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Hurunui College



WHAKAURU KI TĒ AKO, WEHE ATU KIA MANAAKITIA, ENTER TO LEARN, LEAVE TO SERVE

Ngā Kōrero ā te Tumuaki

Kia ora koutou parents and whānau,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding school year, and to mark the end of my two year term as Acting Principal, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to a successful year and supported me throughout this period of leadership.

I am incredibly proud of our school and all that our students/ākonga have achieved this year. Their progress, resilience, and readiness to take on new challenges reflect the strong foundations our school community has built together. At the heart of everything we do are the relationships we nurture with our tamariki—knowing them, supporting them, and celebrating who they are. Our teachers/kaiako show unwavering commitment to this, giving their time, expertise, and care to ensure every learner feels valued and inspired.

It has been a year full of highlights and celebrations. Across the school, students/ākonga have excelled in their learning and sporting pursuits, and have taken part positively and successfully in a wide range of school and community events. Most memorable to me are the events that bring the entire school together. Whether it has been the end of term celebrations in assembly, tabloid sports, athletics and cross country, or special events such as the visit from Changping District Beijing. The coming together of our entire school community highlights the uniqueness of an area school, where we see collaboration between students/ākonga, staff/kaimahi and whānau, creating a positive environment where everyone can succeed and grow.

This year we have continued to face challenges with government initiatives and policies being introduced. The release of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum has been challenging for all schools due to being introduced with limited guidance and tight timelines. In 2025 the expectation has been to teach the renewed English Year 0-6 Curriculum and Mathematics Year 0-8 Curriculum. The content from both of these curriculum documents was updated in October, creating confusion and further challenges for our teachers as they work together to understand and implement the curriculum effectively. Changes to our national NCEA assessment have stalled. Schools are awaiting further directives from the government. We have continued to implement the literacy and numeracy corequisites assessments which are currently a requirement for our students/ākonga to pass before they can sit the NCEA assessment. The draft curriculum documents for the other learning areas have all been released for consultation, and are to be implemented by 2027 and 2028. Regulatory requirements for reporting and assessment are being put in place for 2026.

Key Dates Term 1 2026

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| 29 Jan | Office open for enquiries |
| 2 Feb | School begins for ALL students Mihi whakatau 9am start |
| 6 Feb | Waitangi Day School closed |
| 11 Feb | Parent Connect and Expo |
| 16 Feb | Yr 9 - 13 Swimming Sports |
| 17 Feb | Yr 1 - 8 Swimming Sports |
| 23 - 27 Feb | Exploring Camp - Arthurs Pass |
| 2 Apr | Last day of Term 1 |



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Whilst as a school we are faced with a rapidly changing landscape, we have remained focussed on supporting our students/ākonga. By working together, remaining flexible and focussing on what we know is best for our school/kura and our students/ākonga, we continue to provide a positive high-quality learning environment for all.

As the year comes to an end, it is also time to acknowledge and farewell our staff members who are leaving us.

Lauren Hughes, joined us in 2017 as a young teacher from England, who had been on her OE in New Zealand. Initially, she was appointed in a fixed term maternity leave position in the primary school, and in 2019 was appointed a permanent position in the Year 5/6 class. Lauren later met her now husband Clayton and has since had two charming young boys. She returned from maternity leave this year, starting teaching in the Year 6/7 class. At the end of term one, Lauren accepted a position in our secondary school teaching Health & PE and History. Lauren has always worked efficiently, and is known for just getting the job completed. Her passion is physical education and sport and Lauren often took on leadership with the teaching of physical education in our primary school. We wish Lauren all the best as she takes on the most important role of all, of being a full time mum to her young boys, Jasper and Oscar.

Ilana Moir, started at Hurunui College at the beginning of the 2024 year, having been appointed the role of TiC Sport. Her leadership is marked by smooth organisation, efficiency and consistently well-run events. Ilana has always looked to provide fun and engaging activities for our students/ākonga. Ilana is taking maternity leave, as she and partner Mark eagerly await the arrival of their second baby and sibling for Quinn in March.

Haley Ross is currently on maternity leave. She is enjoying being a Mum so much that she has extended her maternity leave until the end of 2026. We will see Haley next year, as she will be one of our relievers.

We also farewell Peter Light. Peter began his teaching career this year at Hurunui College. He has taught Mathematics, Commerce and Hard Materials Technology. Peter has grown professionally this year. He has accepted a position at Rangiora New Life School. We wish him all the best for 2026.

Sarah Hendriks joined us this year in a shared position as the Year 2/3 teacher. Sarah is a dedicated and diligent teacher who has a quiet and considered approach in everything she does. Sarah has also decided to take on the most important role of all, of being a stay at home mum to her young son Franklin. I wish Sarah all the best, but I know she will be back in some capacity in the near future.

Kate Boyd has been one of our main relievers in the school, but this year she also took on the long term relieving position in the Year 6/7 class. Kate is always willing to take on any role that has been suggested to her. She has a wonderful sense of flexibility and positivity and we have truly valued having her as part of our team. I am sure Kate will be back next year as a reliever at the very least.

Laura Biddlecombe joined us in mid year of 2020 working in the role as Arts Coordinator. Laura has been a great support to our school, preparing funding applications for The Arts, including funding for our mural. She has also played an integral part in coordinating and supporting our school productions, and other events such as Area School Music Camps and the NCEA Music Concerts. We will continue to see Laura around the school in her other roles as mum and wife to Phil Biddlecombe.

Tahlia Beck has been working this year as a reliever, but more recently as a Learning Assistant, supporting some of our neurodivergent students/ākonga. She has quickly adapted to this role, and has a calm and considered approach which is beneficial to all. I wish Tahlia all the best as she leaves us to begin her primary teacher training at the New Zealand Graduate School of Education.

Rachelle Ross has been working in our school for 23 years. She has worked as a Learning Assistant but more recently as a cleaner. Rachelle has put every effort into her role, she has very high standards, and is always willing to take on any role that is offered to her. I know the teaching staff have been disappointed when she has been moved to another area of the school to clean. We wish Rachelle all the best as her family moves to Sefton to support her oldest son.

I also would like to acknowledge Janet Tilson, who for the past two years has been in my role as Deputy Principal and SENCO. Janet has been an integral member of the Leadership team and

has done an excellent job in navigating this complex role. I sincerely thank her for all the work and effort that she has put into this position. In 2026, Janet will work part time, taking on the role of Learning Support Coordinator.

Georgia Marsh has been in the role of the Exploring Year 5-8 Learning Community Leader for the past two years and has done an outstanding job. She has worked efficiently and effectively, and fostered collaboration and consistent expectations with her team, as well as supported them to navigate the new curriculum changes. In 2026, Georgia will continue in this position, having been successful in being appointed permanently.

Will Harnett has stepped down from his position as leader of the Investigating Year 9-10 Learning Community Leader and member of the leadership team. He has put a significant effort into establishing consistent expectations and guiding his team to better support their students. Will is taking on full responsibility as Teacher in Charge of Social Science in 2026.

