

The talk around education in the media this week is clearly focused around the primary teachers' strike action.

This is the first time primary teachers and principals have taken strike action since 1994, close on a quarter of a century ago. Many, even in education are divided about the appropriateness and effectiveness of strike action but what all cannot argue with is that change is needed to maintain a quality education system. Our teaching workforce has been increasingly ageing. In 2005 17% of our primary teachers were over the age of 55 and this number has increased to 28% in 2017. This coupled with a decreasing number of under 30-year-olds moving into the teaching profession presents a worrying scenario and a teaching supply crisis that many schools are already struggling with. Principals have been expressing concerns about the low number of applicants to positions and in too many cases no applicants at all. There is no argument that we need to do more to retain and attract well qualified and highly capable teachers into the workforce. During previous pay negotiations teachers and their unions have "sucked it up" and have accepted minimal wage increases in the face of what was perceived as tough fiscal time. The reality now is that teachers are being paid a lot less comparatively now than they were 20 years ago and it can not be denied that this is playing a huge part in our inability to attract and retain the best teachers in our classrooms. Over the last 20 years, teachers have seen a pay increase of between 60-61%, this compares to a 97% increase in the average wage, 85% increase in the median wage and a 125% increase in the minimum wage. We have also seen teachers beginning wages slip back to 17th in the OECD, well behind Australia, Canada, Germany and the United State and back to 21st in the OECD for teachers on the top of the pay scale. In simple terms being a teacher now buys a lot less than it did 20 years ago.

There is other crucial negotiations being had with the Ministry around decreasing class sizes and improving work conditions but I feel these are secondary to ensure teaching is recognised adequately as a professional career pathway. I have had friends who have taught overseas for most of their careers, trained in New Zealand and supported by taxpayer funding, and who will not return to New Zealand simply due to the decrease in wages. As demand exceeds supply we will sadly see a decrease in the

quality of applicants and our most capable will continue to attract higher wages overseas.

I am hoping that colleagues in our Primary Schools are successful in their current negotiations as there is a real benefit to all New Zealanders that we get it right and some parity is restored to the profession. As an Area School, our contract does not come up for renewal until next year. But in any way we can, we need to support our Primary Teachers in their negotiations, as any gains won will generally flow through to the Area School Teachers' Collective Agreement next year.

Tomorrow we will welcome Johannes Kuhn, our second volunteer from Germany. We will officially welcome both Johannes and Jessica with a Powhiri on Monday morning. This powhiri will also be for all students new to the school since the start of the year. They will join Jessica and Johannes as the manuhiri and we invite all family who wish to be part of this event to come along. The powhiri will begin at approximately 9am on Monday morning.

I'm sure it will be another busy week ahead and I look forward to being part of the on-going success of our students.

Nāku noa, nā
Stephen Beck
Tumuaki - Principal



The senior Outdoor Education class had great weather last Thursday, as they cycled the 44km back route from Hawarden to Waipara as one of their assessment tasks. Thank you to Mr Ferguson for organising the activity.

Week ending 17th August 2018



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SCHOOL NOTICES

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

Year 0-7 **Te Whero Donohue** for managing his after lunch routine himself.

Year 8-13 **Zahra Pengelly** for meeting deadlines.

COMING UP

Week 4

17 Aug Year 1-7 Assembly

Week 5

20 Aug Full school assembly and powhiri, 9am

21 Aug Year 10-12 Course Selection evening

Week 6

28 Aug Year 4-8 HPSSA 7 aside, at Hurunui College

31 Aug Jumbo Teacher Only Day - school closed

1 Sept Year 11-13 CASA Combined Formal

Week 7

6 Sept Hurunui Has Got Talent, 6pm, School Gym

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

BASKETBALL DRAW: Friday 17th August as follows

- Hurunui Hotshots have been withdrawn out of this competition for the remaining games.
- Hurunui Wildcats v Burn Blk Celebration 1 5.30pm (P.O. 5 v 8)
- Hurunui Hoopsters v UNLM Celebration 1 4.30pm (P.O. 6 v 7)

28 AUGUST SEVEN-A-SIDE Held at Hurunui College, for all Year 4-8 students (ppd Thursday 30th August). 10am start - 2pm finish. Anyone wishing to help out with refereeing/umpiring please contact Jenny Keeble in the school office phone 314 4430.

YEAR 5-8 FRIDAY BASKETBALL Starts Friday 14th September.

KIWIWATCH - AGM - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Monday 22nd August at 7pm. All welcome. Hurunui College staff room.

