HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL 306

Dear Parents,

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills and a range of experiences and knowledge that can help inform and shape the direction of the school.
Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable skills and knowledge to the role. It is important to have an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

School Councils have three main responsibilities:
Finance – *overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.*
Strategic Planning – *participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.*
Policy Development and Review – *developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.*

In 2026 school council elections **must be completed by March 31st.**

This year there will be FOUR parent and TWO DET employee (Department of Education and Training) vacancies.

RETIRING COUNCILLORS ARE:

Parent Members – Amy Lawry, Maria Willman, Tannah Anthony,
DET Members – Alicia McGrath, Lisa Clohesy
I would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the above listed School Council members for their valuable contributions to our school. Their work and commitment have been greatly appreciated.

School Council Nominations

The following time line outlines our school election procedure. Nomination forms can be collected from the office from Monday 9th February

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE	
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday 9th February, 2026
b) Closing date for nominations & deciding if a ballot is required.	Monday 16th February, 2026
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 19th February, 2026
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed.	Monday 23rd February, 2026
e) Close of ballot	Monday 2nd March, 2026
f) March School Council Meeting First council meeting to elect office bearers	Monday 16th March, 2026

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PRINCIPAL **MR JASON LEE**

FAMILY LAW COURTS & INTERVENTION ORDERS

Families that have Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders are requested to provide a copy to the school so that the school can act in accordance with any orders. Family Law Court Orders stipulate the rights of both parties and enable us to act appropriately and lawfully. It is also appropriate that the school is in possession of the most recent Family Law Court Orders or Intervention Orders.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

As a school we do as much as we can to protect and care for injured students including first aid, notifying parents and emergency contacts if students are injured or hurt, and if necessary, an ambulance is called. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refunded by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from that fund. The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Reasonably low-cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector and these can be obtained by parents for their children.

PROCESS FOR LATE ARRIVAL OR EARLY DEPARTURE: *IT'S A SAFETY ISSUE*

If a student arrives late to school, or departs early (for a valid reason), they must be signed in or out by an approved adult at the school office. Parents must NOT collect a child directly from the school yard or classroom. This is a parental duty of care and child safety issue. Latecomers are NOT to go directly to their classroom, but must pass through the office and collect a 'late pass'. Your support with this process is appreciated.

LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY—MONDAY 9TH MARCH - *School Closed*

CURRICULUM DAY—FRIDAY 27TH MARCH - *Students do not attend school on this day.*

Jason Lee, **PRINCIPAL**

WEEKLY STUDENT AWARDS

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

Congratulations to the following students:

F/1C	**Frankie W**	*Gor being brave during the first week of school. Coming into the classroom happy and completing set tasks.*
F/1B	**Della F**	*Congratulations on settling into school with confidence and helping your classmates to do the same.*
F/1M	**Amelia W**	*For showing great courage by coming into the classroom independently and getting herself ready to learn.*
F/1D	**Beau S**	*For showing kindness and care while helping the Foundation students.*
F/1L	**Olivia P**	*For working hard in reading and remembering where to use full stops. Well done Olivia.*
2H	**Imogen A**	*For being a positive role model in the classroom and having a great start to Grade 2.*
2G	**Hayden B**	*For transitioning into Grade 2 seamlessly with great enthusiasm.*
2R	**Bodhi B**	*For positive transition into Grade 2, understanding our classroom routines and being organised for his learning.*
3/4L	**Ripley T**	*For his sensational start to the year.*
3/4G	**Shivani P**	*For quickly and politely settling into our class routines.*
3/4M	**Kaan H**	*For having a positive start to the school year and being actively involved in the classroom activities and discussions.*
3/4T	**Katie E**	*For settling into her new class and following the expectations. It been amazing to see you leading by example.*
5/6K	**Mackai G**	*What an amazing first week in Term 1 you have had. You have settled really quickly, and demonstrated respect, responsibility and maturity at all times.*
5/6D	**Aubrey E**	*For beginning the year with enthusiasm and positivity in everything she does, helping to create a welcoming classroom environment.*
5/6M	**Marley M**	*For here fantastic use of persuasive devices within her leadership letter application.*

FOCUS EXPECTATION NEXT WEEK:

"Understanding Our Routines."

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Huntly Primary School have partnered up with Goldfield Catering again this year to supply lunch orders to school students. Orders can be placed using School Lunches Online an online ordering platform. Lunch orders will be available on a weekly basis with lunches delivered every Friday.

This will begin next week on Friday 6th February.
Orders will need to be placed via the website http://www.schoollunchonline.com.au/ and close at 10.00am Thursday 5th February.

Please read the attached flyer for information on how to register and order your child's lunch. Please make sure you select the correct Learning Centre (LC) for your child to ensure delivery to correct room.

REMINDER: If you registered and ordered lunches last year please update your child's details with their new 2026 Learning Centre so their lunch order is delivered to the correct room. See Learning Centre list below.