As I bring my two-year term as Acting Principal to a close, I wish to extend my appreciation to our school community and my sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving in this role. I look forward with confidence to the return of our Principal, Mr Beck, and to the renewed leadership and direction he will provide.

With the school year coming to an end, we send our very best wishes to all families/whānau and students/ākonga who are moving on. We hope you carry fond memories of your time at Hurunui College and that these experiences will guide you confidently into the future.

I wish you all a merry Christmas, happy New Year and a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Nāku noa, nā

Jane Marsh
Acting Principal - Tumuaki



Waitā Landscape art
From top to bottom; Gavrie V, Tessa T, Eva H and Nellie C

Discovery | Waipuna-ā-rangi

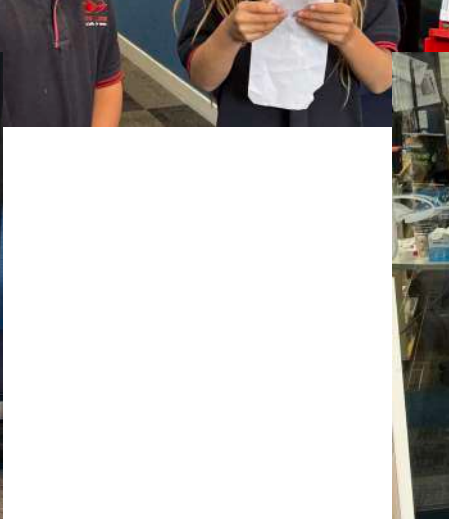
Term 4
Kate Frame

Performing Poems

This term the students have been working hard to memorise the words and actions to a poem of their choice. They had fun reciting them to Ururangi class. Everyone showed great confidence and expression in their performances, and it was wonderful to see them supporting and encouraging one another.

Buddy Time

Waipuna-ā-rangi's big buddies have helped with lots of fun activities this year. Here they are helping with a 10-sentence story about escaping the jungle!



Food for Thought Rachel Cooper

This term, our exploring classes were lucky enough to have Deb McIntosh from Food for Thought working with us. Deb took the children through two engaging classroom sessions all about food groups, nutrients, and making healthy choices. For our third session, we headed down to the Hawarden Four Square for some real-life label reading. The kids were fizzing — and it was awesome to see them confidently deciphering packaged food labels and spotting healthier options. To top it off, each class received a Four Square voucher, which was such a generous and exciting bonus for our learners.



Canterbury Museum In-School Visit Keri Zino

Exploring classes enjoyed having the Canterbury Museum Hangarau Māori Programme visit our school this term. Students learnt about technology used by Early Māori to hunt and gather. They were able to experiment with the tools and understand how they worked. A huge thank you to our School PTA for funding this wonderful visit.



Waitā Class Trip to Waikari Māori Rock Drawings Keri Zino

On Tuesday the 18th November Waita Class, Mrs Zino, Miss Marsh and Miss Cooper went on a class trip to Waikari. In our Inquiry we had been learning about landscapes and our local history. First we walked up to the Waikari watertank. We looked at the mural painted on it and how each picture represents local history eg the railway, farming and the limestone quarry. We could easily point mountains like Mt Tekoa, Mt Noble and Mt Alex from the top of the hill. Next, we walked along the Waikari village walkway and up and over the hill into Timpendean Farm. It was very windy and a bit of a gut-buster, but the journey was worth it. We looked at the amazing rock art that were drawn approximately 1000 years ago when Maori visited the area on their journey through the area. The drawings included simple human figures, fish, waka and taniwha, We learnt that they were drawn with charcoal and red ochre. After lunch, we trekked back up and over the hills again and past beautiful limestone rocks. Mrs Zino took lots of photos of the landscape for us to use in our watercolour paintings in art. We think it is a special place to visit to enjoy learning about the history of our area and we encourage all locals to go take a look :)

From Waitā Class.

Exploring | Hiwa-i-te-rangi

During this term, Hiwa class has had a strong focus on writing and making our stories come alive.

Everyone has worked incredibly hard, and it's been awesome to see how far their writing has come.

We also explored poetry and had heaps of fun experimenting with different styles and ideas.

Here are some samples of our writing.

Santa vs the Grinch

The war had begun. The Grinch had stolen the slay and reindeer.

Santa wasn't going to let Christmas fly away. How could I get my reindeer and slay back? Santa thought. Although the Grinch had stolen enough, I knew he would be back for the presents. It was on. The wind was twirling the snow like a tornado. Santa grabbed his good list, put on his pyjamas, tightened his jandals and ran into the snow. "You can't steal Christmas from me Grinch, BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE MY SACK OF PRESENTS!" Screamed Santa. Sprinting through the snow Santa followed the trail of green footprints to the cliff. The war had finished and the Grinch had stolen Christmas.

Matt Holdaway

I was zooming through a burning world that was only black red and grey in color. Suddenly all remaining life was as quiet as a cloud apart from a slight "pssssshhh" sound. Shortly followed by an object hitting my windshield as fast as a cheetah that was round in shape and gave off a blueish hue. It greatly surprised me and caused me to skid off the cracked road.

Darcy Kelly

As I walked through the sizzling safari I saw something swimming in the murky brown water. Horrible thoughts came rushing through my mind. The creature slowly came out of the water, not taking its eyes off me. I felt like I was shrinking onto my knees. I felt as helpless as a snail with out its shell, I couldn't run or talk I could only see my death coming towards me one step after another.

Josie Kirkland Manderson

Lost

I'm lost at sea. Darkness lurking as the sun gradually sets around me. My boat peacefully rocking in the waves like a mother cradling her sweet little baby. My eyes slowly close. Bang! I wake up finding myself on the coast of a beautiful beach .

The soft sand brushing in my toes.

I didn't quite remember what happened so I decided to go for a walk across the golden beach. The sun shines onto my long blonde hair as it waves in the cold breezy wind. I start to cry as my memories crush me like a tidal wave. I long for my friends and family waiting at home. My mind wonders. Are they looking? Have they forgotten? Am I no longer loved?

I need to protect myself from the cold, bitter world. I love nature but not being stranded on a small, cold, -frightful island.

Ellie Frame

As the sun was coming up, the clouds looked all gloomy as ever.

The tree looked like it was about to be set on fire and they looked scared and anxious about to be blasted away by the weather.

Madeline McDonnell

Daredevil, Marco Pickleson, chose to ride hell, there was no joking or turning back. Time starts, no time for error. It's burning hot, he can't breathe too hot. He pushes through the heat he's going fast. 365 more days to complete the challenges.

Jacob Port

SANTA VS THE GRINCH

The battle has started

The Grinch had kidnapped Santa's elves but Santa was not going to let that ruin Christmas

"How can I fix Christmas?" wondered Santa.

Although the Grinch was naughty, Santa was determined to defeat him.

IT WAS ON.

The tension cut through the air like a knife.

Santa fixed his hat, tightened his boots and fixed the jingle bells and raced off into the cold snow.

"You can't keep me from christmas!" screamed the

Grinch.
Charging up the mountain was old Saint Nick following the grinch's green foot prints that were engraved in the snow.
The battle had begun but the end was in sight, Santa was going to win.