HEALTHY KIDS

A new website for families has just been launched by the Health Promotion Agency. www.healthykids.org.nz is a family and whānau friendly space full of fun, free and low-cost ideas to get children eating, moving and sleeping well. There's a whole bunch of great ideas to get family and whānau started, as well as a colourful goal chart to help keep track of progress and set appropriate rewards to keep children motivated.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES Sunday 19th August 2018

Anglican/Presbyterian 10.00am St James, Hawarden
Catholic Sat 18th Aug, 6.30pm Culverden
Living Waters 10.30am - 12 noon 47 Princes Street, Waikari
Waikari Gospel Hall 11:15am, Bible teaching, Sunday School, 5 Denham Terrace

WALKING GROUP The next walking group is on Wednesday 22nd August. We are meeting outside the Hawarden Hall at 10am. We walk for about an hour. Everybody is most welcome to come along and join in for a walk.
Cath Petrie, Hawarden Waikari Community Connector,
P: 021 117 1142. E: hwconnector@gmail.com

HAWARDEN WAIKARI LIONS SPEECH COMPETITION

The Speech Competition held last week was a great success, with 22 possible entries, and 20 competitors on the day, representing Hurunui College, Amuri Area School, Omihi, Waikari and Waipara Primary Schools.

The speeches were of a very high calibre, informative and entertaining, and were enjoyed by a good crowd of supporters in the Hawarden Hall.

Results:

Senior: Mathew Bosson Amuri McIlraith Cup and \$50 voucher

Intermediate:

1st Roddy Murchison Hurunui McIlraith Cup and \$50 voucher

2nd Tahlia Beck Hurunui \$40 voucher

3rd Hannah Ferguson Amuri \$30 voucher

Junior:

1st Maddie Brinsdon Hurunui McIlraith Cup and \$50 voucher

2nd Ruth Buckland Hurunui \$40 voucher

3rd Ursula Grant Waipara \$30 voucher

A participation certificate was given to all who entered as an acknowledgement of their effort.

HAWARDEN TENNIS CLUB AGM

Wednesday August 29th, 7pm in the Hawarden Hall.
Past, present and new members welcome.
Inquiries to Scott Hassall 0272 600 668.

WAIKARI BOWLING CLUB Spring is here along with the start of the 2018/2019 season. Waikari Opening Day, Saturday 22nd September, 1.30pm. All welcome, a great chance to have a go and enjoy fresh air and comradely after the winter. Mark it on the calendar. Inquiries, phone Bruce 314 4070.

109TH SCARGILL SPRING SHOW

Saturday 22nd September at the Tipapa Woolshed. All entries are free. Items can be entered between 8.30am and 10.15am. Public admission from 1pm. Stalls, Raffle and Live Music. Adults \$3, children free. For schedules phone Megan 022 624 0424 or visit our FB page.

HAWARDEN-WAIKARI LIONS

We would like to advise we have for hire:

BBQ Trailer - Contact Bruce Forrester - Ph 314 4584

Chiller Trailer - Contact Rod McKay - Ph 027 232 5189

Port-A-Loos - Contact Gary McCracken - Ph 027 282 1542

For all enquiries contact the above please.

HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL are running a further three

FREE AND FINAL HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFFS.

THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER AT:

- Waiau Hall car park, 10am-midday and
- Cheviot Library car park, 2-4pm.

FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER AT:

- Amberley Transfer Station, 10am-1pm.

Hazardous waste such as swimming pool, household garden and Agri chemicals, paints, solvents, engine oil and fuel, car batteries, fluorescent lighting tubes and bulbs will be accepted.

BY JUPITER

Hurunui Theatre Group's 2018 Show,
Waipara Memorial Hall.

August 30th, 31st 8pm. September 1st Saturday
Matinee 2pm, September 6th, 7th and 8th 8pm.

Tickets from Sally Mac's, Amberley
and G.A.S, Waikari or txt Bronnie 0272 450 128.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FREE

OLD SINGLE BASE BED AND MATTRESS Clean but rough.
Suit kids hut or maybe a dog bed. Phone 027 916 1858.

MISSING

MISSING, SQUARE BLACK LID Our poor Hawarden Netball
barbecue has had a rough time lately and whilst coming
back to our place for a clean up after getting a bit hot at
Netball it lost its cover for the side burner! It's a black
square lid that could possibly be between the domain and
our place on the Peaks Road (Lake Sumner Road, Powers
Road or the Peaks Road). If found please give me a ring.
Rachel 0272 580 035.

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD, OLD MAN PINE \$200 cord. Phone Ken 027
374 4404.

FIREWOOD, OLD MAN PINE \$200 3.6 m³ / cord. Phone
Laurie Aitken 027 344 1240.

HANDY PUPS Black with white markings, 10 weeks old and
ready to go, no vaccinations. Will make good working
dogs. \$50 ono. Call Mark Zino 0274 547 466.

REAL ESTATE

RENTAL WANTED BY SEMI RETIRED COUPLE. One is a
school bus driver. We require a rural/farm house, 2-3
bedrooms. We are clean and tidy and live a quiet life,
wanting a place to call home. We do have pets and would
also prefer long term. All areas considered. references
available. Please phone 03 685 5842 or 022 384 3041.



