

## Our School Values:

**RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY**



Dear Parents,

### SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Well done to all of the students who took part in the Community Christmas Festival last Saturday evening at the Gardens for the Future in White Hills. Mrs E informs me the students performed incredibly well and did both themselves and the school proud. In 2024 students can join the choir at any time, a lot of fun and a chance to sing and dance. A big thank you to Mrs Effenburg for organising, running the choir sessions and managing the carols evening for the students and parents who attended.



### 'WELCOME TO 2024' START UP MEETINGS - BOOKINGS

At the beginning of the 2024 school year, 'Welcome to 2024' start up meetings will occur on Tuesday 30th January for all year levels. Meeting times are required for the day. Parents will be able to log onto Compass from 4pm, on Friday 15th December and select from the times available. The Compass booking system will remain open during January, 2024. Note: It is possible meeting times you would like to request will not be able to be met due to clashes. If this occurs please contact your child's 2024 class teacher to determine alternative arrangements. If you need assistance making a booking please contact Pam at the school office.

Please note: the Foundation Literacy & Numeracy Entry Assessment appointment times will be sent home to new students with their 2024 grade letter, this is not booked through Compass.

*Please see diary dates above for important start of year dates.*

### 2024 STAFF CHANGES

I would like to thank and acknowledge Heather Watson and Pam Turner who are both retiring after many years of service in the education system.

Heather Watson has been a part of the Huntly Primary School community for many years, first as a parent and then as an Education Support staff member. Heather caring and supportive nature for students and professional relationship with all staff will be missed.

Pam Turner has been the first point of contact for our school community for 6 years. Pam's career as a business manager spans 30 years plus, we will miss her expertise and professional aptitude.

I would like to welcome the following new staff to Huntly Primary School for the 2024 school year.

Both Cody Dunstan and Morgan Bibby successfully applied for our two teaching positions. Both Cody and Morgan bring enthusiasm, energy and a desire to provide the best learning opportunities for the students they will be teaching.

### STEP UP DAY: WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION - TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER (REPEAT)

On Tuesday 12th December students in years Foundation to 5 will have their 'Step-Up to 2024' day as traditionally undertaken. This will take place from 9.00am until 2:30pm. Students will then return to their 2023 classrooms.

Foundation 2024 students will attend school from 9.15 to 12.30, please bring lunch, drink, snacks and hat and Grade 6 students will transition to their 2024 secondary college.

Jason Lee, **PRINCIPAL**

**8TH DECEMBER, 2023**

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**HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US  
FOR OUR**

# **CHRISTMAS CAROLS & PICNIC TEA**

**PRIZES TO BE WON - GAMES AND LUCKY DRAW  
FREE ZOOPER DOOPERS**

**BYO: PICNIC TEA, CHAIRS OR PICNIC RUG**

**WHEN: 11TH OF DECEMBER**

**TIME: 5:30 PICNIC TEA  
CAROLS COMMENCING AT 6:15**



## DIARY DATES

Monday	11th	December	<b>Family Christmas Carols &amp; Picnic Tea at school</b> <i>(please see flyer attached to newsletter)</i>
Monday	11th	December	<b>JSC Colouring Competition Closes</b> <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Tuesday	12th	December	<b>Whole State Transition Day</b> - Grades Foundation to 5 visit their 2024 classrooms. - 2024 Foundation students visit the school 9.15am to 12.30pm <i>(bring lunch, drink &amp; hat)</i> - 2024 Year 7 students visit their Secondary College.
Wednesday	13th	December	<b>Food Share Program</b> - every Wednesday
Thursday	14th	December	<b>Zooper Dooper Day</b> - available second lunch \$1.00 each
Thursday	14th	December	<b>Grade 6 End of Year Celebration Movie Day</b> <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Thursday	14th	December	<b>Grade 6 Graduation Evening</b>
Friday	15th	December	<b>No School Assembly due to end of year excursions</b>
Friday	15th	December	<b>School Lunch Order Day - NO LUNCHES due to end of year excursions</b>
Friday	15th	December	<b>Grades 3 to 6 End of Year Celebrations Pool Day</b> <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Friday	15th	December	<b>Grade Foundation/2 End of Year Celebration</b> <i>(please see newsletter article)</i>
Wednesday	20th	December	<b>End of Term 4. Students dismissed at 1.30pm</b>

## 2024 DIARY DATES

Thursday	25th January, 2024	* Book Collection Day - pay and collect books from Education Plus at School Multi Purpose Room 11.00am to 3.00pm * 2024 Parent Payment Charges paid at school office
Monday	29th January, 2024	State-wide Student Free Day (teachers return to school)
Tuesday	30th January, 2024	Grades Foundation to 6 'Welcome to 2024' - Start Up Meeting Parent/ Student/ Teacher meeting (by appointment through Compass)
Wednesday	31st January, 2024	Grades 1 to 6 students start school at 9.00am Foundation - Literacy & Numeracy Entry Assessment (by appointment)
Thursday	1st February, 2024	Foundation ('rest day') - Literacy & Numeracy Entry Assessment (by appointment)
Friday	2nd February, 2024	Foundation grades start school at 9.00am

## FINAL WEEK OF BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club has now finished for the year. The school would like to say a huge thanks to volunteers Jono and Graeme who helped out on Tuesdays and to the regular staff who contributed throughout the year Ms Magee, Mrs MacGrath, Mrs Trahair and Ms Caufield. Also to Ms Bennett and Mr Lord for helping out. To Mrs Van Riet for working behind the scenes to make sure there were always enough supplies. And a massive thanks to Mrs Smart for always making sure the program was set up each morning and keeping up the constant supply of toast and spaghetti. We look forward to seeing everyone next year.