Zanthia MacGregor

SANTA VS THE GRINCH

The battle has started. The grinch had tinkered with Santa's sleigh, but Santa wouldn't let that ruin Christmas. "How would I give everyone their gifts?" wondered Santa. Although the Grinch was naughty, Santa knew he could defeat him. Just not tonight. The tension was as high as a sky scraper. Santa went off into the snow. "You can't steal Christmas from me you old grinch, you can't do as much stuff as me". Tumbling all the way down the mountain Santa was like a big fat snowball. The battle had started, it was unknown who was going to win.

Rebecca Lewis

In the golden glow of a sprawling countryside, where the fields stretched out like a patchwork quilt, lived a girl named Chloe. Her days were filled with the sweet scent of wildflowers and the gentle hum of cicadas. The sun had been burning so hot that the fields were starting to turn to dust. Her dad Jim had been losing profits and tried to keep that a secret but Chloe was a very smart girl. They lived together just the two of them. One day Chloe was staring out the window and saw smoke a couple of paddocks away. Immediately she alerted her dad who was having lunch. He got up and said "Stay here unless the fire gets close then jump on Louie our horse and grab Jess the dog and I'll catch up!" she hesitantly said "ok" but it was too late her dad was out the door. two hours later Jim bursted through the door and said " Get in the truck" The girl and the father were never seen again.

Tessa de Ridder



On a dark and foggy night, lived a little girl, called Rosie. One night she heard a sound that sounded like a little girl screaming. Rosie was so scared that she slept in her mothers room. Ever since that night it hasn't happened again but she's been living in fear ever since.

Destiny Hawkins

THE PAINTING

A nice happy family moved to a new neighbourhood. The house was an old crumbly house. The husband wanted to buy a painting for their wall. The family went to a market, the kids wanted to buy an old royal picture and so they did... Then the next night at 12am/midnight everyone woke up to the sound of boots walking on wood. Dad got his gun to see but no one was there. The next morning the picture was next to the fire place so the family burned it and lived happily or did they...

Te Rakai Smith

Diamante Poems:

Breakfast
Tasty, Crunchy
Eating, Munching, slurping
Bowls, cereal porridge, smoothie
Drinking, gobbling, wolfing
Yum, Sweet
Meal

Marco Simonetta

Dinner
Yummy, Tasty
Eating, washing, smelling
Steak, hamburger, plates, knives
Cutting, squishing, feeling
Shiny, hard
Utensil

King Lampinez

Food
Yum, filling
Saving, rotting, crunching
Burger, spaghetti, pasta, pizza
Eating, munching, chomping
Big, small
Dates

Eli Suggate

Dinner
 Amazing, Scrumptious
 Eating, Drinking, Cooking
 Burgers, Wraps, Nachos, Tacos
 Chopping, Smashing, Flipping
 Yummy, Delicious
 Steak

Lily Bardell



Dawg
 Fast, Loyal
 Running, Swimming, Barking
 Food, Bone, Water, Lead
 Eating, Drinking, Blinking
 Cool, Smelly
 Puppy

Jeremy Clarke



Devil
 Scary, haunted
 Annoying, smelling, fighting
 Mean, giant, child, boy
 Yelling, chasing, running
 Brave, chained
 Equal Te Ataarangi



Rapatini Dohi



Dancer
 Strong, Flexible
 Leaping, Jumping, Competing
 Stage, Lights, Costume, Show
 Practicing, Twirling, Performing
 Graceful, Majestic
 Ballerina

Kelly Abbott





Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we round up another year at Hurunui College, Matariki have been reflecting on the awesome memories made and the fun that has been had. We had many great opportunities to grow our knowledge about the world around us. Some of these being Food for Thought, The Canterbury Museum, St John and The Science Roadshow. We enjoyed delving deeper into Aotearoa history, with a specific focus about pounamu to prepare for our hikoi next year. Most of all, our highlights of the year revolve around time spent together as a class both in and out of the classroom. As their teacher, I couldn't be prouder of how our class has grown together, supported each other and celebrated each moment of success as a team.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a fantastic holiday break.

Ngā mihi manaakitanga,
Mik.

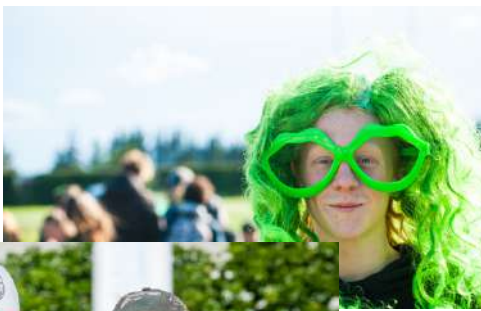


Exploring Beach Ed Trip





Athletics Day



In Week 2 we held our annual Athletics Day, and what a fantastic day it was! Students and staff proudly represented their houses, turning the field into a sea of vibrant house colours. Throughout the day we saw some outstanding performances, with several long-standing records being broken.



It was wonderful to see everyone in such high spirits, cheering one another on and celebrating each achievement. The real fruit ice creams were definitely a crowd favourite and added an extra treat to an already enjoyable day.

A huge thank you to all our family, whānau, and wider community who came along to support. Your presence helped make the event even more special. Overall, it was a great day out for everyone involved, and we're already looking forward to next year's Athletics Day!

Ilana Moir





Year 9/10

In the final term of the year in Workshop, the year 9 & 10s continued taking advantage of the facilities. A range of skills and projects were worked on from welding and mechanics, to wood lathing, and even 3D printing. The students have enjoyed having this freedom of choice in the workshop. From next year, I will no longer be teaching in this space and Lewis Turner will take over all workshop and hard materials in 2026. I have enjoyed the past two and a half years in this role and watching the growth of student enjoyment in hard materials.

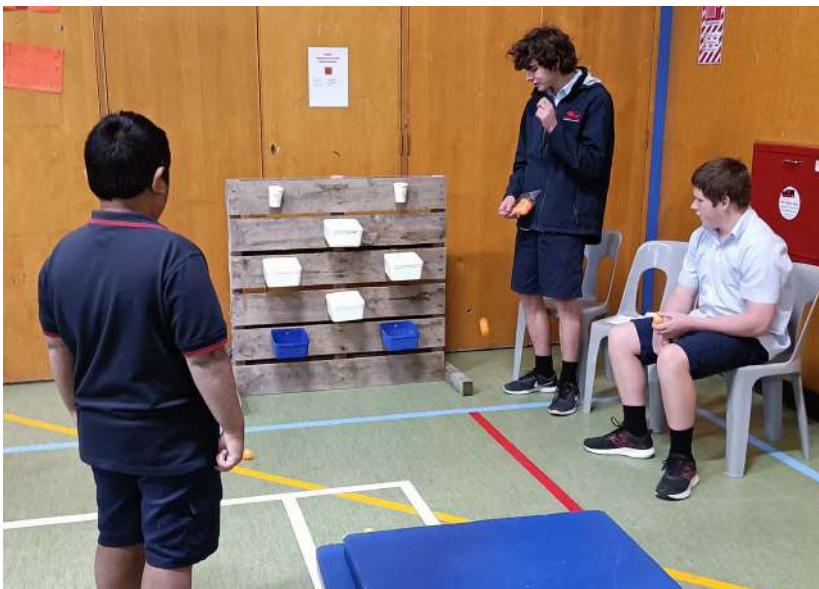
Will Harnett



This term the year 9 & 10s have been looking at invention and innovation in social studies. This started by understanding the difference between invention and innovation and looking at great and bizzare innovation over time. Then the students had a go at designing their own product which culminated in a "Dragons' Den" where they pitched this to teachers acting as "Dragons". There were some great ideas ranging from mobile phone apps, card games, furniture design, music and digital technology products. This was a fun way to wrap up a great year of learning for these students.

