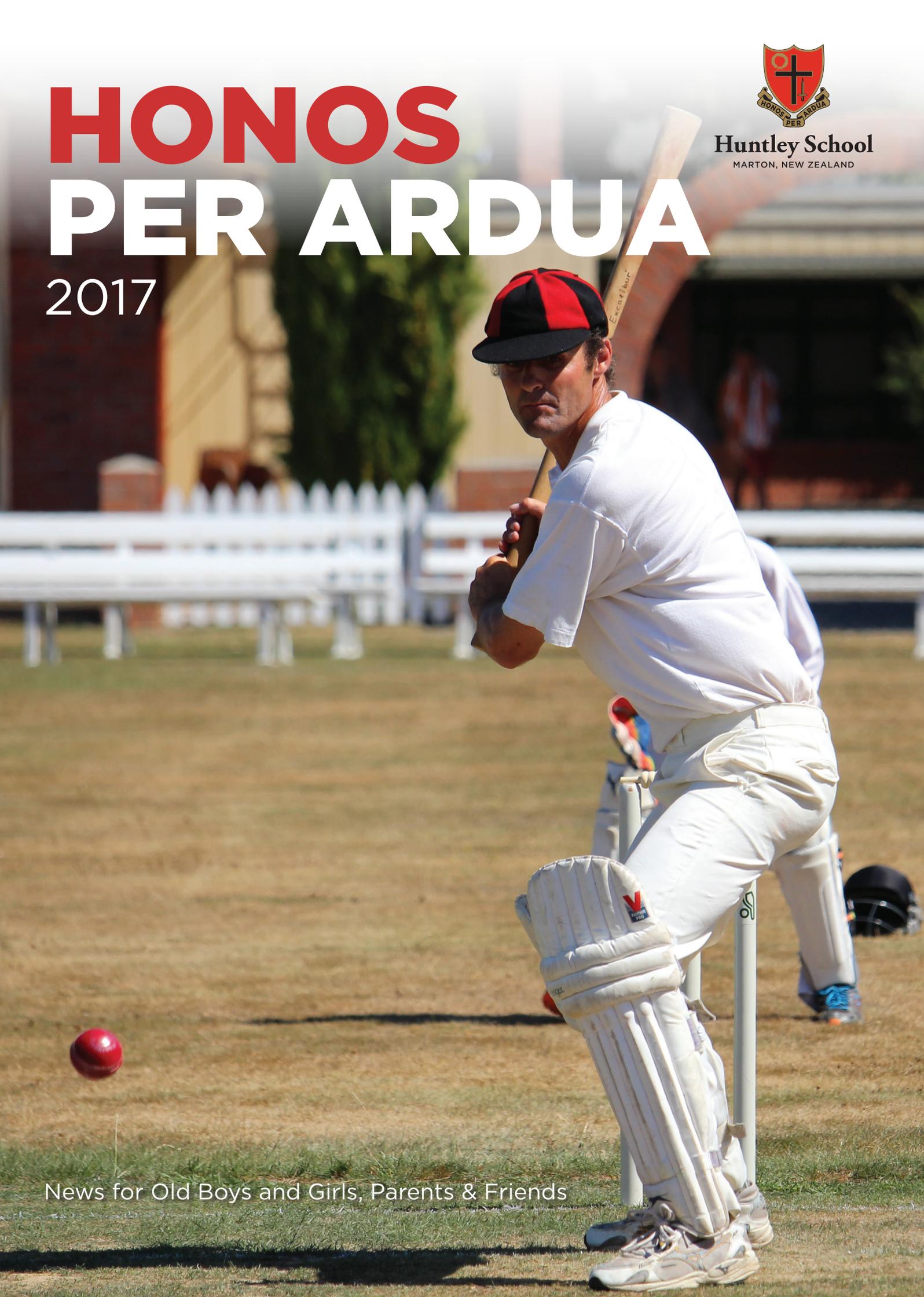


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# A NOD TO THE PAST - WITH A CLOSE EYE ON THE FUTURE

**Three years into my tenure as Headmaster I continue to learn and thoroughly enjoy the privilege of leading and serving our great school.**

My team and I have a clear belief that Huntley gives every student the opportunity to reach their potential academically, physically, socially, culturally and spiritually. The years spent at preparatory school are the most important ones in a child's education and development and Huntley uniquely prepares our students for the adventure of life. As I am sure many of you can attest, the skills, habits and values learned at Huntley are lifelong.

'An arrow must be drawn back before launching ahead'

When we set the Huntley Strategic Plan 2016-2021 we knew it was crucial to look back in order to move ahead. In an ever changing and uncertain world we needed a plan that gave everyone involved with Huntley a clear direction and allowed us to continue our great traditions and thrive as a flagship school. Here are some of the ways my team and I are delivering on some key areas of this plan:

**TEACHING AND LEARNING** We focus on academic achievement through a low-class size of no more than 22 students, appointing experienced and passionate teachers and building a culture where it is cool to try hard in the classroom. We continue to have specialist teachers in music, science and technology. At Huntley our classrooms are small and they have walls. Increasingly parents are coming to us worried that their children are getting lost in the large open plan spaces, known as modern learning environments, in place at many primary schools. At Huntley you simply cannot fade into the background.

