

Last week's Principals' trip in Melbourne was an eye opener. It certainly exposed my inexperience in visiting large cities, with Melbourne's population being similar to that of New Zealand's entire population. What was confronting about the trip were the strikingly evident disparities within Melbourne's population. Homelessness was huge, but most seemed to move on completely oblivious to their existence. What was even more evident to me was that these disparities continued into their educational system. In the New Zealand system there is a marginal difference in relation to resourcing and facilities between the public and private sector but in Australia the differences were astounding. It had a real feeling of who can and who cannot afford what could be perceived as a quality education. The facilities in the private schools we visited were breath taking and who would not want to attend, but the costs were astronomical. It was commonplace to charge \$16,000 – \$20,000 per year to attend these schools and there was a very real feeling that if you did not make the sacrifice your children would lose out. But once you looked past the glossy perspective, commissioned artworks and marketing managers what was happening in the classrooms was of no notable difference. The money was certainly being spent to improve the environment but not the quality of teaching. Across the schools there was a major focus on raising test scores and through this, attracting additional students and subsequent funding into the school. It was sadly evident that through this narrow focus much of the enjoyment that can be developed through learning has been stripped away. I was hoping to see dynamic curriculum development, cooperative learning and the stripping away of curriculum silos. I was disappointed to not see any of this. I observed rote learning, heavily prescribed instructional practices and much of the enjoyment stripped out of the classrooms. I observed large open spaces underutilised and very traditional teaching in place. I observed disengagement and in many cases a very impersonal approach to schooling.

What the trip to Melbourne last week reminded me was that we are very privileged to live in a country that has developed a broad and dynamic curriculum that allows for flexibility in learning and that has the ability to focus on more than just test scores as being the ultimate measure of success. What I am concerned about is that there is a lot of pressure for us to head in the same direction. National Standards have

already narrowed the measure of progress in primary schools and it will not be long until we see continued pressure to extend this into secondary levels. The trip also highlighted the advantages of our NCEA system in allowing students to build towards a singular qualification through both vocational and academic pathways. The qualification is very much personalised to the needs and abilities of the students and allows them to transition from school with broad possibilities. I wouldn't say the trip was not worthwhile but it certainly reinforced the path we are trying to head down, than show a direction that we should be heading.

Nāku noa, nā

Stephen Beck
 Tumuaki - Principal



Above Karaka Class Camp at Castle Hill
Below Students selected for the Top of the South team, to travel to the NZ Area Schools Tournament in Whangarei .



Week ending 19th May 2017, sponsored by:

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SCHOOL NOTICES

RISE AWARDS Congratulations to the people who have received RISE awards last week for demonstrating our school values. The following people have had their names drawn to receive a principal's reward; see Mr Beck.

Year 0-7 Sophie Frost, for voluntarily picking up other people's rubbish.

Year 8-13 Millie Hassall, for playing part well.

School Photos School photos are scheduled for Monday 22nd May. Notice went home 18th May. Phone office to book family photos.

Teacher Only Day Hurunui College has scheduled a Teacher Only Day on **Tuesday 6th June**. This is the day following Queen's Birthday weekend. The school will be closed on this day.

COMING EVENTS

Week 3

18 May Whanau Hui, 6pm, Hurunui College, Staff Room. All welcome.

20 May NCEA Concert

Week 4

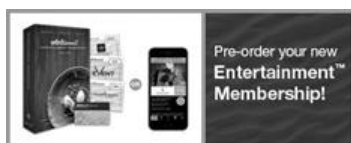
22 May School Photos

24 May Hurunui College Cross Country

26 May Primary Assembly

27 May Rockquest Canterbury, Heats

Check our website at www.hurunuicollege.school.nz and follow the link to our school calendar for further school events.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Order now for June by going to www.entbook.co.nz/914c079

All proceeds go to the Hurunui College PTA. Entertainment book

have arrived at school. If you have already ordered one, please arrange pick up from Mr Thompson. Orders can still be placed online.

PTA Disco Year 0-7
June 16th 6- 8 pm
Hurunui College Gym
\$2.00 entry
Spot prizes.