Camp Fundraising William Harnett

Early this term, the year 10 class had its final fundraiser for the end of year camp. We put on a Carnival style games fundraiser including; Nerf shoot, Ball in a Basket, Frisbee Challenge and even a homemade mini golf course. Sweet popcorn was also sold and was in high demand. We raised over \$1450 for our camp and greatly appreciate the support from our school!



Year 10 Camp





Events

Korfball
Ilana Moir

We were lucky enough to have MIXX Korfball visit and work with our Exploring PE and Senior PE students for a series of coaching sessions. Students were introduced to the fundamentals of korfball, and everyone quickly got a good feel for the game.

It was fantastic to see the improvement, confidence, and enjoyment grow throughout the sessions. The interactive activities and fast-paced games kept everyone engaged and challenged.

A big thank you to MIXX Korfball for delivering such energetic and hands-on coaching. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained valuable new skills.



Christchurch Schools Music Festival Phil Biddlecombe

Our Festival Choir had a great day out in Christchurch. We first attended the rehearsal, and it sounded amazing. The orchestra started and scared everyone half to death with some Stravinski. We had a quick lunch break at Margaret Mahy Playground then practised our ninja skills. Bite of dinner then show time. They were fantastic and sung beautifully. A massive thank you to Miane Grove our 2025 choir manager.



Gumboot Friday Lauren Hughes

The Student Council led a fun Gumboot Friday event to support children's mental health across New Zealand. Students were invited to come to school wearing their gumboots, bringing along a gold coin donation to help raise awareness and funds for a very important cause. The day was filled with activities, including a colouring competition and a gumboot-throwing contest. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised \$134 for Gumboot Friday. A huge thank-you to everyone who participated and donated, and to our Student Council for organising such a fun and successful event!

Class Photos



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Ururangi

Back Row: Mrs Frame, Sadie Nesbit, Jim Earl, Franklin Guthrie, Adley Jamison, Lily Harris, Riley Gibson, Miss Banks
Front Row: Joshua Velmonte, Halle McCarthy, Ryleigh Jane Frank, Blake Francis, Milo, Millie Schwass, Aiden Pelaez van Wichen, Blake Bamford



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Waipuna-a-rangi

Back Row: Alfie Biddlecombe, Luke Smith, Pepper Edzes, Amilli McLeod, Jaycee Thomas, Maggie Youngman, Connie Pelaz van Wichen, Georgia Rutherford
Front Row: Leon Hunter, Wilfred Brown, Sophie Maxwell, Jordan Peters, Gus Frame, Ethan Monoy, Laurence Velmonte, Mason Bardell and Katia Smith
Teachers: Sarah Hendrikx and Kate Frame (absent)
Absent: Flynn de Ridder

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Waiti

Back Row: Luna Hodgkinson, Margot Rutherford, Leo McKinlay, Ava Port, Will Frame, James Habgood, Sydney Earl
 Front Row: Fergus Maxwell, Angus Gray, Sarah Youngman, Zuey Lagrosa, Teddy Brown, Lucy Trew, Sam Cory, Lorna Boyd and Ada Molhoek
 Teacher Kate Boyd (Relief) Chris Toki (absent)
 Absent: Annabelle Churchward

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Waita

Back Row: Petrie Brown, Eve Bardell, Gus MacGregor, Indie Stanley, Willow Hodgkinson, Andre Velmonte, Nellie Collis, Rayne Bayard, Will Churchward
 Front Row: Lucah Simonetta, Tessa Trew, Gavrie Velmonte, Eva Harray, Ella Smith, Leah Tuinawaivuvu, Henry Ferguson, Judd Corcoran and Max Martin
 Teacher Georgia Marsh



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Hiwa-i-te-rangi

Back Row: Jeremy Clarke, Matt Holdaway, Zanthia MacGregor, Destiny Hawkins, Jacob Port, Josie Kirkland-Manderson, Darcy Kelly, Eli Suggate
Front Row: Kelly Abbott, Marco Simonetta, Lily Bardell, Te Rakai Smith, Ellie Frame, Caitlin Black, Ryder Higgins,
Maddie McDonnell, Rebecca Lewis and King Lampinez
Teacher Lauren Hughes
Absent: Tessa de Ridder



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Matariki

Back Row: Cassie Earl, Felix May, Jens Grove, Nathan Lampinez, Patrick Frame, Nico Svensson, Lilly May, Logan Wing
Front Row: Oli Molhoek, Katie Devine, Jasper Brown, Abby Youngman, Hunter Toki, Tina Tuinawaivuvu, Billie Ramsay, Anne Velmonte and Mollie Courto
Teacher: Mik Scanlan
Absent: Stanley Savage



Ako Y9

Back Row: Noah Trethowen, Eva Kelly, Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie, Lotti Beach, Manaaki Spivey, Wyatt Higgins, Hunter McKinlay, Mielah MacGregor, Jake Kirkland-Manderson, Sebi Hearne
 Front Row: James Reynolds, Macy Oberholzer, Ava Neilson, Kurt Wills-Morriss, Dominic Clarke, Tui Sutherland, Cadence Wing, Noah Suggate, Elsie May and Maybellina Maaka
 Teachers Tim Kelly and Tamara Muirson



Ako Y10

Back Row: Liam Caddy, Max Harray, Ian McNaughton, Glen Fricker, Noa Tane, Ariana Johannis, Gemma Costello, Jack Savage
 Front Row: Alexa Velmonte, Baylee Haare-Smith, Peppa Carruthers, Anzac Keen, Aurora Smith, Nicola Upritchard, Riley Thomson-Hall, Xion Cohen, Amelia Freeth and Rylley Dalton
 Teachers: William Harnett and Bridie Mata'afa
 Absent: Skyla Rata-Smith, Samantha Jackson and Lucia Forsyth



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Ako Y11

Back Row: Antony Stanley-Pihera, Aadyn Howie, Ryleigh Painter, Leon Thomas, Jack Philp, Emmit Higgins, Toby Kirkus, Rosie Badcock

Front Row: Eden Trethowen, Shea Kelly, Natalie Preddy, Kohatu Cottrell, Sinead Chisnall,
Astara Wallace-Jessep, Bailee Cattermole, Hannah Northover and Liam Clausen

Teachers: Peter Light, Lee Copplestone and Haley Ross

Absent: Tanner Barton, Shelby Tyler, Keygan Philp, Maia Forsyth and Poppy Clapham