**SPECIAL CHARACTER** Our Anglican faith, traditions and values remain fundamental to a Huntley education and continue to be honoured and respected. Impeccable manners, personal grooming, holding a conversation with an adult, maintaining eye contact and having a firm handshake are all valuable life skills we continue to emphasise at Huntley today.

**STAFFING** Huntley staff are especially dedicated. This is not a 9-3 role by any means and we work hard to resource the school with people who are not just great teachers but also thrive on extra responsibilities like coaching sports teams.

**RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT** Huntley has always made the most of our unique rural setting. We plan to continue building a fit for purpose environment where students can play as well as learn. Our recent mountain bike track development is a great example of how we are maximising the space we have.

Every day our students impress me with their academic rigour, their desire to strive for success, to face challenges head on, to uphold high standards and give their best in every endeavour. Like those who walked the corridors before them they understand the meaning of honos per ardua.

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## A WORD FROM THE BOARD

**Preparing your child for the adventure of life takes a team approach and recently the Huntley Board of Trustees created a new strategic plan to guide our incredible team of staff, students and the wider school community.**

This new five-year strategic plan was implemented in 2016 by recently retired Board chair Bozena Michalska and its core guiding principles ensure that every decision is considered with the key stakeholder in mind - the students. It highlights the importance of being aspirational, we all need to go the extra mile, ask the difficult questions and take pride in everything we do. Currently the Board has an excellent ratio - four current parents and three former parents.

In addition, after identifying a skills shortage in the areas of marketing, communication and the need for an experienced educationalist we recently appointed two independent trustees, Sue Foley and Martin O'Grady.

Sue is one of New Zealand's most well respected corporate affairs executives and an award-winning television journalist. Currently Sue is the Director of Corporate Affairs for Westpac. She also holds a number of directorships for nationally recognised companies and charities.

Martin O'Grady is the Principal at Feilding High School. Prior to this Martin held a variety of positions in independent, state integrated and state secondary schools in New Zealand. This experience includes a stint with his family in the boarding house at Lindisfarne College in Hastings.

The most recent capital expenditure project at Huntley has been the gym changing area upgrade and redevelopment. This fantastic improvement would not have been possible without the continued support of the Endowment Trust, the Old Boys and Girls Association and our incredibly active Huntley Parents and Friends Association. To all of these organisations we offer our sincere thanks.

Duncan Johnston  
Board Chairman



Board Chairman Duncan Johnston

### HUNTLEY BOARD MEMBERS:

Duncan Johnston, Charles Duncan, Sue Foley, Sam Trotter, Rob Craig, Martin O'Grady, Felicity Wallace, Ann Wilkshire and Paul McLean

# OBGA ON THE MOVE

**I'd like to acknowledge my predecessor, Paul McLean (1977 – 1979), for his role as Chairman of the Old Boys and Girls Association (OBGA).**

He has held this position for ten years and remains on the Huntley Board of Trustees along with Old Boy and current parent Rob Craig (1984-1985) who has taken up the other OBGA representative position. Thank you both for the good work that is being done.

We are committed to updating our OBGA database and our new online database allows us to connect with past students and friends of Huntley School. Please send your details to [obga@huntley.school.nz](mailto:obga@huntley.school.nz) to ensure our records are up to date. We'll also be letting our OBGA community know details about the impending Huntley Jubilee when Huntley will be celebrating 125 years. Mark 12-14 March 2021 in your diaries for what promises to be a fantastic weekend.

This year the OBGA ran a very successful Huntley Hook fundraiser where we raised over \$30,000 towards the Huntley Gymnasium refurbishment. We sincerely appreciate your support and hope you have your hooks proudly on display in your offices and homes. We have set the wheels in motion for a cattle grazing scheme in 2018. Money raised will contribute to reunions, OBGA functions around the country, school projects, scholarships and keeping our OBGA updated and in touch with Huntley School happenings. If you'd like to help out with this fundraiser please feel free to contact me on the details below.

Our calendar of events in 2018 kicks off with the annual Pickhandle challenge between the Rangitikei Old Boys and a Wellington Old Boys side. This is planned for what used to be Old Boys Day at the beginning of March. We hope to incorporate a netball challenge into the days' proceedings if there is enough interest from our young Old Girls. All are welcome on the day so please get involved. Huntley would love to have you back and show you their proud school.

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Annabel Symes, Kate Speedy and Poppy Hobbs.

**“Here at Huntley, we’re busy preparing our students for the adventure of life. The difference is we now get to prepare more.”**

## **OUR SINGLE SEX SCHOOL WENT CO-ED, WHY IT WAS THE RIGHT DECISION**

By Sam Edwards

**Huntley School is New Zealand’s oldest and largest preparatory boarding school. This year, Huntley School celebrates its fourth year of co-education and it’s time to reflect on why our single sex school went co-educational and how that has positively impacted our students.**

I wasn’t Headmaster at the time, but I was part of the committee which organised the introduction of girls to the school. Despite our school’s Board of Trustees and senior staff unanimously voting in favour of the decision, there was unquestionably controversy surrounding the decision. Some of those associated with Huntley grappled with the idea that there was no longer going to be a single-sex preparatory school for their boys – a 120-year-old institution rich in tradition. Past parents believed that this was the very fabric of Huntley School and Huntley had always promoted how boys thrived in their single-sex environment and prided itself on producing young men of outstanding quality.

