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A REAL EDUCATION

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

At Huntley, we provide a school culture in which kids can be kids. They are kept busy and active. We aim to offer children a complete learning experience that identifies ability, nurtures individual achievement and is grounded in the traditional values of good manners, humility and respect for others. Whenever Old Boys and Girls return to visit we see evidence that the academic and social skills, strong work ethic and high personal standards they learned at Huntley stay with them through secondary school and in fact, their entire adult life. Huntley instils confidence and a readiness for whatever may come next.

Our dedicated Huntley staff are instrumental to the real education we offer. Teaching at Huntley is by no means a 9-3 role. We work hard to attract and resource people who are not just fantastic teachers but that also go above and beyond, whether that's coaching sports teams, driving the school vans or helping students with their table manners and good eating habits. The majority of our staff live on-site and they truly do live and breathe Huntley. One such teacher is Barb Pratt. Read more about her 31 years at Huntley on page eight.

2018 has been another action-packed year. Some of my highlights include;

- The outstanding PAT results our students achieved. This year's test results were well above the national average and indicate the impressive gains made by all students in 2018. They reflect the benefits not only of our small class sizes but also the individualised and small group teaching we put in place to cater to specific learning needs.
- Numeracy and literacy still underpin Huntley's academic programme. A recent presentation from a secondary school principal stressed the importance of non-fiction writing in NCEA exams, and so this has been a learning focus in 2019 and as a result we've seen a marked improvement in our students writing results.
- In Term 3 students sat their New Zealand Speech Board Examinations. 51% of students achieved Distinction and over 40% achieved Highly Commended. We see these examinations as a fantastic opportunity to develop confidence in all our students.
- Alongside many fantastic sporting successes, we were crowned 2018 Lower North Island Independent School Champions in cricket, tennis and rugby and after qualifying for the fourth year in a row, we won the National Primary School Cup in November 2018.
- The Huntley PFH put on another fantastic Huntley Golf Day raising over $60,000 for the school. We're incredibly grateful for the support of our tireless parent community.

Our students continue to be our greatest teachers. The way they apply themselves in the classroom, play hard in their chosen sport, step up to give anything a go and conduct themselves out in the community makes us all very proud.

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TRADING

A WORD FROM THE BOARD

We've had another wonderful year at Huntley.

The level of our student's performance across the board – whether in oral assessments, drama productions, book week, cross country or team sports - has been outstanding. We are a small school and we often say that Huntley really punches above our weight and it's certainly been evident this year.

The Board has confirmed tuition and boarding fees will remain unchanged in 2019. Enrolments are ahead of this time last year and we are looking forward to another busy year.

Huntley's long-established boarding tradition and the happy environment created by our caring staff gives Huntley its X-factor. As Old Boys and Girls you'll agree that through immersion in our boarding environment students maximise their time at Huntley and reap the full benefit of the opportunities we offer. Our newly introduced 'Huntley and Home' boarding programme allows boarders to go home every weekend if they want to, except for two compulsory 'in weekends'. To date feedback has been extremely positive and we believe we now have a leave system that appeals to the modern family. It provides students with structure and routine during the week and gives parents valued weekend time with their children.

I really enjoyed being part of the interview committee for our new Catering Manager. We appointed Chontelle Rauhihi in Term 3 and she has wowed the staff and students with her culinary skills since taking on the role. Chontelle is Ruth Pretty trained and has excellent ideas around how to make nutritious, healthy food appealing to our students. As a parent and a Board member it's very pleasing to see such positivity and enthusiasm transform our dining room.

Our next major capital expenditure project at Huntley is a new dorm block which we hope to unveil at the 2021 Jubilee. This fantastic improvement is only possible due to 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.

I mentioned we have had a year of incredible highlights, all of which would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our Huntley teachers and staff. Thank you for the work you do to prepare our children for life beyond Huntley.

Duncan Johnston
Board Chairman

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

2018 HUNTLEY HIGHLIGHTS

SENSATIONAL NEW ZEALAND SPEECH BOARD EXAMINATION RESULTS

Do you remember spending your Huntley school holidays preparing for oral assessments?

The tradition of building our students' oral communication skills continues and we were very proud when the 2018 assessor awarded 51% of Huntley students (that's half the school!) a distinction achievement.

MATHS WHIZZES

Our Year 7 team took out 1st place in the regional Mathex competition.