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Ako Y12

Back Row: Janessa Stewart, Lucus MacGregor-Bell, Jamie Oberholzer, Khalani Tuinawaivuvu, Lily-Rose Varnam

Front Row: Katelyn Burnett, Zinneah Cohen, Grace Dacutan, Rosie Black, Lexi Thomson-Hall and AnnieMay McKay

Teachers: Ilana Moir and Julia Steel

Absent: Flynn Sowden, Finn Fricker, Matthew Paton, Maia Moore



Ako Y13

Back Row: William Munsey, Mia Northover

Front Row: Angel Dagcutan, Mischa Johannis, Millie Sidey, Maine Grove, Sofia Manifold and Taylor Upritchard

Teacher: Viv McIntosh and Phil Biddlecombe

Absent: Cameron Berry, Charli MacMillan, Kyle Searle and Lakyn Sinclair



Prizegiving Awards

Discovery

Ururangi Year 1 Class - Miss Jen Banks

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| Jim Earl | For excellence in literacy and diligence in maths and writing |
| Blake Francis | For diligence in maths and literacy |
| Hunter Frank | For creative play |
| Ryleigh Jane Frank | For eagerness to learn, effort in maths, and being a caring friend |
| Franklin Guthrie | For your improvement and effort in literacy and confidence in working independently |
| Adley Jamison | For your imagination in craft activities and your kindness in sharing your drawings with everyone |
| Maria Light | Being a caring friend and always trying your best |
| Juniper Luscombe | For your positive attitude and kindness to others |
| Halle McCarthy | For having a positive attitude to learning and for effort in literacy |
| Sadie Nesbit | For diligence in literacy, and eagerness to help others |
| Aiden Pelaez van Wichen | For settling well into Ururangi class, and diligence in maths |
| Josh Velmonte | For your enthusiasm in all activities, and improvement in literacy |

RISE Awards

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| Blake Bamford | For diligence in writing and maths, enthusiasm to learn, and upholding the RISE values at school |
| Riley Gibson | For completing your work to a high standard, and for diligence in literacy and mathematics |
| Millie Schwass | For excellence in writing, consistently showing RISE values, and being a caring friend |
| Lily Harris | For consistently trying your best, being a caring friend and showing RISE values |

Waipuna-ā-rangi Year 2/3 Class - Mrs Kate Frame and Mrs Sarah Hendriks

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| Mason Bardell | For improvement in maths and growing confidence |
| Alfie Biddlecombe | For excellence in maths and reading, and wonderful creativity |
| Wilf Brown | For improvement in literacy and letter knowledge, growing confidence, and effort in making new friends |
| Gus Frame | For improvement in writing, loyalty as a friend and responsible attitude |
| Jock Fraser | For improvement in writing and handwriting and having a consistently positive attitude |
| Angus Gunn | For being responsible and reliable, and for improvement in maths and writing |
| Leon Hunter | For a positive attitude, willingness to give everything a go and creative writing |
| Mason Hunter | For eagerness in writing and being a kind friend |
| Sophie Maxwell | For persistence in producing quality work and effort in physical education |
| Ethan Monoy | For excellence in reading and spelling, and creativity in art |
| Lachlan Page | For progress in oral language, lovely manners and creativity in art |
| Connie Pelaez van Wichen | For excellence in reading, creativity in writing, and consistently demonstrating the RISE values |
| Georgia Rutherford | For being a helpful, diligent class member and for effort in writing |
| Luke Smith | For excellence in physical education and improvement in reading |
| Matthew Trew | For excellence in maths and physical education |

RISE Awards

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| Maggie Youngman | For kindness and positive presence in our classroom and determination to improve in all areas |
| Laurence Velmonte | For upholding all the RISE values and improvement in reading and writing |
| Pepper Edzes | For excellence in writing, strong maths skills, enthusiasm to learn, and upholding the RISE values |
| Flynn de Ridder | For excellence in reading, displaying all RISE values and being a kind and supportive friend |

Waiti Year 3/4 Class - Mr Chris Toki

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| Lorna Boyd | For academic excellence and your contribution to interesting learning experiences |
| Annabelle Churchward | For your amazing work ethic and determination |
| Te Ataaranghi Dohi | For your enthusiasm and great progress in Literacy |
| Amilli McLeod | For your positive attitude to your schoolwork and your class |
| Ada Molhoek | For using your outstanding creativity to make our class a better place to be |

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|-------------------|---|
| Katia Smith | For your organisational abilities and outstanding creativity |
| Jaycee Thomas | For showing excellence in Literacy, at school and at home |
| Lucy Trew | For consistently having an uplifting effect on our whole class environment |
| Elle Brown | For athletic excellence and impressive creative skills |
| Sydney Earl | For your growth into a class leader and your contribution to interesting learning experiences |
| James Habgood | For your kindness and always looking for opportunities to help others |
| Zuey Lagrosa | For your all-round creative abilities and outstanding drawings |
| Fergus Maxwell | For your ability to tell a fascinating story and your great sense of humour |
| Leo McKinlay | For adding another dimension to our learning and encouraging curious minds |
| Ava Port | For being prepared to challenge yourself and showing courage and determination |
| Margot Rutherford | For your amazing organisation skills and willingness to help others |

RISE Awards

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|-----------------|---|
| Teddy Brown | For academic and sporting excellence and always being willing to help others |
| Will Frame | For academic and sporting excellence and always being willing to help others |
| Luna Hodgkinson | For your excellent attitude to your schoolwork and being kind, caring and helpful |
| Sarah Youngman | For consistently being a great example of all the RISE values and your impressive hard work and determination |

Exploring

Waitā Year 5/6 Class - Miss Georgia Marsh

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| Eva Harray | Academic Excellence in Mathematics, Reading and Writing |
| Henry Ferguson | Academic Excellence in Mathematics, Reading and Inquiry |
| Lucah Simonetta | Academic Excellence in Mathematics, Reading and Inquiry |
| Tessa Trew | Academic Excellence in Inquiry |

RISE Awards

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| Will Churchward | For being a kind and considerate member of Waitā class. Consistently looking out for others and using initiative to help out, showing a genuinely caring nature toward peers and teachers. |
| Gavrie Velmonte | For upholding the RISE values of Hurunui College and becoming a true role model by approaching learning with a positive attitude and showing kindness and care toward others |
| Nellie Collis | For being a diligent, dedicated learner who consistently strives for excellence and demonstrates all our RISE values, showing commitment to personal growth, responsibility, and respect |
| Ella Smith | For consistently striving for excellence in all learning and demonstrating integrity. Being respectful and considerate toward your peers, and contributing positively to the classroom environment. |

Hiwa-i-te-rangi Year 6/7 Class - Mrs Rachel Cooper and Mrs Kate Boyd

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|-------------------|---|
| Darcy Kelly | Academic Excellence in Reading, Writing and Maths |
| Ellie Frame | Academic Excellence in Writing |
| Tessa de Ridder | Academic Excellence in Writing and Inquiry |
| Zanthia MacGregor | Academic Excellence in Inquiry |
| King Lampinez | Academic Excellence in Physical Education |