It was never a matter of changing this historic premise. We knew there was no reason that all of the wonderful benefits boys enjoy at Huntley should not enrich the lives of girls as well. We felt there was also a demand for quality, independent co-education in the region. With no boarding opportunities for girls in the lower North Island, we had an obvious market advantage if we were to offer boarding and it made sense for us to offer what modern families want. After all, parents want both their sons and daughters to succeed in life.

The business of introducing girls into a boys’ school was studied quite extensively – we looked at models in the United Kingdom and in New Zealand,

and renovations to existing facilities and building work were set in motion. Our girls boarding option has been well received. Our intake was exhausted last year and we have had to open another dorm in 2017 reaffirming our decision to go co-educational.

Fast forward four years and it is business as usual at Huntley – but we now have an additional uniform, a netball team and ponytails. The introduction of girls has benefited our school in more ways than wise financial management.

Retrospectively, when we looked at our Year 8 leavers we had a picture of a boy with all of the amazing attributes he will leave with after his time at Huntley. We can now replace that picture with a girl and do you know what? All of those attributes are the same. That girl, while at Huntley, is challenged academically, in her sporting pursuits, culturally, physically, socially and spiritually.

What we have also observed is that 'girl' is perhaps braver than many of her male peers and that helps to push the boys. Her flair for arts and performing is a positive influence. She's able to explore her passion for dance now that we provide dance programmes and ride her pony as part of the Equestrian programme we offer in conjunction with Nga Tawa. She challenges the boys physically – whether that's beating them at Cross-Country or in the pool. She excels at Netball and may have been part of our Senior 'A' Netball team that was unbeaten in our Tour to Christchurch when they came up against bigger schools such as St Margarets, St Andrews and Craighead. She may have been one of the five girls who won medals at the New Zealand Triathlon Nationals or part of our girls' Cricket team that played in the Central District Primary School Shield T20.

I have been asked if I believe our boys have suffered. Our boys are very much still boys. They spend their time in the orchard building huts, playing scrag and chancing age old traditions like the 'blocky'. The majority of our leadership positions are still held by boys and they still dress up as girls in school productions.

It would be amiss of me to suggest it has been all plain sailing. There have been challenges and we have tackled them head on. It was always going to be a challenge to have 8 – 13-year-old boys and girls under the same roof. The boundaries are very clear when it comes to boyfriends and girlfriends. To keep all our students safe our external doors are alarmed. Girls and boys live in separate dorms and we have a matron on duty 24/7. We've also introduced 360-degree sensors internally.

I believe the benefits of our new co-educational model are numerous. We know that our young people find themselves by relating to others. The change to being co-ed has meant our students grow and develop in a more natural environment, where they relate easily to both genders, just as they do in a family. We also know that strong positive role models of both genders inspire pupils. Huntley combines top quality teaching with an enlightened curriculum where all pupils pursue arts, sciences and workshop technology. Above all, our Huntley environment now provides our girls and boys with an excellent foundation for the development of meaningful and lasting relationships in later life. We let boys be boys and girls be girls. Here at Huntley, we're busy preparing our students for the adventure of life. The difference is we now get to prepare more of them.



# HUNTLEY IN ACTION

## TRIATHLON

**National Schools Triathlon Championships** - Under the guidance of Gareth Wood, Huntley had its most successful outing at the National Triathlon Champs to date winning second highest points overall and taking home 10 individual and team medals.

### Individual

Silver - Matthew Jamieson U13  
Silver - Frederick McVerry U12  
Silver - Tanika Whale U12  
Bronze - Annabel Symes U12

### Teams

Gold U12 Boys - Daniel Johnston, Jonathan Jamieson, Fred McVerry  
Gold U12 Girls - Tanika Whale, Annabel Symes, Poppy Hobbs  
Silver U13 Boys - Matthew Jamieson and John Bryant  
Silver U12 Girls B - Kate Speedy and Charna Craig

### Aquathon

Gold - Tanika Whale U13 Girls

### Tag Team Triathlon

Gold U12 - Tanika Whale, Annabel Symes, Lachlan Jones and Jonathan Jamieson

## CYCLING

### North Island Intermediate Schools Cycling Champs

Yr 7 Girls - Silver  
Yr 7 A Boys team - Gold  
Yr 8 A Boys - Bronze

## EQUESTRIAN

### Wanganui Gymkhana

4th Overall  
1st Primary School

## NEW ZEALAND SPEECH BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Do you remember spending your Huntley school holidays preparing for oral assessments?  
The tradition of building our student's oral communication skills continues and we were very proud when the 2017 assessor awarded 46% of Huntley students a distinction achievement.

## MATHEX

Year 6 Team - 1st equal  
Year 8 A's - 3rd

## CRICKET

**National Primary Schools Cup** - On Monday 20 November Huntley's 1st XI heads to the Cricket High Performance Centre at Lincoln to play against five of the best school cricket sides in the country. Huntley is one of six regional winners from around the country invited to the national final of the 2017 Primary School Cup tournament. Our 1st XI beat a number of teams to advance to the final in Palmerston North in March against Hereworth. Beating their old foes and qualifying to represent Central Districts for a third year is a fantastic accomplishment for our school to be proud of. The national finals consist of Twenty20 cricket played in a round robin format.