SPORTS UPDATE

Basketball Draw for this Friday 19th May is as follows:

Senior Year 9-10 mixed team	vs STBD 9 Red	St Bede's	5pm
Senior Boys	vs LINC Black	Cowles 2	6pm
Senior girls	vs STAC Blue	St Andrew's 2	6pm

Basketball Results from last week as follows:

Senior Year 9-10 mixed team: lost 46-0

Senior Boys: lost 32-22

Senior Girls: won 53-24

Hurunui Primary Schools Cross Country Wednesday 31st May (ppd Thursday 1st June) at Barton's property - 931 Waikari Valley Road. Teams of up to 4 will be selected following our own school cross country for Year 4-8 children. Only children from

Year 5 up are eligible for Canterbury Primary Cross Country on 21st June at Halswell Quarry.

Cross Country Our whole school cross country will be held Wednesday 24th May. If we could all be aware of children running up Allandale Road and Horsley Down Road, please take extra care on this day.

New Zealand Area Schools Sports Tournament

Congratulations to Flynn, Blair, Jackson, Henry, Krista, Blair, Fletcher, and Jake who will be travelling to Whangarei in the July Holidays to compete at the National Area Schools tournament for the Top of The South Region. This tournament has a large cost associated with it as travel and accommodation for 8 students and 2 staff members adds up quickly. We would like to thank the Pub Charities Limited group for helping us with their donation towards some of the travel costs, without this the trip would not happen. Please as a community if you are able to support these students either contact them individually or the school office.

Brendon Ferguson, Nationals Co-ordinator



COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2017

Anglican 10.00am St James, Hawarden

Catholic 10.00am Culverden

Living Waters 10.30am - 12 noon at 47 Princes Street, Waikari

WHANAU MEETING A hui (meeting) for parents and students of Maori students will be held in the Hurunui College staffroom, **tonight**, Thursday 18th May at 6pm. If you would like to attend please bring a plate of kai (food) to share. We will be discussing anything that parents and students would like to see happening at Hurunui College during the year with goals to set for the future. A meeting last term saw a very low turnout and when this happens it is difficult to initiate ideas and organise events. We need your input and help. Hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Naku noa, na Sonia Talivai
(Teacher of Te Reo me ona Tikanga Maori at Hurunui College)

HAWARDEN BOWLING CLUB AGM The AGM of the Hawarden Bowling Club will be held in the Clubrooms on Thursday 25th May at 5.30pm. All current members and prospective members are asked to attend.

Doc Sidey, Club Secretary.

HAWARDEN HALL At the end of May the water is turned off at the carpark so ensure it is turned on when using the hall. All enquires for the Rugby Room hire, kitchen hire please contact Mairi and Hamish phone 314 4317. For hall hire and domain use the same number.

Thanks,
Mairi.

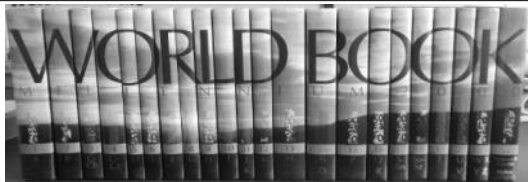
HAWARDEN WAIKARI COMMUNITY TRUST The current Trustees are inviting expressions of interest from members of our Community, to be nominated as a trustee. Please place your expression, in writing to our Returning Officer, Pat Manning, PO Box, Hawarden by May 22nd 2017.

HAWARDEN GYM is now up and running, with membership options and a personal trainer on site 3 days a week, as well as group sessions. Check out the 'Hawarden Community Gym' page on facebook for more details or email nita@1neatpt.co.nz.

Hawarden Library

Library Hours

Mon - Thu: 9am to 4pm Friday: 9am to 5pm



Thanks to a generous grant from The Trusts Community Foundation, the library has purchased the 2016 edition of the World Book encyclopedia. We are able to GIVE AWAY our current 2000 Millennium edition of the World Book.

Any family who would like to go in the draw - no cost! - please email Paul (pm@hurunuicollege.school.nz) or send a note to the library indicating your interest. We will conduct the draw at 3pm, Friday 26 May.

The MIGRANT TIMES

A free 2-weekly newspaper with information for people new to NZ.

Copies available in the library or online:
themigranttimes.org.nz



Hawarden Library 314-4652
hawarden@hurunuilibrary.govt.nz



HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - TONIGHT, THURSDAY 18TH MAY.

- Hawarden Rugby Club Rooms – 5.30-6.30pm
- Waikari Hall – 7.30-8.30pm

ADVERTISING

NEW HOURS HAWARDEN TAVERN Closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Open from 4pm Thursday, and 2pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Takeaway food is available when Tavern is open. Phone 03 314 2506.

