

Our School Values:

RESPECT, RESILIENCE, TEAMWORK & COLLABORATION and COMMUNITY



Dear Parents,

WELCOME SAMARA

Huntly Primary School recently employed Samara Phung to our wellbeing team, alongside Dianne Kaplan who has worked at the school for a number of years. Samara is a welcomed addition to the team and is here to support families and students.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that Huntly Primary School is a positive, respectful and safe school environment. Adults have a particular responsibility to be mindful of the way in which we conduct ourselves in and around the school, noting that we are the role models that impressionable students look to.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contribute to the positivity of our school community. Though I cannot thank each of you individually, I wish to assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed. This is also an opportune time for me to emphasise that my door is always open to discuss any range of school matters- simply contact the front office to schedule an appointment. If there is something you are concerned about or unsure about regarding your child, whether major or minor, it is best dealt with sooner rather than later. I would encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher. While it may be convenient to catch a teacher before or after the school day, this is certainly not the most appropriate time to have an in-depth discussion about your child. So, what is the best way to contact your teacher? Drop a note or email to the school, which will be forwarded to the class teacher asking them to contact you. I am currently talking to Compass and hope to have the Compass email functionality available to parents soon. This will enable us to have a consistent method of communication moving forward.

I would also take the opportunity to refer you to our school's website, which includes several policies detailing expectations of parents and carers of students at the school, in particular to our Statement of Values and School Philosophy and Complaints policy.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and effort put forth by the parents and carers at Huntly Primary School.

TERM 1 CURRICULUM DAY SUMMARY

All staff were involved in a number of professional learning and information sessions over the course of the day. Staff were provided an update on the planning for the school build; undertook an emergency evacuation debrief following our recent practice drill; discussed our Annual Implementation Plan and the actions and activities that will support student learning and wellbeing throughout the year; reviewed the new English and Math curriculum; and undertook an activity to strengthen student voice in our classrooms.

THANK YOU - IGA COMMUNITY CHEST

We wish to thank the Huntly IGA Supermarket for donating \$415.76 to the school as part of their IGA Community Chest promotional sales program. We appreciate the contribution from the Huntly IGA and thank the local community for supporting this program.

Jason Lee, PRINCIPAL

8TH MARCH, 2024

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

DIARY DATES

Monday	11th	March	Labor Day Public Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday	12th	March	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Wednesday	13th	March	Food Share Program - every Wednesday
Wednesday	13th	March	Zooper Dooper Day - during second lunch \$1.00 each (<i>see newsletter article</i>)
Wednesday	13th	March	Book Club Orders Close 3.30pm (<i>please see newsletter article</i>)
Thursday	14th	March	Breakfast Program - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Friday	15th	March	School Lunch Order Day - No lunch orders this day
Monday	18th	March	School Council Annual General Meeting & March General Meeting
Wednesday	20th	March	School Photos - whole school
Wednesday	20th	March	Easter Raffle tickets due back (<i>please see newsletter article</i>)
Thursday	21st	March	Harmony Day - Let's Wear Orange (<i>please see newsletter article</i>)
Monday	25th	March	Easter Hat Parade and Easter Raffle Draw 9.10am (<i>please see newsletter article</i>)
Tuesday	26th	March	Online orders close for school photos via Compass
Thursday	28th	March	School Cross Country - whole school
Thursday	28th	March	End of Term 1. Students dismissed at 2.30pm



HARMONY DAY



It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Let's Wear Orange!

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Students at Huntly Primary School can choose to *wear something orange on Thursday the 21st of March* to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.



SCHOOL PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH

The school photos will be taken on Wednesday 20th March by MPS Photography.

Ordering will be the same as last year with all orders being made online through COMPASS.

Families will receive an instruction sheet from MPS Photography via Compass email on 6th March.

Please note children will not receive an order envelope.

FAMILY PHOTOS – Must be ordered prior to photo day using the Compass Portal.

School Photos online orders close at midnight Tuesday 26th March.

Late Orders can be accepted after *Wednesday 27th March* through Compass or by contacting **03 5482 3190**. All late orders incur an extra fee for postage and handling.



EASTER HAT PARADE & FUNDRAISER

On Monday 25th March, the JSC is running an Easter Hat Parade to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal. The parade will be from 9:10am – 9:30am and family members are welcome to stay and watch.