**2017 PREP MATCH RESULTS****v WELLESLEY***Away - 16 March*

Softball - lost 11-69  
 1st VIII Tennis - lost 3-9  
 2nd VIII Tennis - lost 5-7  
 1st XI Cricket - lost by 23 runs  
 2nd XI Cricket - lost by 20 runs  
 3rd XI Cricket - lost by 4 wickets  
 Colts Cricket - lost by 87 Runs - chasing 135

**v SCOTS***Home - 30 March*

Softball - lost 4-25 & 2-16  
 1st VIII Tennis - lost 5-7  
 2nd VIII Tennis - lost 1-11  
 1st XI Cricket - won by 4 wickets  
 2nd XI Cricket - won by Duckworth Lewis Formula  
 - chasing 105  
 3rd XI Cricket - won by 10 runs

**v WELLESLEY***Home - 25 May*

1st XV Rugby - won 50-14  
 2nd XV Rugby - won 62-26  
 Colts Rugby - won 38-27  
 1st XI Football - lost 0-8  
 2nd XI Football - lost 0-8  
 1st XI Hockey - won 5-1  
 Colts Hockey - lost 1-9

**v ST GEORGE'S***Away - 1 June*

1st XI Football - lost 3-4  
 Colts Football - lost 4-6  
 1st XI Hockey - won 1-0  
 Colts Hockey - lost 0-8  
 Senior A Netball - lost 6-24  
 Senior B Netball - lost 6-9

**v SOUTHWELL***Away - 7 June*

1st XV vs Southwell - lost 21-33  
 2nd XV vs Southwell - lost 5-12  
 1st XI Hockey vs Southwell - lost 4-5  
 2nd XI Hockey vs Southwell - lost 0-9  
 Senior A Netball vs Southwell - lost 14-55  
 Senior B Netball vs Southwell - lost 6-34  
 1st XI Football vs Southwell - won 4-1  
 2nd XI Football vs Southwell - lost 2-6

**v SAINT KENTIGERNS***Away - 9 June*

1st XV - lost 95-0  
 1st XI Hockey - lost 3-4  
 1st XI Football - lost 0-12  
 A Netball - lost 0-33

**v SCOTS***Away - 22 June*

1st XV Rugby - lost 17-52  
 2nd XV Rugby - won 51-5  
 Colts Rugby - won 26-10  
 1st XI Football - lost 1-2  
 2nd XI Football - lost 2-4  
 1st XI Hockey - won 4-0  
 2nd XI Hockey - drew 0-0  
 Colts Hockey - won 12-9  
 Senior A Netball - won 16-4  
 Senior B Netball - lost 7-29

**v HADLOW***Home - 24 August*

1st XV Rugby v Hadlow - won 31-7  
 Senior A Netball v Hadlow - won 34-5  
 1st XI Football v Hadlow - won 2-1  
 1st XI Hockey v Hadlow - lost 1-5  
 Colts VII Hockey v Hadlow - lost 0-7

**v ST MARKS & FRANCIS DOUGLAS***Home - 10 August*

1st XI Football v St Mark's - won 3-0  
 Development XI Hockey v St Mark's - won 2-0  
 Senior A Netball v St Mark's - won 19-10  
 Senior B Netball v St Mark's - won 19-0  
 Invitational VIIIs v St Mark's Game 1 - won 24-5  
 Invitational VIIIs v St Mark's Game 2 - lost 14-15  
 Invitational VIIIs v St Mark's Game 3 - lost 7-17  
 1st XV Rugby v Francis Douglas - lost 0-34

**v HEREWORTH***Home - 7 September*

Senior A Netball v Iona - lost 4-15  
 1st XV Rugby v Hereworth - lost 0-89  
 2nd XV Rugby v Hereworth - lost 5-34  
 Colts Rugby v Hereworth - won 57-7  
 1st XI Football v Hereworth - lost 0-5  
 2nd XI Football v Hereworth - lost 0-5  
 1st XI Hockey v Hereworth - lost 0-1  
 2nd XI Hockey v Hereworth - lost 0-17  
 Colts VIII Hockey v Hereworth - lost 0-10



# INTRODUCING OUR HEAD PREFECTS

## DANIEL JOHNSTON - HEAD BOY



Daniel lives near Waverley and has been a boarder at Huntley since Year 6.

### **What is your favourite thing about Huntley?**

The education and the sport. They put lots of commitment into our sports teams and we get to go to places that we've never been before.

### **What's the best thing to do on the weekends?**

Hanging out with my mates, kicking a ball around, building huts, having fun.

### **What sports do you play?**

Rugby, Cricket, Triathlon and Cycling.

### **What is your favourite subject?**

PE with Mr Reynolds Rowe.

### **What has been a highlight for you in 2017?**

Going on the North Island tour to Southwell in Hamilton then St Kents in Auckland. Travelling with my mates and then staying with really good billets.

### **What achievements during your time at**

### **Huntley are you most proud of?**

Our team winning the National Schools Triathlon Championships for the second year in a row.

### **Where are you going to next year?**

New Plymouth Boys High School.

### **What will you miss the most about Huntley?**

Being with my mates all the time.

### **What do you think you would like to be when you grow up?**

I want to go to university and do an Ag Science degree and then I'd like to go farming.

## SOPHIE WILLIAMS - HEAD GIRL

Sophie lives in Palmerston North and has been a boarder at Huntley since Year 7.