SPORTING SUCCESS

NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

Having qualified for the fourth straight year as the top school in the Central Districts, the Huntley 1st XI Cricket team won the 2018 National Primary School Cup at Lincoln University in November 2018.

As well as the 1st XI, our Huntley Top VIII Tennis team and 1st XI Rugby teams were also crowned Lower North Island Independent School Champions in 2018.

TRIATHLON

Huntley sent a team of 13 athletes down to Rabbit Island, Nelson to compete against the country's best at the National Schools' Triathlon Championships. Overall, we placed 3rd behind St Kentigerns and Baradene College, an outstanding result given we can only compete in the U12 and U13 sections.

We had a number of Top 10 Individual finishes and returned home with medals in the Teams Races: (made up of 2 boys and 2 girls)

U13	U12 A	U12 B
2nd place	2nd Place	4th Place

BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Year 7/8 mixed basketball team who won the Manawatu championship in their first year of competition.

CYCLING

Our Year 7 boys team won gold in the team trial at the North Island Intermediate Schools Cycling Championships.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our cross country runners excelled at the Whanganui Inter-Intermediate Cross Country Championships.

Year 8 Boys	**Year 8 Girls**
1st Jonathon Jamieson	1st Kate Speedy
	2nd Lillah Cornelius
Year 7 Boys	**Year 7 Girls**
3rd Jackson Bigwood	1st Isabel Melville

RUGBY

Huntley won the U13 Wanganui division.
The final was played under lights at Cooks Gardens.

2018 PREP MATCH RESULTS

TERM 1

v ST MARK'S

Girls 1st XI - won by 42 runs**
2nd XI – won by 129 runs
Colts XI – won by 2 wickets
Top VIII Tennis – draw
Softball 1 – won 23-13
Softball 2 – won 26-5

** The St Marks fixture was the inaugural prep match outing by a Huntley girls cricket 1st XI

v SCOTS
1st XI – won by 5 wickets
*Unfortunately, heavy rain meant the cancellation of the rest of the fixture.

TERM 2

v FRANCIS DOUGLAS
1st XV Rugby – lost 33-35

v HEREWORTH
1st XV Rugby – lost 12-40
2nd XV Rugby – lost 12-44
1st XI Hockey – lost 1-5
2nd XI Hockey – lost 2-8
Colts Hockey – won 5-1
1st XI Football – lost 1-3

v ST GEORGE'S
1st XI Hockey – drew 2-2
1st XI Football – won 7-1
2nd XI Football – won 5-0
Netball – lost 4-20
Basketball – won 58-14

v SCOTS/QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE
1st XV Rugby – won 70-14
2nd XV Rugby – won 50-7
1st XI Hockey – won 10-0
2nd XI Hockey – won 2-0
Colts A Hockey – lost 0-11
Colts B Hockey – lost 2-7
1st XI Football – lost 0-4
Netball – lost 14-22

v SOUTHWELL
1st XV Rugby – lost 35-38
2nd XV Rugby – lost 7-31
1st XI Hockey – drew 1-1
1st XI Football – won 3-1

GIRLS QUAD TOURNAMENT
While Southwell visited Huntley, three Huntley girls sports teams travelled to Iona College for a quad tournament.

FOOTBALL
v Iona – lost 2-8
v St George's – won 10-1
v Woodford – lost 2-7

HOCKEY
v Iona – lost 2-9
v St George's – lost 1-4
v Woodford – lost 0-15

NETBALL
v Iona – lost 9-15
v St George's – lost 4-27
v Woodford – won 12-5

TERM 3

SOUTH ISLAND TOUR

v WAIHI
1st XV Rugby – won 43-0
1st XI Football – lost 1-3

v CRAIGHEAD
1st XI Hockey – won 8-0
A Netball – lost 10-46

v MEDBURY
1st XV Rugby – won 33-28
1st XI Hockey – lost 0-6
1st XI Football – lost 1-4

v ST MARGARETS
1st XI Hockey – won 7-1
A Netball – lost 12-34

v HADLOW
1st XI Football – won 7-2
1st XI Hockey – lost 1-2
2nd XI Hockey – drew 1-1
Colts Rugby – won 90-14
2nd XV Rugby – lost 7-90

v FRANCIS DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COLLEGE
1st XV Rugby – lost 28-29

v HEREWORTH
1st XV Rugby – won 40-33
2nd XV Rugby – lost 19-41

v ST MARKS
1st XI Football – won 3-1
Rugby Colts – won 35-5
1st XV Hockey – lost 2-4
A Netball – won 27-10