Students are encouraged to bring a gold coin to donate to the cause.

*** Please note this is not an out of uniform day.**

Thank you, Miss Phegan & JSC



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets for the annual Easter Raffle have been sent home with students last week. Additional tickets are available from the school office.

We still need lots of Easter related DONATIONS to help make the raffle a success. Donations of easter eggs, baskets, easter themed items, etc can be left at the school office Tickets must be returned by Wednesday 20th March to be in the draw. Raffle will be drawn at the end of the Easter Hat Parade on Monday 25th March.



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 at assembly on Friday 15th March at 9.10am.

F/1C - **Chase F:** for showing resilience and persistence when faced with a challenge.

F/1B - **Reeve M:** for being a funny and kind classmate. Keep it up Reeve!

F/1M - **Ezra C:** for independently getting himself ready to learn.

F/1A - **Isla H:** for always helping her peers when they need a hand.

F/1D - **Henry D:** for independently getting himself ready to learn each morning

2H - **Heidi M:** for her impressive writing and story telling skills during our narrative and persuasive units.

2R - **Ayona A:** for her outstanding effort using descriptors to make her writing interesting.

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

3/4BM - **Kate B:** for taking on feedback to make improvements to her writing.

3/4GT - **Kaina M:** for sharing her mathematical understanding that fractions represent equal parts of a whole.

3/4PG - **Saxon E:** for his excellent effort in Math and creating his own fractions.

5/6L - **Peter G:** for showing initiative in his leadership role.

5/6D - **Lily LP:** for consistently demonstrating all of the school values, both inside the classroom and in various aspects of her daily life.

5/6T - **Sophie R:** for being a kind and well-mannered member of our classroom and for always following the classroom expectations.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 2 of Book Club orders must be placed by 3:30pm on Wednesday 13th March.

This is to ensure that all orders will arrive before the end of Term 1.

Thank you, Morgan Trahair.



BOOK FAIR HELPERS

We are looking for parent/community helpers to assist in running the 2024 Book Fairs.

Each year we hold two Scholastic Book Fairs.

This year, our Term 2 Book Fair will run from:

Tuesday 30th April: 8:30am–9:00am & 3:30pm–4:00pm

Wednesday 1st May: 8:30am–9:00am & 3:30pm–4:00pm

Thursday 2nd May: 8:30am–9:00am

We are looking for anyone who would like to assist in sales.

There will be a member of staff available to help initially explain everything and talk you through the process.

If you are interested, please reach out as soon as possible, we would greatly appreciate your support.



*Thank you,
Morgan Trahair.*

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

On the last day of Term 1, **Thursday 28th March** we will host our annual school cross country event. The whole school participates in this extra curricula activity. Students can attend school on this day dressed in their sports team colours (see below). New students will be informed of their team before the day.

CAMPASPE - Blue

EPPALOCK - Green

LAANECOORE - Yellow

LODDON - Red

All families are welcome to come along and support the runners. The event will be held in the afternoon **time to be confirmed.** The running will begin with the Foundation students and consecutive grades will follow. We look forward to seeing you there.



SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

LUNCH ORDERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE NEXT FRIDAY 15TH MARCH.



FOODSHARE PROGRAM - EVERY WEDNESDAY

The Food Share Program distributes excess food stock to families in need. Items will vary from week to week and include pantry items, fridge essentials, frozen goods, fruit and vegetables. This is open to our school families, every Wednesday in the school OSHC room. Enter via the school library gate. Please bring your own bag to put goods in.



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Welcome

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Play in the Garden Day

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PLAYGROUP WEEK

10AM - 1PM

TUESDAY MARCH 19

GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE
BOSQUET STREET, WHITE HILLS

FREE
EVENT

LOTS OF FUN, FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FACE PAINTING
- CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
- PONY RIDES
- ANIMAL FARM
- LIBRARY ACTIVITIES
- ART AND CRAFT
- SENSORY PLAY
- BUBBLES
- CHILL OUT ZONE
- SPORTS GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
- CONNECT WITH LOCAL EARLY YEARS SERVICES

FREE FRESH FRUIT • \$2 SAUSAGES and VEGGIE BURGERS • COFFEE AVAILABLE

Coliban Water refill unit available please remember to bring your drink bottle

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3 DAY VIP EVENT

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March 6th 7th & 8th



INSTORE & ONLINE

*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.