HUNTLY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th October, 2026

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- **SUN SMART REMINDER: 'It's Hat Time of the Year Again'**

Students who don't have hats from this date will be required to stay in identified shaded spaces or attend the Alternative Lunchtime Program.

School Values

Respect | Resilience | Community | Collaboration

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Message from the Assistant Principal:

REAL SCHOOLS:

This term our teaching staff have continued to participate in valuable discussion about and have completed modules of the 'Real Schools' program. These modules were dedicated to affective language which is a core communication strategy where staff use 'I' statements to express the genuine emotional impact of a student's behaviour rather than relying on blunt commands, cold rules, or punitive scolding. An example of this would be… Default statement: "Thanks for lining up."

Affective language statement: "It makes me proud to see you lining up properly."

Some of our staff have attended additional professional learning with Real Schools founder Adam Voigt today and we look forward to hearing about their day and continuing our use of positive affective language when building connections with our students.

SWIMMING:

Our swimming program has now come to an end for another year. A big thank you to our school community for your involvement in the program. We know it's a long tiring week for the students and preparing swimwear each day can be a hassle for the parents also. It is all worth it seeing the children have so much fun in the pool learning to swim.

ROAD TO FOUNDATION:

Our Road to Foundation Program is starting next week! We are incredibly excited to welcome our 2027 Foundation students and look forward to watching their confidence grow as they take part in our transition program and prepare to begin school.

For each session, please ensure your child brings a hat and a drink bottle. When you arrive, you will need to scan the QR code at the door to sign your child in and out.

Each session will consist of an engaging learning program designed to support your child's transition to school.

BIKETOBER:

It is wonderful to see our families are enjoying getting on the move for 'Biketober', with plenty of our students opting to ride or scoot to school or maybe even park the car a little further away and walk more than they normally would. Such a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather we are having.

Jacob Saddlier

TERM 4 DIARY DATES:

Monday	19th	Oct	**Graduation photo**
Monday	19th	Oct	**River Detctives (3/4)**
Tuesday	20th	Oct	**Breakfast Program** - 8.10am to 8.30am.
Wednesday	21st	Oct	**Food Share Program -** every Wednesday. All welcome!!
Wednesday	21st	Oct	**2027 Road to Foundation** *(session one)*
Thursday	22nd	Oct	**Breakfast Program** - 8.10am to 8.30am.
Friday	23rd	Oct	**School Lunch Order Day** *(orders close 10am Thursday 22nd Oct)*
Friday	23rd	Oct	**Regional Cricket** *(select students only)*
Wednesday	28th	Oct	**Bendigo Cup** *(Public Holiday)*
Thursday	29th	Oct	**Grade 6 Transtion Activity**
Monday	2nd	Nov	**Water bugs (5/6)**
Tuesday	3rd	Nov	**Curriculum Day** *(No student at school)*
Wedensday	4th	Nov	**2027 Road To Foundation** *(session two)*
Thur - Friday	5th - 6th	Nov	**3/4 Camp**
Mon, Tues, Wednesday	9th, 10th & 11th	Nov	**Book Fair**
Wednesday	11th	Nov	**2027 Round To Foundation** *(session three)*
Wednesday	18th	Nov	**2027 Round To Foundation** *(session four)*
Friday	20th	Nov	**School council meeting**
Wednesday	25th	Nov	**2027 Round To Foundation** *(session five)*
Friday	27th	Nov	**Colour Fun Run**
Wednesday	2nd	Dec	**Road To Foundation** *(session six)*
Wednesday	2nd	Dec	**Biolab 5/6 D+K**
Thursday	3rd	Dec	**Biolab 5/6 M**
Tuesday	8th	Dec	**Statewide Transition Day**
Thursday	10th	Dec	**Grade 6 Graduation**
Monday	14th	Dec	**3-6 Pool Celebration Day**
Friday	18th	Dec	**Last Day of Term 4**

Event consent and payment reminders:

GRADE	ACTIVITY	FORM & DUE
Grade 6	**Weeroona transition activity** Thursday 29th October	Consent via Compass due by Wednesday 28th October
Grade 3/4	**Grade 3 /4 Camp** Thursday 5th & Friday 6th Nov	Forms due back ASAP and final payment due by Monday 26th October.
Grade 5/6	**Biolab** Wednesday 2nd Nov & Thursday 3rd Nov	Consent and payment due by Monday 30th November.
Grade 6	**Grade 6 Graduation** Thursday 10th December	Consent and payment due by Monday 30th November.
Grade 6	**Grade 6 Celebration Day** Friday 11th December	Consent and payment due by Monday 30th November.
Grade 3-6	**3-6 Pool Celebration Day** Monday 14th December	Consent and payment due by Monday 30th November.