RISE Awards

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| Kelly Abbott | Exceptional commitment to strive for excellence in and out of Hurunui College, with a dedication and work ethic that shines through in all areas of school life |
| Matt Holdaway | Being an outstanding role model by being a diligent worker, striving for excellence and consistently showing our RISE values with unwavering commitment and kindness |
| Jacob Port | Being a brilliant classmate and role model in Hiwa class, consistently showing all RISE values and working hard in all areas. |
| Rebecca Lewis | Being kind, considerate and empathetic towards others, demonstrating diligent effort and being a valued class member |

Matariki Year 7/8 Class - Whaea Mik Scanlan

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|-----------------|---|
| Felix May | Academic Excellence in Inquiry, Hard Materials Technology and Science |
| Logan Wing | Academic Excellence in Maths and Science |
| Billie Ramsay | Academic Excellence in Reading, Writing, Visual Arts and Food and Design. Diligence in Physical Education |
| Nico Svensson | Academic Excellence in Maths |
| Patrick Frame | Academic Excellence in Reading and Digital Technology |
| Nathan Lampinez | Academic Excellence in Writing and Food and Design. Diligence in Physical Education |
| Oli Molhoek | Diligence in Food & Design and Digital Technology |
| Jasper Brown | Academic Excellence in Hard Materials Technology |
| Mollie Courto | Academic Excellence in Digital Technology. Diligence in Hard Materials Technology |
| Abby Youngman | Diligence in Visual Arts and Science |
| Katie Devine | Diligence in Food and Design and Hard Materials Technology |
| Jens Grove | Academic Excellence in Physical Education |
| Lilly May | Diligence in Visual Arts and Science |
| Anne Velmonte | Academic Excellence in Visual Arts. Diligence in Digital Technology. |

RISE Awards

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|---------------|---|
| Felix May | For outstanding leadership and serving as a positive role model in our school. Leading with respect, integrity and the best sense of humour. |
| Katie Devine | For demonstrating exceptional service to the school through consistent contribution and participation, reflecting a deep sense of commitment and reliability to others. |
| Anne Velmonte | For consistently showing kindness and for being a caring member of our kura, always going above and beyond for those around her. |
| Abby Youngman | For upholding our RISE values throughout all aspects of school life. Demonstrating a high level of commitment and determination. |

Investigating

Year 9 - Ako Dr Tim Kelly and Mrs Tamara Muirson

Merit Certificates

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|--------------------------|---|
| Lotti Beach | Diligence in Hospitality and Soft Materials & design. Academic Achievement in Health. |
| Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie | Academic Achievement in Physical Education and Soft Materials & Design. |
| Sebi Hearne | Diligence in Hard Materials. |
| Hunter McKinlay | Academic Achievement in Hard Materials |
| Ava Neilson | Academic Achievement in Visual Art |
| Macy Oberholzer | Diligence in Visual Art. Academic Achievement in Hospitality |
| Manaaki Spivey | Academic Achievement in Music |
| Noah Trethowen | Diligence in Music |
| Kurt Wills Morriss | Academic Achievement in Mathematics |
| Cadence Wing | Diligence in Social Studies and Drama. Academic Achievement in Science. |

Top Diligence Award

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| Eva Kelly | Diligence in English, Health, Physical Education, Drama and Science. |
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Top Academic Award

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| Tui Sutherland | Diligence in Mathematics, Science, Drama and Te Ao Maori. Academic Achievement in English and Social Studies. |
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Year 10 - Ako Mr William Harnett and Mrs Bridie Mata'afa

Merit Certificates

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|-------------------|---|
| Amelia Freeth | Diligence in Hospitality. |
| Glen Fricker | Academic Achievement in Hard Materials Technology, Mathematics and Hospitality. |
| Max Harray | Diligence in Hard Materials Technology |
| Samantha Jackson | Diligence in Drama and Academic Achievement in Soft Materials & Design. |
| Ariana Johannis | Academic Achievement in Music. |
| Nicola Upritchard | Diligence in Music and Drama. |
| Alexa Velmonte | Diligence in Social Studies, Te Ao Maori and Physical Education. Academic Achievement in Science, Physical Education and Health. |

Aspiring

Year 11 - Ako Mrs Lauren Hughes and Mr Peter Light

Merit Certificates

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|-----------------|--|
| Tanner Barton | Academic Achievement in Agriculture. |
| Sinead Chisnall | Academic Achievement in Practical Maths and Diligence in History and Physical Education. |
| Poppy Clapham | Diligence in Hospitality. |
| Liam Clausen | Academic Achievement in TechDesign, Digital Technology and Commerce. Diligence in TechDesign, Commerce and English. |
| Shea Kelly | Diligence in Science |
| Toby Kirkus | Academic Achievement in Music. Diligence in Digital Technology. |
| Jack Philp | Academic Achievement in Physical Education and Hospitality. Diligence in Agriculture. |
| Keygan Philp | Academic Achievement in Workshop. |
| Natalie Preddy | Diligence in Visual Art. |
| Leon Thomas | Diligence in Workshop. |
| Eden Trethowen | Academic Achievement in English and Visual Art. Diligence in Mathematics. |

Top Diligence Award

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|---------------|---|
| Rosie Badcock | Academic Achievement Health. Diligence in Health, Music, Geography and Science. |
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Top Academic Award

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|-------------------|--|
| Bailee Cattermole | Academic Achievement in Mathematics, Science, History and Geography. |
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Year 12 - Ako Mrs Julia Steel and Miss Ilana Moir

Merit Certificates

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|------------------|--|
| Rosie Black | Academic Achievement and Diligence in Business Studies. |
| Katelyn Burnett | Academic Achievement and Diligence in Geography and Physical Education. |
| Grace Dagcutan | Academic Achievement and Diligence in Psychology. |
| Anniemay McKay | Academic Achievement in Visual Art. |
| Maia Moore | Diligence in Workshop. She also achieved her NCEA Level 2 Certificate in Animal Care at National Trades Academy. |
| Jamie Oberholzer | Diligence in Outdoor Education and Biology. Academic Achievement in Outdoor Education. |
| Janessa Stewart | Academic Achievement and Diligence in Textiles |

Top Diligence and Top Academic Achievement Award

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|-------------------|---|
| Lexi Thomson Hall | Academic Achievement in English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Diligence in Visual Arts, English, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. |
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Year 13 - Ako Mr Phil Biddlecombe and Mrs Viv McIntosh

Merit Certificates

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|-------------------|---|
| Cameron Berry | Academic Achievement and Diligence in Tourism. |
| Miane Grove | Diligence in Physics and Textiles. Academic Achievement in English, Chemistry, Physics, Textiles and Mathematics. |
| Charli McMillan | Academic Achievement in Music and History and Diligence in Geography and History. |
| Sofia Manifold | Diligence in Visual Art. |
| William Munsey | Diligence in Music. |
| Mia Northover | Academic Achievement and Diligence in Physical Education and Outdoor Education. |
| Millie Sidey | Academic Achievement in Geography and Visual Art and Diligence in English. |
| Taylor Upritchard | Academic Achievement and Diligence in Business Studies and Digital Technology. |