v CENTRAL HAWKES BAY ROSS SHIELD
1st XV Rugby – won 17-7

TERM 4 (SO FAR)

v GORDON HARE
1st XI – won by 65 runs

v HADLOW
2nd XI – drew
Colts XI – won by 8 wickets
Top VIII Tennis – won 11-1

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www.huntley.school.nz

STAFF MAKE HUNTLEY THE SPECIAL SCHOOL THAT IT IS

Many parents say Huntley's great strength is its supportive family culture and outstanding teachers who encourage students to make the most of their abilities. Some of those teachers have been helping shape our young people's lives for many years.

Many of you will remember David Calkin who is in his 29th year at Huntley. Alison Stewart has dedicated 25 years of her life to Huntley and at the end of 2017, Huntley farewelled Trish Shand after 22 years. Aside from former Headmaster Noel Rix-Trott who spent 40-something years of his life at Huntley, Barb Pratt is our longest serving teacher.

At the end of 2018, Barb will have spent 31 of her 35-year career teaching Huntley students. As we know, teaching at Huntley is not a 9-3pm job. In fact that's a foreign concept to Barb, she laughs and says she wouldn't know what that is.

"I've lived on site for 30 years. I've coached the 1st XI Hockey side for 30 years. I live and breathe Huntley."

Ask why Barb gets out of bed every day to teach at Huntley after all this time and she'll tell you it's all about the kids.

"I love being a part of their life. They are here with us for such a short space of time but we can have such a big impact," she says.

She 100% believes in the school and the incredible product Huntley offers.

"The students we farewell in Year 8 are such well-rounded, confident boys and girls. Every year the feeling is the same. I'm just very proud and lucky to have played a part in preparing those kids for the next stage of their lives."

Barb has taught all year levels but for a woman who swears there is no such thing as favourites, she admits she loves teaching Year 8's. Her stint as an intermediate teacher at Feilding Intermediate and Rutherford Intermediate in Wanganui before Huntley meant she'd had a taste of teaching intermediate aged kids.

"I can relate to them. I love their personality and inquisitive nature at that age."

She currently shares the Year 8 Team Leader role with Anne Gardiner-Taylor and 8BP is a well-established institution at Huntley.

In such an action packed 31 years, Barb finds it rather difficult to pinpoint a favourite memory on the spot. There are so many. But after some concentrated searching through the memory bank, she remembers

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Barb Pratt

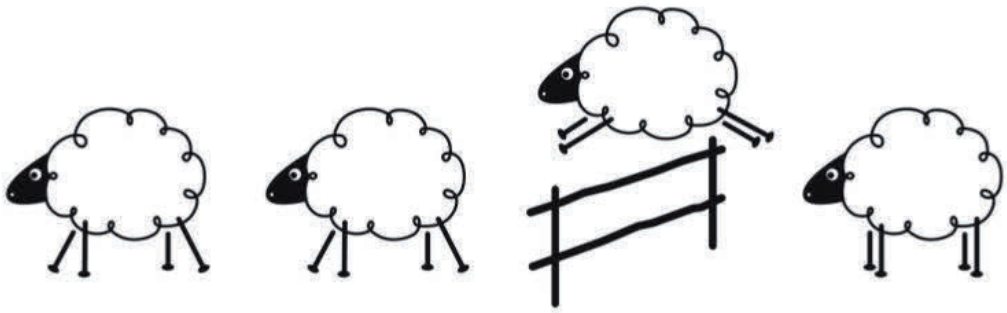
2005 as a "pretty special year". Her 1st XI Hockey side went completely undefeated in both their local competition and in all prep matches. They even beat King's College. Barb handed over the coaching reins this year – she said it was time. It's given her a little bit more time to work on her golf swing.

Barb loves it when Old Boys and Girls return to school and poke their nose into her classroom. She says they always have such fond memories of their time at Huntley and hearing what they're doing and where they're going makes her day.

What's next for Barb? Exactly what she's been doing for the past 31 years. She's now teaching the children of students she taught in the 1990's and helping to shape the next generation.

"In my first year at Huntley I taught Andrew Morton and Peter Marshall and now I'm teaching their boys!"

There are bound to be a few more yet.