Book Fair

The Term 4 Book Fair will be held from Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th November. This will be set up in the Library/MPR. More details to be released closer to the date.
The Book Fair is an amazing way to help support our school in purchasing more resources for our library and classrooms, encourage your children to read books at home and is also a great Christmas Shopping opportunity to tick off a few boxes!

Book Club:

Last week, Issue 7 of Book Club was sent home. Please have all order processed online via LOOP by Friday 23rd October.

3/4 Camp:

The 3/4 Camp is fast approaching!
Please ensure all forms have been handed in, and you are keeping up to date with any payments.
The final payment is due on 26th October.
Please see Sharon at the front office to see if you have any funding that can be applied.
Many families have enough funding to cover the cost of their child's camp so if you are unsure of your balance, please see Sharon.
Thank you,
Morgan Trahair.

SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Sebastian W and Brayden K on representing our school at the Regional Athletics on Monday. Sebastian came an impressive 2nd in his 200m spirit and Brayden came 5th in his Shot Put. Our whole school are very proud of you both and your effort. Looking forward to seeing how you go next year!

The faces behind the Learning!

Principal:
Jason Lee.

Assistant Principal:
Jake Saddlier.

Business Manager:
Sharon Green.

Administration:
Jessica Van Riet.
Kerrie Caulfield.

Wellbeing team:
Samara Phung, Selena Van Riet, Alan Gillies & Laura Murdoch.

Learning Specialist:
Josie Tresize

F/1 Area Educators:

- Lisa Clohesy
- Avril Dolphin
- Ellie Laffy
- Alicia McGrath
- Morgan Bibby

ES:

- Kerrie Caulfield
- Samantha Franklin
- Matt Flavelle

Grade 2 Area Educators:

- Marijke Harrison
- Nathan Grace
- Justine Riches

ES:

- Tom Dingfelder

3/4 Area Educators:

- Alan Gillies
- Morgan Trahair
- Courtney Threlfall
- Cameron Salmon

ES:

- Alison Mills
- Melanie Hanson
- Nicole Milsom

5/6 Area Educators:

- Linda Kingsley
- Cody Dunstan
- Rebecca Magee
- Amy Mcmillan

ES:

- Naomi Smart
- Kylie Evans

Weekly Student Awards

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

Congratulations to the following students:

F/1C - Enzo L
For settling into a new school and completing swimming lessons with a positive attitude.

F/1B - Bonnie L
Bonnie should be proud of the effort and concentration she has put into our swimming program. She is becoming a confident and capable swimmer.

F/1M - Kai S
For showing respect towards his swimming instructor by listening to and following instructions.

F/1D - Henry M
For his incredible bravery and determination during swimming lessons.

F/1L- Remi H
For proudly demonstrating our school values through her positive attitude and enthusiasm in our swimming program.

2R - Maddison P
For showing confidence in the water during swimming this week and always trying her best. Ithas been wonderful to see her work so hard and challenge herself.

2H- Lilah G
For being an excellent role model to others during the swimming program, listening to and following instructions at all times.

2G- Raiden P
For listening carefully to his instructor and following directions in the pool.

3/4T- Mia M
For all her effort during the swimming program. Well done, Mia!

3/4S- Tyler B
For consistently making tight transitions and always being ready to learn.

3/4M - Noah M
For making excellent decisions to improve the quality and quantity of his learning.

5/6K - Aveah M
For Confidence and Fabulous in reading, writing and mathematics.

5/6D - Zayde F
For his exceptional work in the classroom this week and his growing confidence in contributing to whole-class discussions.

5/6M - Taye E
For being a kind and positive member of our class.