FUNDS AVAILABLE APPLY NOW

creative communities NZ
HURUNUI District Council

Applications close

5pm
Monday
10 September 2018

Limited funding is available to individuals or groups within the Hurunui for projects that:

- take place between 10 October 2018 & 30 October 2019; and
- have an art focus,
- will be completed within 12 months,
- benefit the local community.

Application forms are available via the Hurunui District Council website: www.hurunui.govt.nz

Please direct all enquiries to Maree Hare
email : maree.hare@hurunui.govt.nz

FOOD BANK, FOOD BANK

Living Waters Hurunui Outreach Food Bank.

UPDATED HOURS

Monday and Friday 9am-2pm., Wednesday 9am-1pm

Contact after hours: ph 03 261 5114 or 027 448 6594. fb: Living Waters Hurunui Outreach. web: <https://livingwatershurunui.wixsite.com/website>


JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

I am available for ministerial duties including:

- * certifying documents,
- * witnessing documents and signatures,
- * swearing oaths, declarations,
- * affidavits and affirmations, etc.

Please phone to make an appointment.

Richard Todd 314-4090.



Asra Ginders Music

Proudly Presents
Hurunui's Got Talent

Prizes:

- 1st Prize - \$50 Cash
- 2nd Prize - Tech Hamper worth \$30
- 3rd Prize - \$15 Warehouse Voucher


Hi Guys come along and support a range of all aged students from Hurunui College in our very own talent quest!

Venue: School Gym

Date: Thursday 6th September

Time: Kicks off at 6:30pm

Cost: A gold coin donation to go towards the Alzheimer's Charity



Year 9 Social Studies have been interviewing some Hurunui 'Good Sorts' to find out how people contribute to our community. Their interviews will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Tessa Allan is one of our fantastic good sorts from our school. She is a student who has made the most of the opportunities offered to her at school and in our community.

She has attended The NZ Area Schools tournament where she was selected for the South Island Netball team. She is the house leader for Taylor, she is also on the Student Council and is happy to help our Head Student at events such as the ANZAC service. Tessa is a part of the Hawarden Fire Brigade and she is also in the Hurunui Youth Council. Tessa gets a lot of leadership confidence from doing these opportunities. Tessa feels she need to take these opportunities and help out our community because she has lived here her entire life and she feels it would just be good to give back.

If Tessa were to sit down to dinner with any five people in the entire world she would choose Usain Bolt, Maria Folau, Prince Harry, Meghan Markle and her mum. She would go to a really fancy restaurant in New York.

One person who inspires Tessa is her mum. Tessa looks up to her because she raised Tessa along with her 4 brothers as a solo mother while working full time. Tessa hopes to one day pursue a career in interior design or architecture.

Overall having this interview with Tessa was really fun and she made it so easy for us by giving us clear and detailed answers and we loved how she took the interview really seriously. Tessa is an inspirational good sort.



Photo above: Tahlia, Tessa, Lili and Stacey

Mrs Wildman is a familiar face at Hurunui College, she has been working at our school since what she says 'Forever! Unsure of a real date!!!' Mrs Wildman is a learning assistant who works in the primary classes and helps kids with special needs and behavioural issues. Mrs Wildman is a stand out learning assistant as many of students in Year 9 say, when they look back at their primary school days 'her smiley face is the first thing you remember!'

Before Mrs Wildman worked at the school she was a supervisor at the Playcentre in Hawarden. She saw the job advertised and applied. Out of 7 other people she


got in, working part time at the playcentre and doing mornings in Whero class at school. She fell in love with the job!! Saying she enjoys working with the students and making them smile in any subject, from woodwork to maths, Mrs Wildman is a true all rounder! When she's not at school Mrs Wildman enjoys biking, gardening and knitting. Mrs Wildman is not only a learning assistant, she is also a cleaner at our school working after all the kids have gone home to tidy up after the messy students.

She thinks that the highlight of her job is making people smile and be happy. She also likes making students feel 'just as important as everyone else and making them feel loved.' Mrs Wildman goes the extra mile to support and make students feel good. Mrs Wildman is also felt by many students as easy to talk to 'she understands and can always make us laugh'.

Thank you Mrs Wildman for your outstanding support for students and for giving back to our school. We enjoy your lovely warming smile! We believe that Mrs Wildman is a hidden superhero, a true good sort. We are happy we had the chance to share her amazingness!



Picture : Katie, Mrs Wildman, William and Liam



Sunflowers Preschool
A fun learning adventure

Servicing the Hurunui District
Early Child Education for,
10 months to 5 year olds.

Preschool Days: 2yrs - 5yrs
Mon to Wed: 8.30am-3.30pm

Nursery & Preschool Day: 10mths - 5yrs
Friday: 8.30am-3.30pm

45 Seymour St, HAWARDEN

**New Enrolments
Welcome**

For more information contact
Nicky Gardner Ph: 0210485415 or
Email: nicky@sunflowerspreschool.co.nz

NOTE:
20 Hours ECE for 3-4 year old child &
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