### **What is your favourite thing about Huntley?**

Boarding – getting to spend more time with my friends. I can just wake up and get going. My friends have become like family.

### **What's the best thing to do on the weekends?**

Have a 'car' with your parents. Mum brings lots of lollies and sometimes she even brings McDonalds. You're only supposed to have two friends in a car, but I normally bring one or two more!

### **What sports do you play?**

I do athletics and I play netball in winter. (Earlier this year Sophie was selected in a New Zealand All School Athletics team to compete in Australia. She is a 100m and 200m sprinter).

### **What is your favourite subject?**

English with Mrs Shand

### **What has been a highlight for you in 2017?**

Our Year 8 camp at National Park. It was my first time walking the Tongariro Crossing.

### **What achievements during your time at Huntley are you most proud of?**

Being Head Girl. I didn't expect it at all, I really wanted it but I didn't assume I would get it.

### **Where are you going to next year?**

Wanganui Collegiate School.

### **What will you miss the most about Huntley?**

The family I have created away from home, the friendships, the teaching staff, the matrons and how every day has some sort of adventure.

I will miss the support I receive from teachers and friends that helps me to be the best I can be.

### **What do you think you would like to be when you grow up?**

Either a lawyer or an author. I love reading and writing. I really admire JK Rowling.





## HOOKED ON HUNTLEY FUNDRAISER

The Huntley Gymnasium has been refurbished and we thought it would be special if a piece of the old Gymnasium's history continued. With the old Gym hooks we created individualised plaques to serve as mementos of past and present friends of Huntley.

Thanks to your generous support we were able to contribute over \$30,000 to the Huntley Gymnasium refurbishment. We hope these have been hung with pride in the offices and homes of Old Boys, Old Girls and friends of Huntley all over the world.

A huge thank you to Melissa Duncan for driving this fundraiser.



## CATTLE GRAZING SCHEME 2018

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT IT

The Huntley OBGA plans to run a Cattle Grazing Scheme fundraiser in 2018.

For those interested, there will be four ways that you can get involved:

1. Offer to graze cattle for Huntley OBGA.
2. Lend money to the Huntley OBGA interest free to fund the purchase of cattle. This will be paid back at the sale of the cattle.
3. Donate towards the purchase of cattle to Huntley OBGA.
4. Sell a cattle beast and gift the proceeds to the Huntley OBGA.

We're working on putting together the nuts and bolts so stay tuned for more information that will be made available on our website, [huntley.school.nz](http://huntley.school.nz).

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## 2012 OLD BOYS REUNION

We hosted our annual Year 13 Old Boys drinks and dinner at school on Friday 27 October. It was great to welcome Old Boys and their parents back to school to reconnect and share stories of what they've been up to for the past five years. We also celebrated former Headmaster Bradden Gay's contribution to Huntley by making him and Honorary Old Boy.



## SAVE THE DATE

Celebrate 125 years of Huntley at our Jubilee celebration 12 - 14 March 2021.  
More information to come.

## PICKHANDLE GAME

**FEBRUARY 2018**

Our calendar of events in 2018 kicks off with the annual Pickhandle challenge between the Rangitikei Old Boys and the Huntley 1st XI. This will be the 90<sup>th</sup> Pickhandle Challenge and will take place in February.

## OBGA CRICKET/NETBALL CHALLENGE

**MARCH 2018**

An inaugural event is planned to kickstart the rejuvenation of what used to be Old Boys weekend traditionally held at the start of March. The Rangitikei Old Boys will take on a Wellington Old Boys side in a Pickhandle challenge and we hope to incorporate a netball challenge into the day's proceedings. We will be hosting an evening BBQ and refreshments to round out the day. All are welcome. To get involved in either the cricket or netball email your interest to [obga@huntley.school.nz](mailto:obga@huntley.school.nz).



## VOLUNTEER WORK IN KENYA AN EYE-OPENER FOR MICHAEL HOBBS

**Michael Hobbs (1998-2000) has experienced a professional rugby career which has seen him travel the world, play for Super Rugby teams the Blues and Highlanders and more recently in Japan. But it's his stint in Nairobi volunteering at a school in the biggest urban slum in Africa that he wants people to talk about.**

Hobbs, 30, the son of the late former All Black captain and New Zealand Rugby chairman Jock and nephew of Robbie Deans, has always been interested in charity work. A shoulder operation, which cut short his 2016 season at the NTT Docomo Red Hurricanes in Japan, offered him a window to do just that.

He found himself at the Blessed Hope primary school in Kibera. Hobbs spent a month volunteering at the school (which has a role of 143 children aged from two to nine) teaching Maths. Hobbs arrived with several rugby balls in his luggage but only the girls were interested in them. For the boys there was only one game - football.

In class, the children were polite and eager to learn despite living in appalling conditions which sees most families squeeze into small mud shacks. Corrugated iron is a relative luxury and running water non-existent.

"The most amazing thing for me was seeing how happy the kids were," he said. "They always had a smile on their faces. They love going to school because it provides structure to their lives and gives them something to do."

Despite preparing himself as best he could, Hobbs said he was shocked by the living conditions in the Kibera slum. Living in a volunteer house outside it,

his first day was an eye-opener "For the most part, we had electricity and some days we had running water, but when we turned up there was a power outage and no running water. You start to think 'what have I got myself into?'"