LC1 - 5/6K - Mrs Kingsley
LC2 - 5/6D - Mr Dunstan
LC3 - 5/6M - Miss McMillan & Miss Magee
LC4 - 2R - Mrs Riches
LC6 - F/1C - Mrs Clohesy
LC7 - F/1L - Miss Laffy
LC8 - F/1M - Mrs McGrath
LC9 - F/1D - Miss Dolphin
L10 - 2H - Mrs Harrison
L11 - 2G - Mr Grace
L12- 3/4T - Mrs Threlfall
L13- 3/4L - Mr Lord
L14 - 3/4M - Mrs Trahair
L15- 3/4G Mr Gillies
LC16 - F/1B - Miss Bibby

BOOKCLUB

Welcome to another year of Scholastic Book Club.
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Issue 1 of Book Club has now been sent home with all students.

All additional information about Book Club has been posted on all Class Stories, so please keep an eye out. All orders will need to be submitted by ***Friday 13th March.***
Any questions, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher or Morgan Trahair.
Thank you.

Youth Myki

From the 1st of January 2026, public transport is now free for children aged between 5 and 17 years. To access free travel, all young people need to carry a Youth Myki card and tap on and off each time they travel.

Youth Myki can be purchased for $5 online vis Transport Victoria website or from a staffed station or the PTV Hub.

SCHOOL PHOTOS *(SAVE THE DATE)* FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

This year school photos will be taken on Friday 20th March by MPS Photography. Families order directly from MPS Photography via the school Compass App. An email will be sent to families in a later newsletter reminding them to place orders.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

IF YOU HAVE A HEALTH CARE CARD YOU CAN APPLY…. *DON'T MISS OUT*

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:

- **$400 for primary school students**
- **$400 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.
Please note: If you successfully applied in 2025 through our school, you will have an automatic application for 2026.
New applications to Huntly Primary School must reapply and the forms to be retuned to school by Friday 4th April, 2026.

Thank you
Admin Staff

DIARY DATES

Tuesday	10th	February	**Breakfast Program** - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Monday	16th	February	**School Council Meeting**
Wednesday	11th	February	**No School for Foundation Students** - on Wednesday's for the month on February
Wednesday	11th	February	**Food Share Program** - every Wednesday
Thursday	12th	February	**Breakfast Program** - 8.10am to 8.30am. All students welcome.
Friday	13th	February	**School Lunch Order Day** *(orders close 10am on Thursday 12th February)*
Monday	16th	February	**School Council Meeting**
Tuesday	17th	February	**Earth Ed incursion 3/4s**
Wednesday	18th	February	**No School for Foundation Students** - on Wednesday's for the month on February
Wednesday	25th	February	**No School for Foundation Students** - on Wednesday's for the month on February
Wed/Thur	4-5	March	**Gymnastics Program begins for Grades Foundation to 2** *(see newsletter article)*
Monday	9th	March	**Labor Day Public Holiday - *School Closed***
Wednesday	12th	March	**Conveyancing Allowance** applications close *(see previous newsletter article)*
Wed/Thur	11-12	March	**Gymnastics Program for Grades Foundation to 2**
Friday	20th	March	**School Photos - whole school**
Tues/Wed	24-25	March	**Gymnastics Program begins for Grade 3 to 6** **(***see newsletter article)*
Friday	27th	March	**Curriculum Day** - *students do not attend school on this day.*
Tues/Wed	31-1	March-April	**Gymnastics Program begins for Grade 3 to 6**
Friday	4th	April	**Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund** Application Forms due back *(see article)*

SPORTS NEWS – GYNMASTICS

Our Gymnastics program will begin on Wednesday 4th March with students travelling by bus to Jets Gymnastics in Hattam Street Golden Square.

Gymnastics Program will run on the following days:

Grades Foundation to 2 - Wednesday 4th March & Thursday 5th March
- Wednesday 11th March & Thursday 12th March

Grades 3 to 6 - Tuesday 25th March & Wednesday 26th March
- Tuesday 31st March & Wednesday 1st April

Session times will be published in future newsletter. Students are required to wear school uniform. Please, no dresses on these days as it makes it difficult for your child to move freely and get the most out of the program. School T-shirt and shorts are highly recommended.

Consent and Payment options will be posted through Compass shortly as cost per student is to be confirmed. Please contact the school office if you require a printed permission form for your child.
If you have eligible for CSEF (see newsletter article) and wish to use this fund to pay for your child's gym program please select the CSEF option on Compass.