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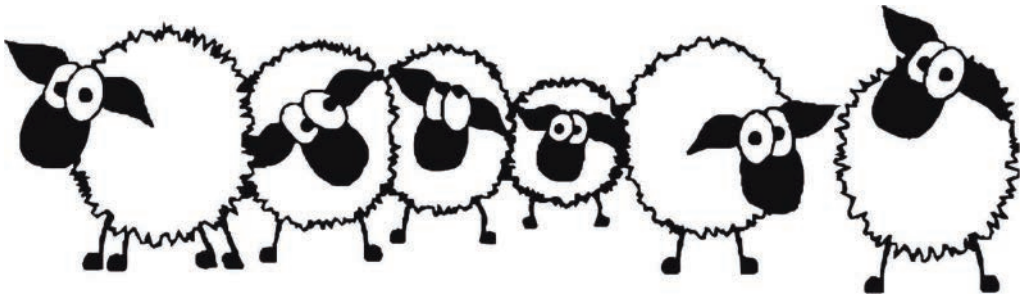

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Station

OBGA MOMENTUM CONTINUES

Our Old Boys and Girls Association continues to build momentum as we approach the 2021 Jubilee. We hope to reconnect with as many of you as possible, and we will be looking to have targeted get-togethers throughout the country in the near future. If you are interested in hosting an event (e.g. drinks, dinner, a golf day) the OBGA committee would welcome your support. You can email us at obga@huntley.school.nz.

Following the success of the inaugural Pickhandle game between the Rangitikei Old Boys and Wellington/ Wairarapa Old Boys earlier this year, we have locked in a date for 2019. The contest will take place on Saturday 6th April. Mark Jones (1983-1985) is organising a Northern team to come down and contest the trophy. Any northerners that wish to be involved are welcome to contact Mark on 021 494 756.

Thank you to all those who supported our Huntley Hook fundraiser last year. You helped us to raise a significant amount to contribute to the project to upgrade the gymnasium changing rooms. As Huntley remains a fully independent school, fundraising plays an vital part in ensuring that we retain and build our special character.

Many of you are already generous donors and we thank you for these valuable contributions.

Our next fundraiser is about to take flight. Shortly we will be offering Old Boys and Girls the chance to buy a picket as part of a fence that will initially start at the Pavilion and eventually extend along the western boundary. This will be a unique chance to support the OBGA whilst securing your picket and name as part of the cricket history at Huntley. At our recent AGM the constitution of the Association was modernised and Charitable Status was applied for, so that in the future any donations to the Association will be tax deductible.

Please help us to stay in touch by ensuring we have your correct details on file. You can do this by clicking on the ‘Get in touch’ button on the OBGA tab on Huntley’s new look website.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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90 YEARS OF PICK HANDLE

15 February 2018

This year we celebrated 90 years of Huntley School's annual Pick Handle match. Contested by the school's 1st XI and Rangitikei Old Boys, the first match was held in 1928 when the Old Boys were invited to play the 1st XI using pick handles as bats. There have been some fiercely contested matches over the years and this year’s game was no exception. Chasing 169 for victory, the Old Boys quickly asserted their dominance over their younger rivals. Rob Craig (1984-1985) hit a blistering 38 and anchored the innings with Rob Simpson (1995-1998), who hit 40 not out. It was a great day, resulting in a six-wicket victory for the Old Boys.

THE START OF A FIERCE RIVALRY

7 April 2018

On a typical grey and overcast Rangitikei morning, history was made as the inaugural OBGA Pick Handle Challenge between the Rangitikei Old Boys and Wellington/Wairarapa Old Boys was played at Huntley, with many of the visiting side not having been back since their school days. The visitors will go down in history as the first ever Pick Handle Challenge trophy winners.

Overall it was a fantastic day of cricket, laughter and reminiscing, and it was great to see former Headmaster Bret Butler (1970-1987) in attendance as well. Many thanks to current Headmaster Sam Edwards for his support of this event and the superb hosting by the school. We look forward to this being an annual fixture on the OBGA calendar and next year's fixture is already locked in for Saturday 6 April 2019. Spectators are welcome, come along and enjoy the day!