STAR & GARTER HOTEL, WAIKARI

New menu, daily specials,

Beer garden, bottle store, takeaways & accommodation.

Tuesday – Happy hour 5-7pm & Curry night

Wednesday – Mid week roast

Thursday – Happy hour 5-7pm

\$15 Lunches available Wed- Sun from 11am- 2pm

Quiz Night every 1st Thursday of the month, starts 6th April at 7.30pm, \$20 per team & great prizes.

Housie Night (cash & Jackpot) every 3rd Thursday of the month, starts 20th April at 7.15pm

An evening with Annalea Saturday 22nd April from 7.30pm.

Keep an eye out and like us on Facebook for what's happening next at the Star including Car boot/garage sale, Big plate, Burger, Grills and two meal specials.

Courtesy vehicle available, call 314 4045 to book.



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COMMUNITY CONNECTOR – HAWARDEN WAIKARI AREA

An exciting opportunity exists for someone passionate about building a strong and connected community in the Hawarden Waikari area.

This role will be 10-15 hours per week and its main purpose will be building on a sense of belonging; connecting people to activities, services and information; facilitating access to services and support needed by those recovering from the earthquakes; as well as working with others to meet new and emerging needs in the Hawarden and Waikari communities.

We are looking for someone special who lives in the Hawarden Waikari area and has existing links established. Ideally, the successful applicant will have a good understanding of community development principles and how to engage with, inform and connect people. It will be essential to have strong communication, relationship building and networking skills. Most importantly you'll be a self-starter who is committed to the purpose and vision and is able to establish and consolidate this role.

If this sounds like you we'd love to hear from you! Contact Kaye Vessey for more information, or to request a Job Description and application form, on 03 314 7616 or kayevessey@gmail.com Please send a written application, including a CV, highlighting your relevant experience, skills and existing networks to kayevessey@gmail.com by 6th June 2017.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF Auditions for the Theatre Group. Sunday 21st May, 2pm. Waipara Hall. See you there!

HURUNUI RUGBY DRAW Saturday 20th May

Div 2	1.00pm	Hurunui Black	vs Kaikoura	Cul 1
	2.45pm	Hurunui Blue	vs Ohoka	Cul 1
U18	2.45pm	Hurunui	vs Celtic	Cul 2
U14½	11.45am	Hurunui Amberley	vs Kaiapoi	Cul 2
U13	11.45am	Hurunui	vs Kaikoura	Cul 1
U11½	10.30am	Hurunui Black	vs Woodend	Cul 1
	10.30am	Hurunui Blue	vs Ohoka Black	Cul 2
U10	12.10pm	Hurunui	vs Kaikoura	Cul Jnr 3
U9	10.00am	Hurunui	vs Kaikoura	Cul Jnr 3
U8	11.05am	Hurunui Black	vs Kaiapoi Gold	Cul Jnr 3
	11.05am	Hurunui Blue	vs Kaiapoi Blue	Cul Jnr 4
U7	10.50am	Hurunui	vs Kaiapoi	Cul Jnr 5
U6	10.00am	Hurunui Black	vs Kaiapoi Gold	Cul Jnr 5
	10.00am	Hurunui Blue	vs Kaiapoi Blue	Cul Jnr 6

WAIKARI BOWLING CLUB AGM The AGM will be held in the clubrooms, Sunday 28th May, 1pm. All members and interested members are invited to attend. **Coaching Day** organised at Rangiora, 25th June and 30th July. Open to anyone who wants to attend. Contact Bruce Lilley, phone 314 4070. Bowls, the game for all ages. Have a good season.

WORKPLACE FIRST AID REFRESHER COURSE

9.00am – 4.00pm, Thursday 15th June

St John Rooms, 23 Montrose Avenue
Culverden

To Enquire or Enrol

Phone 03 315 8306 or 03 315 8272

or email Amuri.StJ@xtra.co.nz



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Waikari Reserve Camping Ground Custodian And Toilet Maintenance Contract 2017-2020.

The Hurunui District Council invites tenders for the following contract: 17/02 - *Waikari Reserve: Camping Ground custodian and toilet maintenance Contract.*

This contract is a three year contract involving general custodian and cleaning duties at the Waikari Reserve Camping Ground,

situated at 22 Princes Street, Waikari.