Skye Bennet, Physical Education Teachers

Zooper Dooper Sales – JSC

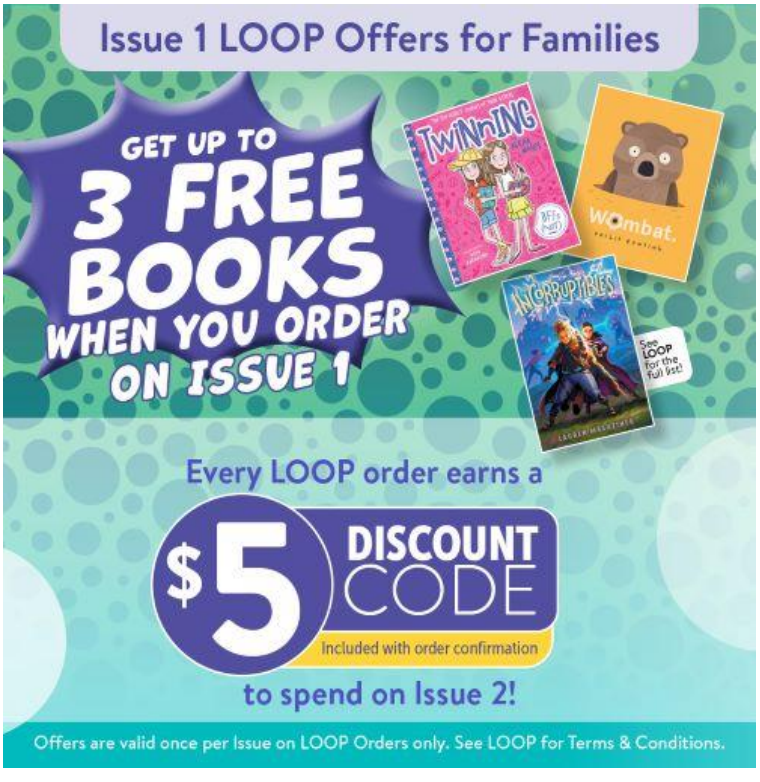
The 2026 Junior School Council will be selling Zooper Doopers every Friday in Terms 1 and 4. They will be **$1 each.**

To help this to run smoothly and avoid interruptions to learning time, we are following this process:

- Students will give their money to their classroom teacher in the morning.
- Orders will be collected by JSC members just before first lunch.

Zooper Doopers will be delivered to students at the beginning of second lunch by JSC members.
If you forget to send money with your child, you can drop it at the office before 11am, where it will be added to the class order. Please note that classes won't be interrupted during learning time to notify individual students. Your child will have a lovely surprise!

Thank you for supporting JSC and helping us keep learning time uninterrupted.



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BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club starts week 3, Tuesday 10th Feb.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS

8:10-8:30

AT THE MPR

ALL WELCOME!

school lunch ONLINE

As easy as 1,2,3 (well, 1,2,3,4 really)

1. Go to www.schoollunchonline.com.au to register your family
2. Choose from your school supplier's healthy lunch selection
3. Order your kids' lunches ahead or on the day
4. Pay as you go or top up your account regularly

Relax knowing your kids will receive the lunch they want with the ingredients you want.

How to end the school morning kitchen chaos

Mums and Dads,

Hands up if you're often running late on school mornings before you've even got the kids' lunches started. Then you dig through the fridge for something remotely fresh and edible, and find nothing. Finally, you decide to order lunch instead, then scramble around to find that elusive paper bag and the right change to put inside?

Now there's a hassle-free way to feed the hungry hordes at school - School Lunch Online.

A flexible and secure web based service that makes planning, tracking and placing lunch orders as quick as a click of a button.

Not only do kids eat well, but it gives time-poor parents a bit of breathing space in the mornings and lets hard-working teachers focus on doing what they do best – teaching.

Bliss!

Why you'll be a happy parent

- No more paper bags or finding the correct change ever again
- Relax knowing your kids will receive the lunch they want with the ingredients you want
- Have input into the menu via an initial online survey, so your school can get options right from the outset
- Cost-effective healthy meals
- Order online in advance, anywhere, anytime
- No minimum order or long term commitment
- Order ahead up to any time within the current term
- Pay per order or keep account topped up

schoollunchonline.com.au

The easy way to order school lunch

Welcomed.

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Huntly Primary School

Fundraiser Mini Sessions

With Chris Epworth Photo. Each session includes:

- 20-minute photo shoot
- 5 beautifully edited digital images
- Option to purchase more

$100

chrisepworth.com/minisessions

- Click the link
- Pick your date and time
- Select Huntly PS as the school you're supporting

HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY

Proudly sponsored by Agnico Eagle Fosterville

FREE ENTRY

SUNDAY FEB 15, 2026

10AM TO 1PM

STRAUCH RESERVE, 14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY

Don't forget a towel!

FREE ACTIVITIES:

CHAIR-O-PLANE ACTIVITY • INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE
WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA • AIRBRUSH TATTOOS
SPORTING ACTIVITIES • ANIMAL DISPLAYS • ART AND CRAFT
FREE GIVEAWAYS! • FACE PAINTING • RENEGADES VAN INFLATABLES

FOOD/DRINKS:

BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS – ALL $2.50 EACH
FREE FRESH FRUIT • COLIBAN WATER
REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

Limited shade - bring along your hat and chair.

Child-safe event. Smoke and vape free event.
Parking available around sporting ground.

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