier this week regarding the elections and an article about the role of school council was attached to this letter. Copies are available from the school office.

SCHEDULE FOR SCHOOL ELECTIONS 2017

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SPORTS NEWS
GYMNASTICS PROGRAM - GRADERS 3 TO 6 (whole school extra curricula activity)
This year the Gymnastics Program will run over two terms and be held at Jets Gym in Hattam Street, Golden Square. The senior school (Grades 3 to 6) will attend during first term, see dates below and the junior school (Grades Prep to 2) will attend at the start of term 2.

The program for the senior school will run on Monday February 20th and 27th and March 6th and 20th. Cost will be $32.00 per student.
Permission forms have been sent home with students and must be returned with payment by Wednesday 15th February.

HOCKEY ROAD SHOW
Wednesday the 15th of February the Grade 1 to 4 students will participate in hockey clinics ran by Hockey Victoria as part of their Hockey Road Show Program

Upcoming Dates to remember:
   • School Athletics (22nd March)

Matthew Lehane, Sports Co-ordinator.

FROM THE LIBRARY
Need a new Library Bag?? A great selection of fabric bags are on display in our Library window. Cost is $4.00 each, please see Mrs Strauch on Wednesdays before 9am for purchases. All money goes towards buying books for the Library from the students wish list.

Book Club – The first issue of Book Club will be sent home today with a letter of explanation. What a great way to start the year, purchasing books to begin your reading journey in 2017! Orders close on Friday 17th February at 9.00am sharp.

Thank-you, Laura Murdoch and Leonie Strauch.

SHAVE FOR A CURE
One of our Grade 6 students, Ollie Laird is participating in the World’s Greatest Shave raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. On the 16th March Ollie will be colouring his hair. To raise money Ollie will be running a guess how many jelly beans in the jar competition. The jar is at the school office. You can donate online www.worldsgreatestshave.com and search for Oliver Laird.
GUITAR LESSONS
We are able to offer guitar lessons again this year. This will be group lessons at a cost of $12.50 per student per week to be paid monthly. Lesson duration is half an hour and will be held on a Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested in your child or children having guitar lessons, please contact Brad Kemp on 0434 812 252 or email brkemp99@gmail.com

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
Applications for Conveyance Allowance should be lodged at the school no later than the 24th February, 2017. To be eligible for this allowance, a student must live more than 4.8 km, by the shortest practicable route, from Huntly Primary School (being the closest government school) or their nearest bus stop be more than 4.8 km from their home. Parents who applied last year will not need to apply again. Application forms are available from the school office.

TIQBIZ APP
We have a school communication app, Tiqbiz. The school will be using the app to send out general updates, classroom updates, reminders, events and much, much more! The app is called Tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and any other type of device or computer via the website. We kindly ask that you download Tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find our school and tick on the groups that apply to you. You’ll receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date. Please see flyer attached to today’s newsletter for details of how to download the app.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)
CSEF is again this year provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Please note the CSEF payments cannot be used towards voluntary school charges, nor towards books, stationery, school uniforms, before/after school care, music lessons, etc.
The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.
How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. Applications must be returned to school by Friday 24th February.

BENDIGO BANK - SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking will commence next Tuesday 7th February. Students need to bring their passbook, deposit slip and money to school and leave in the school office each day by Tuesday 9.00am. Bank account application forms are available from the bank or school office.

KEYBOARD LESSONS
Private Piano lessons will be available at Huntly P.S. again this year. These lessons take place during or after school at reasonable rates. For more information, please contact Tricia McNaulley on 0418 595 990 or 5496 2225.
SCHOOL INFORMATION - REMINDERS

Over the next few school newsletters we will be including this page of important information regarding school operations and policies. Most families will have seen this information before, but some details may have changed. Please take the time to have a look and refresh your memory.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

All visitors to the school including parents e.g. helping with reading, or attending meetings, etc. are required to sign the visitor’s book at the office on arrival at school and again on leaving the school. This is part of the school OHS policy to enable us to know who is in the school at any time for the safety of the children and the visitor. As staff are in their classrooms from 8.45am parents are requested to direct any enquiries or concerns through the school office and a message will be given to staff who will respond as soon as possible.

PICKING UP CHILDREN DURING SCHOOL HOURS 8.45AM TO 3.30PM

If you need to collect your child from school for an appointment etc., a note to the Class Teacher explaining the reason and time for the absence is necessary. Parents are required to report to the school office where you must sign your child out and receive an orange card. This card must be handed to the Class Teacher when collecting your child from their classroom. If your child is returning to school you will need to sign them in at the school office.