The closing date for this contract is Thursday 1st June 2017 at 4pm at the Hurunui District Council. Tender documents and further information are available from:

Property Administration Officer, Hurunui District Council
66 Carters Road, Amberley. Phone 03 314 0109

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

MISSING

Missing Raincoat Black Macpac reflex rain jacket, size 10. Last seen on Kowhai camp. Please return to Andrew Fincham or hand into the office.

WANTED

Local Babysitter Needed for two beautiful children, 5 year and 2 year old. Phone 314 4300 or 022 262 2312, contact Jessica.

FOR SALE

PYO Feijoas 705 Medbury Road, phone 314 4292. \$2 / kg.

Alpacas For Sale We currently have a surplus of young Male Alpacas who cannot be used in our breeding program due to their very close relationship with our Females. They make wonderful pets, great grass munchers, are ideal for small blocks and require very little care. We also have other options available to someone who may wish to start a breeding program. Want to learn more about these wonderful animals then come and visit.

*Graham and Joca Keen, High Chaparral Alpaca Stud,
263 Armstrongs Road, Waikari. Phone 03 314 2020*

Delicious New Potatoes (approx. 4 buckets) \$30.00 per bag.
Phone John Crean 314 4311.

2x Girls' Kilts, size 12 and **5x girls' blue blouses**. Phone 021 145 2873.

Pullets Will grow to medium size. Good laying birds. \$10.00 phone 314 4246.

Pea Straw For Sale Medium squares, \$60 per bale. Phone Lisa Earl 314 4173 or 021 265 8568.

Hawarden Golf Club Fundraiser, Wool Packs

Recycled Wool Packs suitable for on-farm wool use, repaired to Packmark standard by a registered recycler. Available in bundles of 25 @ \$167.50(gst inclusive) per bundle. Also bundles of nylon wool packs in bundles on 25 @ \$225(gst inclusive). GST invoice supplied with 20th of the month payment terms. Suitable for fine wool. For orders, contact: Graeme Twose ph 314 4483, Avril Harrison ph 314 2255, Graeme Ramsay ph 314 4216.



HEY KIDS,
Wanna make some cash?

KIDS GARAGE SALE

When: Sunday 21 May (ppd 4 June)

Where: 14 Weka Pass Rd, Waikari
(next to Tearooms)

Time: 11am—3.30pm

(while Weka Pass Train operates)

For kids wanting to sell their pre-loved toys,
games, clothes etc.

Must supply your own table, cash float and have
an adult supervising at all times.

Limited space, so please register with Mandy on
0275522474 or 314 2077 by Fri 19 May

CONTACT DETAILS

Board of Trustees Contact Details (home)

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FARMSTRONG AND HEALTHY THINKING

Living well is the key to farming well - and without a healthy farmer it's hard to run a healthy farm.

Together, FMG and the Mental Health Foundation have developed a rural wellbeing initiative called [Farmstrong](#). Farmstrong provides you with information to help you look after yourself and stay in good shape - both physically and emotionally.

We would love you and your team to join us at the next 'Healthy Thinking' workshop run by medical doctor and author Dr Tom Mulholland. During the workshop you'll learn how small changes to the way you live, can improve the way you farm - and also, how you look after your family and staff.

The morning will kick off with a cuppa and a bite to eat, before Dr Tom presents a Healthy Thinking workshop filled with tips and advice on how you can live well and farm well - but don't take our word for it, here's what Eliot had to say about a workshop he recently attended.

"The Farmstrong message is vital. It gets people talking and thinking. You need that strong commitment to keeping yourself well because the farming environment can be bloody challenging." - Eliot Cooper, Hawke's Bay farmer

When

Thursday 25th May
Morning Tea - 10.30am
Workshop 11am - 1pm

Where

Waiau Hall
3 Cheviot Street; Waiau

RSVP

Please let us know if you'll be joining us by the 19th May. Please email rsvp@farmstrong.co.nz

This event is supported by:



NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!

Youth Volunteer Awards

Do you know someone who does
awesome volunteer work for
Hurunui youth?
Or a young person who does some
amazing volunteer work in the
community?

Make your nomination before 9 June
You can find more information via
www.hurunuiyouth.co.nz, www.hurunui.govt.nz
Or email Scott.Rose@hurunui.govt.nz