Michael, who is currently studying for an MBA at Stanford University, was so touched by the children of Kibera he started a fundraising campaign to make whatever improvements he could. The Blessed Hope Project has since been born. Michael oversees the Blessed Hope Project and is in charge of handling all donations and the child sponsorship programme.

In Hobbs' summary on his Give a Little fundraising page, he outlined the priorities of the kids in his standard three maths class: "As I was setting homework, one of my students asked me if I could give a prize to the student who scores the highest. I said to him that I'd collate the weekly homework results and then give a prize to whoever had the best overall performance. I asked him what he wanted the prize to be - Lollies? Snacks? Things a typical nine-year-old child might want. He replied, a pencil.

Money raised by Hobbs will be spent building a new school in Kibera for Blessed Hope. They're busy fundraising for construction costs. If you'd like to find out more visit [blessedhopeproject.com](http://blessedhopeproject.com).

## ANGUS TYLEE (2010 - 2011) LOOKS BACK ON HIS TIME AT HUNTLEY

**I'm a proud Huntley Old Boy. I can honestly tell you that Huntley's core virtues; guts, determination and pride have been principles that have helped me achieve in the years since I left.**

I was invited back to Huntley to speak at last year's prizegiving. It didn't seem all that long ago that I was sitting at my last Huntley school prize giving, the excitement of the previous night's blocky fresh in my memory. I remember thinking exactly what the Year 8's I was talking to were thinking - moving from Huntley's small, close-knit community to a vast secondary school where the culture is different was pretty daunting!

When I was at Huntley, routine helped me build good study habits and attitudes Reading, Prep and the silent bell instantly come to mind. Not only did I learn the exact sound of the Matron walking down the hall or how to read the slightest change of shadow on the boarding house hallway floor, but I slowly figured out that the more time I spent doing my prep, the better my grades were. In the orchard I figured out that reaching goals requires stickability and that megastructures aren't built overnight. Boarding from a young age allowed me to think for myself and the huge amount of free time to explore meant that I could start to see opportunities for myself and I started to see why stepping out of your comfort zone is so fun and fulfilling.

Boarding also taught me to pick my battles and the art of conceding. I believe having the nerve to hold back and go with the flow is probably one of the most overlooked skills in life, it's something I'm still working on! Sometimes you can't win and you need to learn how to lose. Things will go against us in life and it's how we react that is important. In Year 8 I can remember working really hard to get star points. I'm not sure if this system is still in place but when I was at Huntley we had star points and demerits. Those with 50-star points got to go for an exclusive movie night with hotdogs and soft drinks, those with 50 demerits got expelled. I had 49-star points and I earned my 50th on the day before the cut off. However, my teacher forgot to add that all-important last star point and refused to add it after the cut off. I only qualified for a chocolate fish and a sprite. I'm still coming to terms with this Ms Pratt!

My Huntley Year 8 report described me as a headless chook and I wasn't a black badge until the last three weeks of Term 4, but when I moved onto Rathkeale College the words GDP stuck with me. I tried to apply this to everything and in my final year I had the honour of leading the school as Head Boy. I took every opportunity I could and have kept that cheeky, fun, adventurous Huntley spirit in my daily approach to life.



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## HUNTLEY IN THE BLOOD

### HARE FAMILY

**The Hare family from Arapata, in northern Manawatu has a proud history of attending Huntley and establishing the traditional father-son Gordon Hare cricket match. In this edition of Honos Per Ardua current Year 8 student Archie, his father, Hugh and grandfather, Gordon recall some of their Huntley memories.**

### GORDON

I left our farm at Arapata, near Waituna West, to go boarding at Huntley in 1943. I was nine years old and I did lie in my dorm bed and cry at nights for a while.

My father, Hugh Hare decided to arrange the first match between adults and the 1st XI after a lot of the interschool and prep matches had to be cancelled because of the war time and petrol rationing. It was my first year at Huntley and I remember sitting out on the side of the field and watching. The captain was Michael Coombs and he was like a god to me. Two of my uncles played and I remember GG Oliver because he always fielded at point and he always wore brown shoes. Two years later I made it into the 1st XI and I was playing the Hugh Hare match. My father wasn't a Huntley Old Boy. He went to a boys prep school called Hurworth in Wanganui. That school combined with Heretaunga boys prep school in Hawkes Bay to become Hereworth so he was always regarded as a Hereworth Old Boy.

My parents used to drive their old Chev across the old swing bridge at Porewa to get from the farm to Huntley. I remember one day they were late because their car slipped off the edge of the bridge and luckily there were a lot of people waiting to cross the bridge at that time and helped them to get it back on. The bridge was condemned not long after that!

On Saturday mornings at Huntley we worked then we had sport. After sport we were served gruel. I would mix it with water during grace and then swallow big mouthfuls and run outside to spit it out. It was foul!

Because it was war time we had a few English boys who were sent to board at Huntley so they were safe. I recall one of them playing with us in a crucial rugby game against St Georges. Tries were only worth 1 point in those days and we were down 3-nil. But then this English boy kicked a drop goal and because of the scoring in those days we ended up winning 4-3!

We used to go bird nesting (stealing birds eggs) in the gorse hedging just beyond the school boundary. At least two thirds of the school did it on weekends, but it was my group that got caught and caned one memorable Sunday.