RANGITIKEI OLD BOYS
Ed Sherriff (1981-1984)
Sam Trotter (1981 - 1984)
Hugh Hare (1981 - 1983)
Tom Abraham (1979 - 1981)
Andrew Morton (1986 - 1988)
Ian Strahan (1984 - 1985)
Hamish Davidson (1988 - 1989)
Chris Fullerton-smith (1997 - 2000)
Willie Silk (1985 - 1987)
Rob Craig (1984 - 1985)

WELLINGTON/WAIRARAPA OLD BOYS
Neil Anderson (1985)
Andrew Crombie (1983 - 1985)
Tundy (Alexander) Petrie (1982 - 1985)
Alastair Petrie (1976 - 1979)
Edward Falloon (1984 - 1986)
Jamie Falloon (1978 - 1981)
Hamish Norwood (1986 - 1988)
Simon Plimmer (1983 - 1985)
Sam Kebbell (1983 - 1985)
Monty Hare (1998 - 1999)

CLASS OF 2013 CATCH UP

3 November 2018

We hosted our annual Year 13 Old Boys drinks and dinner at school on Saturday 3 November. It was our biggest turn out yet with close to 100 people in attendance. It's always fantastic to welcome Old Boys and their parents back to school to reconnect and share stories of what they've been up to in the five years since they left. We are already looking forward to next year's 2014 reunion where we will celebrate our first intake of girls at Huntley.

HUNTLEY JUBILEE – 12-14 MARCH 2021

Planning is well underway. Pencil this weekend in your diaries to celebrate 125 years of Huntley.

HUNTLEY IN THE BLOOD

The Duncan family from Otairi, inland from Hunterville have deep ties in the Rangitikei district and to Huntley. In this edition of Honos Per Ardua current Year 7 student, Ben, his father, Charlie and grandfather, David describe some of their favourite Huntley memories.

Ben, David (seated) and Charlie.

DAVID

I started Huntley in Standard 3 in 1951. I suppose I was about 10. I was a boarder for four years and I still say that Huntley was the highlight of my schooling years.

I wasn't homesick at all. I loved it. It never phased me about leaving home. By the time I left Otairi school just down the road there were only two or three other boys and I was sports mad and wanted to be somewhere that had enough players for a full rugby team.

My older brother James went to Huntley but he'd finished by the time I got there. There was no option for me other than to be a boarder. I'm always interested in how parents today take their kids to visit different schools and ask the kids which one they like. I was just told I was going to Huntley and my first day was literally the first time I'd stepped foot at the place.

We only went home once or twice a term. In those days we were a 35 minute drive from Hunterville and then another half an hour to Marton. Today it's 30 minutes flat from here to Huntley.

When I first arrived we had Mr Sheriff as Headmaster and I thought he was very good. Then in my last two years the headmaster was Mr Rix-Trott. He coached rugby and cricket and I really liked him. He liked to be called Mr Noel Rix-Trott.

I remember the food being very good. We had home-killed mutton from the school's farm and I think the veges were grown on site too. In my day there were only 60 boarders and I think two day boys. We slept upstairs in a big old wooden building. Every second Sunday we had a fire drill and we'd bolt down the fire escapes and run outside.

I loved swimming but the pool didn't have filters in our day so we'd be out there swimming in this dirty, muddy water – it was the same pool as today but much dirtier water. I played cricket and rugby and I loved tennis but you had to be very keen to play tennis back then because there really wasn't any tennis courts to speak of.

We also did boxing and I remember one fight when I was really worried that I had knocked out my opponent so I started to step back and he came forward and nearly knocked me out! To keep us fit the teachers got us to do rope skipping. I remember being very proud to break the school record for the number of double skips in a row – don't ask me how many it was!

I basically lived for the sport. I certainly wasn't scholastic - I did just enough to keep out of trouble. I remember we went to Nga Tawa for dancing lessons with their Form 1 girls. I met a girl there who was a boarder all the way from Auckland. Many years later I went to her wedding and we are still friends today.

In my final year I was a prefect and Captain of the 1st XV rugby. I made great friends and I kept playing rugby well into my 20's.

Both my sons Joe and Charlie went boarding at Huntley in the 1980's. Now I have had three grandsons and two grand-nephews go to Huntley and I've seen how different and modern it is, but still such a great school.

CHARLIE

I went boarding at Huntley for three years in 1983. I remember being a little bit homesick . I came from Otairi school which had 63 kids and went into Huntley with 150. It was predominantly boarding back then – Mum and Dad would say I've got it wrong but basically they dumped you off and picked you up at mid term!

Brett Butler was the headmaster and James Allan was his deputy. I'd describe them as firm but fair. JA was very strict.