ALLERGIES

We have a number of children attending the school who have food allergies, particularly to nuts. Please make sure your child’s lunch box is free of peanuts/nut products. We ask for your support in this due to the serious nature of anaphylaxis. All staff will be retrained in CPR and Anaphylaxis this year. Thank you for your support in making our school a safe environment for everyone.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP OFF AND AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Children will be instructed for safety reasons to only cross the road using the school crossing (at school gate in Gungurru Rd and on the Highway) or the recognised crossing point at the Library gate. School doors open and yard supervision begins at 8.45am, children in the yard before this time are not supervised. Children must be collected after school by 3.45pm.

FIRST AID

Several members of our staff are First Aid trained. Minor problems are treated and the children are sent back to their classes. Parents will be notified by telephone if a child is ill, or if medical assessment of an injury is advisable. **It is imperative that the office has current home and work phone numbers and emergency numbers.**

SUN SMART HATS

It is our policy that students wear a Sun Smart hat when outside from 1st September to 30th April. Students without a Sun Smart hat are required to attend alternative lunch at Second Break. We encourage students to wear sunscreen for these terms as well. Baseball style caps are not acceptable as they are not Sun Smart safe and not part of our uniform.

UNIFORM

It is compulsory for all students to wear school uniform. Please see our Uniform Policy available from the school office or from the school website. Physical Education takes place regularly, so please make sure your child has suitable foot wear. For safety reasons, **thongs, shoes with built up heels and bare feet** are NOT allowed at school under any circumstances. Please make sure all clothing is clearly named.

JEWELLERY - The wearing of ear-rings, except studs and small sleepers, and other jewellery which could be a danger to the wearer or others is not permitted at Huntly Primary School.

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY AROUND SCHOOL

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school. Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children’s crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.
Huntly P.S. Community Group

Please come along to our first community group gathering for 2017.

This is an opportunity for new parents (and not so new parents!) to get to know each other in an informal setting. Toddlers welcome.

Where: Multipurpose Room, Huntly Primary School
When: Thursday 9th February
Time: 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Inside This Issue

Welcome back

2017: Welcome back to all our parents and students that attended OSHC in the past. We hope everyone has had a wonderful 6 week break. It's great to see everyone during the first week back, and even better seeing new faces attending the OSHC Program. We hope to see many more new/old faces over the year.

Code Red Days

CODE RED DAYS: A reminder that this service is listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register and will be closed on Code Red Days as per DET Policy.

Staff Member.

PERMANENT BOOKINGS: OSHC is up and operating again this year. Outside School Hours Care can provide for your family with child care assistance either because of work commitment or convenience when needed.

Movie Night

Just briefly, the program is run by our School Council as a service to the families of the school. Outside School hours Care operates everyday of the school term from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. Cost $13 per child per night and bookings must be made through the school office.

Hat and Sunscreen

Program

Broad brim hats must be worn during outside play this term. Sunscreen is also provided for the children's use.

Permanent

Bookings

Accounts

Accounts are sent home monthly with the children. Payments can be made at the school office. Payment plans can be set up for those who are having problems paying accounts. If you have an outstanding account could you please arrange payment with the school office asap. Thank You

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OSHC PHONE NUMBER
0474148067
3:30pm - 6pm Mon-Fri
OSHC Movie night.
On the 2nd of March we will be watching Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs which is rated PG.
If you wish for your child/ren not to watch this movie please advise the staff prior to the day.
Thank you.

Staff Member.
Daniel Harper will not be joining us this year as he has been appointed to a teacher position in Ballarat. We thank Daniel for the time he has spent at OSHC and wish him all the best for the future.

Welcome back.
We would like to welcome back Jessica who is replacing Daniel after having her little girl and returning back from maternity leave.

WEEK RECAP:
This week we have been getting back into the swings of things. We have brought into OSHC a STEM table, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics.
The children have been learning about how scales work and what is heavier then others with objects in our room.
We have had a great first week back, the children have lead their own story time, celebrated Chinese New Years with colouring the Rooster.
Students have been playing hand slam and the older students have been helping the younger students and teach them the rules.
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Daily activities include cars, reading, board games, Lego, play dough, drawing, sports, movies, dress ups, art, craft and quiet activities. We will also be spending time in our vegetable garden.

OSHC staff reserve the right to make changes to this program according to the weather, children's needs and requirements. If you have any queries regarding this program, please contact the OSHC Staff.

Thank You, Selena, Kate and Jess.

Children's choice activity