In my final year I locked the scrum for the Huntley 1st XV and I was in the 1st XI. I bowled 97 overs in my final summer at Huntley. I wasn't very good at classwork. Really the only thing I could do was arithmetic!

I love having my grandchildren at Huntley. Everyone is very polite and friendly. My grand daughter's only just started this term, but when I turned up for the Gordon Hare match to watch Hugh and Archie there she was all smiles.



Archie Hare, Gordon Hare and Hugh Hare.

## HUGH

I was at Huntley from 1981 - 1983. I was nine when I went boarding and I remember it was pretty scary and I was quite homesick for the first month. But there were 26 of us so I had plenty of company!

The major difference between my day and now seems to be that there are girls, there are a lot more day students and the teachers were a lot stricter in my day. I think Huntley is still a great place to make memories and friends for life. I was in the 1st XV and the 2nd XI and it felt like you're with your mates all the time - you had so many opportunities to play and travel together.

We're pretty busy on our farm at Waituna West with 7000 breeding ewes and 400 beef cows but I love going to watch my kids play sport at Huntley. Even if they don't have a great game, it's such a buzz. This year I refereed rugby and even though I wasn't the coach if I saw a kid struggling I'd just run past them and say something like "C'mon mate they need you back there, you better get back to that ball." That little bit of encouragement would get them going again.

## ARCHIE

I started Huntley as a boarder in 2015 when I was ten. It was a bit scary. I didn't like the food. I am more used to the food now and my favourite meals are the pork riblets for lunch and the fish and chips on Friday.

It is my final year at Huntley and I am a gold badge. That can be hard at times because you have to be aware of everything that's happening at the school, but I'm very proud I achieved gold badge. I was the hooker for the 1st XV and I am mostly in the 2nd XI for cricket but I got to play in the Gordon Hare match and I took a really good high catch.

I will miss my friends and the education at Huntley when I leave at the end of the year. I wasn't a very good student at my old school. I've come a long way and it's been really hard work. I just had to get my act together and I'm proud I did. My favourite subject is Maths with Mrs Edwards.

I think when I leave school I would like to be a farmer and I will definitely be sending my kids to Huntley.

## MR HARE'S CRICKET MATCH 1943 - 2017

In 1943 Mr Hugh Hare brought his first cricket team to play the Huntley 1st XI. Mr Hugh Hare captained his team until 1973 then his son Gordon took over. Gordon retired in 2004 and now his son Hugh selects and captains the team. Most years two games are played. The team has usually been made up of some regulars, some fathers of boys in the Huntley XI and sometimes a Shield or a NZ player.

Ross Glover (1977), Alexander Petrie (1985), Kimble Willis (1987), Richard Jones (1989), Grant Symes (2010), and Curtis Heaphy (2016) have scored centuries for Huntley. Depending on Huntley's score, batsmen in Mr Hare's team often retired at 25. However, John Hare (1957), Rob Wylie (1987) and Grant Symes (2010) have all made hundreds for Mr Hare's team. Gerard Sainsbury (1969) with 5 for 7 has the best bowling figures of any player. John Chambers (1946) took a hat trick for Huntley. Michael Farrington (1949) also took a hat trick but it was never recognised.

The 2010 game created history when Old Boy Grant Symes made 117 and Hugh his son and Huntley captain made 107. In the first term 2016 game captain Curtis Heaphy made 192. This is the highest score that any Huntley boy has ever made against an outside team. In the second 2016 match Curtis made another century scoring 127 runs.



**1943 Huntley Cricket 1st XI**  
First team to play Mr Hare's XI

**B.R.** Neil Monro - Nigel Abraham - David Gray - Boyd Blennerhassett  
Warwick Halse - John Birch.  
**F.R.** John Pegg - Ian Jameson - Michael Coombs (capt) - John Stertevant  
David Nixon.

## OLD BOYS & GIRLS NEWS

**CONNOR O'LEARY (2011-2012)** bowled his way to Sri Lanka and Singapore in April as part of the New Zealand Willows Youth Team Tour. The 17-year-old is currently a member of the Wanganui Collegiate 1st XI and has come a long way in the Collegiate Cricket programme and credits some first class coaching and hard yards at training for his success.

**LUKE MUDGWAY (2008-2009)** has been racing in Europe with the New Zealand U23 road cycling team and sprinted to second place in the GS Montalto-Roncola - a 160km race near Florence. He was also on fire at the NZ Age Group Track National Champs earlier this year finishing first in the Elite Men Omnium 1 Scratch race 10km.

**LILLY CARPENTER (2014-2016)** has had an amazing season with her horse, Tallyho Mystic. Her hard work was rewarded with their inclusion in the team selected for the 2017 FEI Children's International Classic event held at the Glistening Waters Showjumping Championships in Wairarapa. Lilly is a student at Nga Tawa School.

**HAYDEN SMITH (2012-2013)** took out the National Motorcross 125cc class title earlier in the year. Formerly of Taihape, Hayden now works as an apprentice builder in Takapuna while racing for the CML KTM team.

**GEORGE WORKER (2000-2002)** continues to hit headlines. The Black Caps all-rounder was named the 2017 Central Districts player of the season for the second year in a row and also obliterated records in the world's oldest Cricket league. After just 14 innings for English club Knowle & Dorridge in the Birmingham & District Premier League, Worker amassed 1445 runs at an average of 144.50 and broke a 39-year record for the most runs scored in a season by an individual batsman since the league was formed in 1888.