Top Diligence Award

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|----------------|--|
| Angel Dagcutan | Diligence in Mathematics, Chemistry, Psychology and Biology. Academic Achievement in Psychology, Classics and Biology |
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Prizegiving Awards Continued

House Winner 2025 - Mason

House Captains for 2026

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| Mason | Zinneah Cohen and Hannah Northover |
| Sheppard | Toby Kirkus and Poppy Clapham |
| Sumner | Sinead Chisnall and Alexa Velmonte |
| Taylor | Astara Wallace-Jessep and Natalie Preddy |

Head Students for 2026

Congratulations to Lexie Thomson-Hall, Shea Kelly and Jamie Oberholzer

Dux 2025

Congratulations to Miane Grove



Curriculum and Cultural Awards

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| Excellence in Speech Making Year 4-6 | Tessa de Ridder |
| Excellence in Speech Making Year 7 & 8 | Nathan Lampinez |
| Excellence in Speech making Year 9 & 10 | Eva Kelly |
| Excellence in Speech Making Year 11-13 | Shea Kelly |
| Outstanding Achievement in English | Miane Grove |
| Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics | Miane Grove |
| Outstanding Achievement in Technology | Miane Grove |
| Outstanding Achievement in Social Sciences | Millie Sidey |
| Outstanding Achievement in PE and Health | Mia Northover |
| Excellence in Physics and Mathematics | Miane Grove |
| Excellence and Diligence in Agriculture | Keygan Philp (Forrester Trophy) |
| Excellence in Hospitality | Jack Philp (Pat Manning Cup) |
| Hospitality Challenge | Jack Philp |
| Visual Arts Award for Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts | Eden Trethowen |
| Year 6-8 Visual Arts Award | Nathan Lampinez |
| Dedication and Commitment to Singing | Katie Devine |
| Contribution to Music within the School | Toby Kirkus |
| Kia Maia award for persistence, courage and confidence in Kapa Haka | Peppa Carruthers, Baylee Haare-Smith and Mielah MacGregor |
| Year 5-8 Citizenship Award | Nathan Lampinez |
| Quality Movement and Positive Participation Award for Year 1-3 | Annabelle Churchward |
| SVA Student Volunteer Award 2024 | Eden Trethowen |
| Hurunui College Environmentalist of the Year | Eva Kelly |
| Hurunui College Student Council | Billie Ramsay |
| Young Leaders Award | |
| Citizenship Girl | Miane Grove (the Layla Lennon Trophy) |
| Citizenship Boy | William Munsey (the Reuben Sanders Trophy) |
| Y11 student who shows all-round endeavor | Shea Kelly (the Gilbert Cup) |
| For displaying persistence and perseverance in all areas of school life | Max Martin (the Jacquie Topp Cup) |
| For contributing to the all-round life of the school with displays of helpfulness and service | Jack Philp (the Robert Topp Shield) |
| Hurunui Drainage and Plumbing | Janessa Stewart |
| Vocational Excellence Award | |
| Hawarden Waikari Lions Scholarship jointly awarded to | Angel Dagcutan and William Munsey |
| Hawarden Gym Youth Scholarship | Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie |

Home Learning Challenge

Copper - Year 4 Level

James Habgood
Margot Rutherford
Will Frame
Sarah Youngman
Fergus Maxwell

Silver - Year 6 Level

Kelly Abbott
Ellie Frame
Darcy Kelly
Indie Stanley
Nellie Collis

Platinum - Year 8 Level

Katie Devine
Nathan Lampinez

Bronze - Year 5 Level

Eva Harray

Gold - Year 7 Level

Cassie Earl
Billie Ramsay
Abby Youngman
Rebecca Lewis
Zanthia McGregor

Sport Awards

Swimming Awards

Year 4 & under Runner-up Girl Swimmer
Sydney Earl

Year 4 & under Champion Girl Swimmer
Sarah Youngman (Ron Pierce Memorial Cup)

Year 4 & under Runner-up Boy Swimmer
Will Frame

Year 4 & under Champion Boy Swimmer
James Habgood (Ron Pierce Memorial Cup)

Year 5-6 Runner-up Girl Swimmer
Ellie Frame

Year 5-6 Champion Girl Swimmer
Kelly Abbott (Rutherford Challenge Cup)

Year 5-6 Runner-up Champion Boy Swimmer
Matt Holdaway

Year 5-6 Champion Boy Swimmer
Darcy Kelly (Rutherford Challenge Cup)

Year 7-8 Runner-up Girl Swimmer
Billie Ramsay

Year 7-8 Champion Girl Swimmer
Abby Younman

Year 7-8 Runner-up Boy Swimmer
Stanley Savage

Year 7-8 Champion Boy Swimmer
Patrick Frame

Year 9-10 Runner-up Girl Swimmer
Samantha Jackson

Year 9-10 Champion Girl Swimmer
Lotti Beach

Year 9-10 Runner-up Boy Swimmer
Hunter McKinlay

Year 9-10 Champion Boy Swimmer
Glen Fricker (Taruna Cup)

Year 11-13 Runner-up Girl Swimmer
Millie Sidey

Year 11-13 Champion Girl Swimmer
Sinead Chisnall (Clarkson Cup)

Year 11-13 Runner-up Boy Swimmer
Kyle Searle

Year 11-13 Champion Boy Swimmer
Jamie Oberholzer (Clarkson Cup)

Badminton and Squash

Badminton Runner-up Girl
Astara Wallace-Jessep

Badminton Champion Girl
Natalie Preddy (Hurunui College Palele Trophy)

Badminton Runner-up Boy
Jens Grove

Badminton Champion Boy
Jamie Oberholzer (Hurunui College Trophy)

Year 4-7 Squash Runner-up Girl
Billie Ramsay

Year 4-7 Squash Champion Girl
Mollie Courto (Hurunui College Trophy)

Year 4-7 Squash Runner-up Boy
Jasper Brown

Year 4-7 Squash Champion Boy
Stanley Savage (Adam Atkinson Memorial Trophy)

Year 8-13 Squash Runner-up Boy
Jointly awarded to
Shea Kelly

Year 8-13 Squash Champion Boy
Jens Grove (Bradley White Cup)

Athletics

Year 4 Athletic Runner-up Girl
Luna Hodgkinson

Year 4 Athletic Champion Girl
Elle Brown (Hassall Cup)

Year 4 Athletic Runner-up Boy
Teddy Brown

Year 4 Athletic Champion Boy
Will Frame (Hassall Cup)

Year 5-6 Athletic Runner Up Girl
Ella Smith

Year 5-6 Athletic Champion Girl
Kelly Abbott (school council cup)

Year 5-6 Athletic Runner Up Boy
Matt Holdaway

Year 5-6 Athletic Champion Boy
Darcy Kelly (McCort cup)

Year 7-8 Athletic Runner-up Girl
Lilly May

Athletics Continued

Year 7-8 Athletic Champion Girl
Cassie Earl

Year 7-8 Athletic Runner-up Boy
Nathan Lampinez

Year 7-8 Athletic Champion Boy
Stanley Savage

Year 9-10 Athletic Runner-up Girl
Lotti Beach

Year 9-10 Athletic Champion Girl
Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie
(Waipara County Lions Cup)