## SENIOR SCHOOL END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Grade 6 Movie Day**  
Grade 6 students will travel by bus to the Bendigo Cinemas to see the new PG rated movie "Wonka" to celebrate the end of their Primary School years. Students will receive a small drink and popcorn to enjoy whilst watching the movie. Departing school at 9.00am and returning at 1.00pm. Cost \$22.00 (Cash Payment Only) *Students are to be in school uniform and will need to bring with them a hat.*



**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Gr 6 Graduation Evening**  
The Grade 6 Graduation will be held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Omari (located inside Gardens for the Future at White Hills), balloons will show entrance. Arrival time for students and families is 4.45pm to allow presentations to begin at 5.00pm. Dinner for students and school representatives will follow from 6.00pm. Evening will conclude at approx. 7.00pm. Cost is \$30 (Cash Payment Only).



**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Grades 3 to 6 Pool Day**  
Grade 3 to 6 students will travel by bus to the Bendigo East Swimming Pool for a fun day swimming to celebrate the end of the school year. Departing school at 9.00am and returning at 3.00pm. Cost \$8.00 (Cash Payment Only) *Students are to be in school uniform and will need to bring with them a hat, sunscreen, drink bottle, lunch and a top to wear in the water that covers their shoulders. The canteen will be open at the pool but do not rely on this for lunch.*



*Permission notes have been sent home. These events must be paid in cash, please place correct money in named envelope and return to school.*

## GRADE F/2 END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

F-2 students will be celebrating the 2023 year with a day at the movies then lunch and a play at the Crook Street Park on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be seeing the movie "Trolls Band Together", so please refrain from seeing it!

*Permission notes have been sent home.*

*This event must be paid in cash, please place correct money in named envelope and return to school.*



## HAND FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE

Please be aware that we have had a reported case of Hand Foot and Mouth Disease in the school. Further information can be found on the following link [Victorian Department of Health](https://www.victorian.gov.au/Health)

## THE SUSTAINABILITY GARDEN

### **Thankyou and Happy Holidays!**

The Sustainability Team would like to wish all the students, staff and families of Huntly Primary School a Happy Christmas, and a New Year of good health and happiness.

Thank you to all the helpers for all your assistance in the Sustainability Garden this year. We could not have kept our garden so productive and thriving without your much needed time and dedication. For those that attended and helped for a certain percentage of the school year – they were awarded with a certificate of thanks today at assembly.

We have had a very productive year with lots of changes too. Mrs. Johnson retired after many long invaluable years in the Sustainability Team, leaving a fantastic and well-established garden and set-up - which was taken on by Sam. Without the assistance of our dedicated leaders Hugh and Keira -Lee, the transition would not have been as smooth. A huge thankyou for their time and effort – we wish them well in the transition to Secondary School.

In 2024 we will be seeking two new sustainability leaders to help with keeping our garden and green waste program running. The Sustainability Team welcomes any students from grade 3 – 6. If you have an interest in plants, recycling, gardening, looking after the Earth and also assisting with the chooks, look out for information in Term 1, and come and join us!



### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK** (presented this week)



### JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

#### CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

The JSC are running a Christmas Colouring Competition for the whole school.

F-2 students can do a colouring in sheet and 3-6 students can design a bauble on the template.

All students who participate will receive 10 house points and 4 lucky winners will receive a prize! All entries must be placed in the office trays by Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Thank you, Mrs. Trahair & the JSC.*



### WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

*These awards reflect our school values of : **Respect, Resilience, Community and Collaboration.***

Congratulations to the following students, Mr Lee will present them with their Student Recognition Award in their classroom. No assembly due to end of year excursions.

**F/1A - Romy A:** *for her care and compassion to others.*

**F/1M - Maverick N:** *for being a caring friend and sharing his soccer ball with others.*

**- Fletcher H:** *for always being a kind and caring friend in our classroom.*

**F/1C - Lincoln PR:** *for showing kindness to others in the class.*

**F/1Mac - John V:** *for having an excellent attitude towards his learning.*

**2H - Carter S:** *for taking on feedback to make improvements to his writing.*

**2T - Xander M:** *for taking on*

**3/4 GT - Ebony T:** *for the accuracy and effort she demonstrated when presenting data as a column graph.*

**3/4 D - Maddy P:** *for her dedication to trying her best in all learning areas.*

**3/4 L - Lily L:** *for her application to her work and for always striving to do her best.*

**5/6 BP - Elle G:** *for taking pride in her classwork.*

**5/6 L - Daisy B:** *for her outstanding effort and attitude all year.*

**5/6 R - Jacob R:** *for being a helpful member of our classroom.*



# HUNTLY FIRE BRIGADE SANTA RUN

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December

Starting at Community Playgrounds, from 6pm until late.



Maps of runs and information will be placed on the Woolworths community board and Epsom and Huntly Post Offices closer to the date.



'Like' Huntly Fire Brigade—CFA Facebook page for full details and updates.



**Ho Ho Ho! Hi Everyone!**

**Santa will be visiting the Huntly Hall on his way to the North Pole!**

**Join us for a free Family Event on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December between 2 and 4pm. Santa will be arriving at 2.30pm (Don't be late!).**

**Come along, say Hello and get a photo with Santa. Help decorate the Xmas tree! There will be Facepainting, Balloon twisting, Lollies and Zooper Doopers for the kids. And free entry in the draw to win the Xmas door prize for all Adults.**