**CHRIS AMON MBE (1952 - 1956)** who learned to drive when he was just six and became one of the world's best known F1 drivers in the 1960s and 70s, died in August 2016, aged 73. He had been suffering from cancer. In December, Chris's legacy was honoured when Manfeild's race track was renamed Manfeild: Circuit Chris Amon in memory of the motorsport legend. He has also had a production of Toyota limited edition car made in his name.

**JAMES STRATTON (2012)** a current Year 13 student at Palmerston North Boys High School, has signed with the Manawatu Rugby Union. James will be part of the Academy programme in 2018 and hopes to push for an opportunity with the Manawatu Turbos.

**JOHN STEVENSON (1944 -1950)** sadly died in June this year. John was one of four Stevenson brothers who attended the school between 1944 and 1956. Their father, JFB Stevenson, was one of the moving forces behind the purchase of the school from RP Sherriff in 1952 and was a member of the first Huntley School Board of Trustees. John had an MA from Cambridge and had worked as a Lawyer with Iazard Weston in Wellington. John's brother **DAN STEVENSON (1949 - 1953)**, who also completed a M.A at Cambridge University, is still a consultant at Iazard Weston where he has worked since joining the firm in 1964. He also farms a sheep and cattle property in Titahi Bay, Wellington.

**MAX ATWELL's (2007-2009)** sporting dream when he was younger was to play hockey for the Black Sticks. Now the Christchurch-based athlete is New Zealand's senior decathlon champion and attended the Oceania Championships in Suva, Fiji in June.

**HADLEIGH PARKES (1999-2000)**

is a New Zealand rugby union player currently playing for Welsh club the Scarlets in the Pro14. Hadleigh has re-signed with the region despite strong overtures from the Cardiff Blues and a number of English Premiership sides.



His performances for the club won him the Fans' Player of the Season and Management Player of the season last year. Hadleigh has been named in the Wales squad for their end of year test series. He will become available to represent Wales under the three-year residency rule in time for the final Test on December 2 against the Springboks.

Two of our recent Old Boys & Girls excelled at the 2017 National Athletics Championships in Inglewood. **MARK SEUMANU (2012-2014)** came 1st in the Intermediate High Jump and **EMMA OSBORNE (2014-2015)** came 1st in the 400m. Emma has been selected for the NZ Athletics Under 18 team to compete in Australia this December. Pretty amazing considering she is only 15! Well done Emma.

**RYAN EVERTON (2002-2004)** was drinking his third beer at a rugby game at Forsyth Barr stadium in Dunedin when – while staring at the plastic cups piled up next to his seat – a revolutionary business idea dawned on him. Five years later, his idea to incorporate reusable cups at festivals and concerts has evolved into a multi-million dollar business, Gobelet.

Congratulations to **BRADLEY READ (2006-2007)** who has made the New Zealand Men's Black Sticks Hockey team.

# BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

**MARRIAGES 2016/2017**

Montie Hare to Tessa Lineham	Feb 2016
Hamish Reid to Caroline Horrocks	Feb 2016
Bryan McCarthy to Olivia Northcott	Mar 2016
Jack Jefferd to Roanna Robinson	Apr 2016
George Shannon to Emma Cunningham	Apr 2016
Peter Fullerton-Smith to Julia Klutz	Jan 2017
Willie Hansen to Tanya Dickey	Feb 2017
Chris Fullerton-Smith to Carrie Peterson	Feb 2017
Hamish Walker to Ange Walters	Feb 2017
Harry Worker to Erin Waddington	Apr 2017

**BIRTHS 2016/2017**

Simon and Kate Nitschke	Flynn (Sept 16)
Mark and Andrea Grace	Naomi (Sept 16)
Sam Duncan and Sarah Stephens	Mila (Nov 16)
Tom and Jamie Heywood	Patrick (Dec 16)
Bryan and Olivia McCarthy	Monty (Jan 17)
Jack and Roanna Jefferd	Frankie (Jan 17)
George and Emma Shannon	Hattie (Mar 17)
Tom and Trudi Duncan	Douglas (Mar 17)
Grayson and Felicity Marsh	Arlo (Apr 17)
Peter and Julia Fullerton-Smith	Annie (Sept 17)

**DEATHS**

David Belfield Nolan	15 Nov 2015
Carl William Amey	6 Feb 2016
Christopher Arthur Amon	3 Aug 2016
Denis McRae Hanna (Dr)	18 Apr 2017
David Robert (Bob) McFarlane	16 May 2017
John Barr Stevenson	1 June 2017

**SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF OLD BOYS**



**Back row:** Poppy Moore, Isabel Melville, Olivia Anderson, Annabel Symes, Emma McKelvie, Jonty Duncan, Angus Anderson, Orlando Ratima, Maggie Hare, Tanika Whale, Archie Hare, Rory Trotter, Matthew Jamieson, Monty Sherriff, Toby Craig, Max Duncan, Ben Duncan, Oliver Duncan  
**Middle Row:** John Bryant, Lachie Neville, Lachlan Bell, Jonathan Jamieson, Jack Trotter, Blair Simpson, Ian Morton, Ben Fraser  
**Front Row:** William Wright, Blake Massicks, Sam Cranstone, Zachary Byrne, Archie Davidson, Mac Davidson



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