Year 9-10 Athletic Runner-up Boy
Hunter McKinlay

Year 9-10 Athletic Champion Boy
James Reynolds (Hurunui College Cup)

Year 11-13 Athletic Runner-up Girl
Lexi Thomson-Hall

Year 11-13 Athletic Champion Girl
Poppy Clapham

Year 11-13 Athletic Runner-up Boy
Jack Philp

Year 11-13 Athletic Champion Boy
Kyle Searle

Cross Country

Yr 4-6 Cross Country Runner-up Girl
Ellie Frame

Year 4-6 Cross Country Champion Girl
Kelly Abbott (Forster Cup)

Year 4-6 Cross Country Runner-up Boy
Wil Frame

Year 4-6 Cross Country Champion Boy
Fergus Maxwell (Forster Cup)

Year 7-13 Cross Country Runner-up Girl
Eva Kelly

Year 7-13 Cross Country Champion Girl
Shakaiyah Casell-Gorrie (Mitchell family cup)

Year 7-13 Cross Country Runner-up Boy
Jack Savage

Year 7-13 Cross Country Champion Boy
Shea Kelly (Gloria Hibbard Cup)

Triathlon Champions

Year 5-8 Triathlon Runner-up Team
Te Rakai Smith, Henry Ferguson and Gus MacGregor

Year 5-8 Triathlon Champion Team
Lucah Simonetta, Will Churchward and Nathan Lampinez

Year 5-8 Triathlon Runner-up Girl
Billie Ramsay

Year 5-8 Triathlon Champion Girl
Cassie Earl

Year 5-8 Triathlon Runner-up Boy
Jens Grove

Year 5-8 Triathlon Champion Boy
Stanley Savage

Year 9-13 Triathlon Runner-up team
Shea Kelly, Toby Kirkus and Emmitt Higgins

Year 9-13 Triathlon Champion Team
Flynn Sowden, Finn Fricker and Kyle Searle

Year 9-13 Triathlon Champion Girl
Eva Kelly

Year 9-13 Triathlon Runner-up Champion Boy
Shea Kelly

Year 9-13 Triathlon Champion Boy
Glen Fricker

Sporting Excellence Awards

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| Sinead Chisnall | New Zealand Area Schools - Netball |
| Kyle Searle | New Zealand Area Schools - Rugby |
| Flynn Sowden | New Zealand Area Schools - Rugby |
| Matthew Paton | New Zealand Area Schools - Rugby |
| Keygan Philp | New Zealand Area Schools - Rugby |
| Jack Philp | New Zealand Area Schools - Rugby |

Sportswoman of the Year

Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie

Sportsman of the Year

Jack Philp

Outstanding Sports Achievement Award

Kyle Searle (Blackwells Challenge Cup)

Sport

Athletics Day – Thursday 6 November

Bronnie Gunn

Hurunui College Athletics Day was held on Thursday 6 November, after being postponed from Wednesday due to very high winds. Our students participated with enthusiasm and pride, consistently demonstrating our RISE values in every event. Check out the pictures on page 12!

A huge thank you to all the supporters - whānau, staff, and community members - who were there on the day cheering on our students.

Your encouragement helped make the event such a positive experience for everyone!

We are proud to celebrate the following records that were broken:

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| Yr 2 girls 80m - | Georgia Rutherford |
| Yr 2 Boys Tennis Ball Throw - | Flynn de Ridder |
| Yr 2 Boys High Jump - | Luke Smith |
| Yr 4 girls 60m - | Luna Hodgkinson & Zuey Lagrosa |
| Yr 4 boys 60m - | Will Frame |
| Yr 4 girls 80m - | Elle Brown |
| Yr 4 girls 800m - | Margot Rutherford |
| Yr 4 boys 800m- | Will Frame |
| Yr 4 girls Long Jump - | Elle Brown |
| Yr 6 girls 60m - | Kelly Abbott |
| Yr 7 girls 100m - | Mollie Courto |
| Yr 7 girls Triple Jump - | Cassie Earl |
| Yr 7 boys Triple Jump - | Stanley Savage |
| Yr 8 boys Shotput - | Nathan Lampinez |
| U16 girls 100m - | Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie |
| U16 girls 200m - | Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie |
| U16 girls 400m - | Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie |
| U16 girls 800m - | Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie |
| U16 girls Long Jump - | Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie |
| OPEN girls- 1500m - | Shakaiyah Cashell-Gorrie |

Congratulations to all students who took part and contributed to a fantastic day!

HPSSA Athletics – Tuesday 5 November

Bronnie Gunn

Hurunui College took 33 Year 4 - 8 students to the HPSSA Athletics at Amuri Area School, competing against other schools from across the Hurunui district. Well done to all competitors, you gave your best effort in every event and represented our school with pride.

Special congratulations to:

Stanley Savage – Yr 7, 1500m

Nathan Lampinez – Yr 8, Shot Put

Both have qualified to compete as part of the Hurunui Zone team at Ngā Puna Wai for the Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics on Wednesday 26 November. Ka mau te wehi, team!

CPSSA - Wednesday 26 November

Bronnie Gunn

The Canterbury Primary Schools Athletics finals were held at the Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub on a very hot and windy day.

Hurunui College was proudly represented by two outstanding athletes:

Nathan Lampinez - Boys Yr 8 Shot Put, 7th place

Stanley Savage - Boys Yr 7 1500m, 6th place

Awesome effort boys! Congratulations on your results. Your resilience, determination, and sportsmanship were fantastic to see.

Rakahuri Bike Blast – Monday 24 November

Bronnie Gunn

Hurunui College had several students take part in the Rakahuri Bike Blast event, showing great teamwork, fitness, and grit throughout the day.

Team Results:

Yr 7/8: Cassie Earl & Stanley Savage – 4th place

Yr 5/6: Darcy Kelly & Kelly Abbott – 4th place

Yr 7/8: Lilly May & Abby Youngman – 5th place

A huge thanks to the parents for transporting students, supporting them, and cheering them on throughout the day.

Your help is always greatly appreciated.



Friday Night Basketball – End of Term Update

Bronnie Gunn

Hurunui College entered two teams in the Year 7/8 5v5 competition in Rangiora and Kaiapoi this term. All players showed outstanding effort, teamwork, and determination throughout the season. They played some hard-fought games and truly gave it everything on the court. Both teams made huge improvements over the season and they can all be so proud of their efforts.

We share a massive thanks to Kirsty Simonetta and Tania Svensson for managing the teams, and to all the parents for transporting, warming up, cheering, and encouraging the teams on the night. Your support made a big difference!

Ka pai, team!



Croissant & Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Bronnie Gunn

Hurunui College recently ran a Croissant & Cookie Dough Fundraiser to help raise funds for transporting students to sporting events in 2026.

We share our sincere thanks to everyone who purchased and supported our efforts—your generosity helped us raise \$688, which will go directly towards helping our students travel to sporting events next year.

Your support makes a real difference for our young athletes. Ngā mihi nui!

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