I just loved the sport at Huntley. You knew that you had to work hard in the classroom but as soon as it hit 3 o'clock you were out playing sport. A highlight of my years was definitely making prop of the 1st XV in my last

Proud captain of the 1954 Huntley 1st XV, David Duncan (centre, 2nd row).

year and having that Number 1 on the jersey. You felt so proud.

In the weekends we could go into the orchard and build our huts - we built fantastic huts under those pine trees. The worst punishment you could get was writing lines because that meant you were stuck inside at break or lunchtime and you couldn't go outside and play!

I lost two toes in my second year at Huntley. I had a motorbike accident back here on the farm. I remember when I came back to school I was allowed to use the teachers' stairs. No other kids ever got to use those stairs so I really milked my injury. I think I got to use them all year!

I made friends for life at Huntley. It's great to be back working with other old boys from my time there like Sam Trotter and Rob Craig on the Huntley Board. Rob and I were actually in the same year.

I'm farming now here at Otiwhiti. We have 2000 hectares and 12 years ago we set up Otiwhiti land based training school on the site of our old Otairi primary school. It's quite neat that we bought the school back from the Education Ministry because the land was originally gifted by our family to the government. We're really proud to be training young farmers and that 100% of our graduates have found farm employment.

My oldest son Jonty has been through Huntley, Ben's there now and we also have two younger daughters who are interested in going. I want them to experience boarding and make those mates for life like I did. You can't beat the values that Huntley gives you, they set you up so well for life.

BEN

I started Huntley in Term 2 last year when I was 10. I thought it was good because my mate Harry and my cousin Ollie were already there.

It's more structured at Huntley. You can't muck around as much. I was probably being a bit naughty at my old school.

Sport is my favourite thing at Huntley. I played prop in the Junior Colts rugby team last year. No-one really wants to be in the front row but I like it. We won all our prep matches so we got a jersey with our scores on the front - that was cool. My goal is to get into the 1st XV next year.

At Huntley it's much better because we get to practice our sport three times a week and on the other days we can build our huts and play. I've got a hut with Harry, Mac and Ollie. It's pretty big and stable and we get to sleep in it for a night this term.

I don't think I will be a gold badge next year because I can be a bit naughty still. Nothing bad just things like dorm raids. That's when you have to try and run to the far door in another boys' dorm after lights out. If someone catches you, you have to spell 'hammered' before you can run again. You're trying to get back to your bed before you get caught. We mostly do it on the weekends.

I'm looking forward to Year 8 and being top of the school. Everyone respects you more and you get to do lots of cool stuff - plus you get two camps.

WHAT HUNTLEY TAUGHT ME

In the 12 years since Stuart Glendinning attended Huntley, he's overcome many challenges. What's stuck with him is the Huntley motto of GDP - Goals, Discipline and Pride. He returned to school to share his story.

Stuart Glendinning (2005-2006) attended Huntley for two years as a day student. Arriving at Huntley from a small, rural Marton school, he remembers feeling like he had just arrived at Hogwarts. The uniform, calling staff Sir and Ma'am and the long school hours all seemed rather overwhelming.

But as time went on, Stuart grew and learned and these once foreign concepts became familiar and comfortable.

Reflecting on this now, he tells us the values he learned at Huntley lay the foundation for the years to come. "I was unconsciously training myself for the challenges that lay outside the Huntley gates."

Although capable in the classroom and on the sports field, Stuart remembers spending his fair share of time writing out lines in demerits after school. When Year 8 arrived and the badges were handed out, he wasn't too upset when his name didn't feature. Leadership hadn't featured on his radar yet.

After Huntley, Stuart attended Palmerston North Boys' High School and boarded at College House. For him, it was like walking into an even bigger version of Hog-

warts. And for the first week, he could've confused the boarding hostel for Azkaban. "From Huntley with 160 students, to a school of 1700, the first day was daunting to say the least," he says. But instead of going at it alone, he walked into PNBHS surrounded by mates from Huntley.

His interests expanded, he grew taller and stronger, played rep cricket, gave up piano, learned the guitar, received commendations for good behaviour, and detentions for bad. But most importantly, he remembers learning a new skill, leadership.

In Stuart's current role in the military, leadership is everything. From the troops on the ground to the commanders in the headquarters, to the politicians in parliament, leadership is critical to the job they do. Ultimately, they are ensuring we live in a safer and more secure New Zealand.

While he points out there was no war, troops or guns in the hostel, there were plenty of young men going through changes and working out where they stood in the line. After four years of boarding with his mates, Stuart felt he was ready to step up to a leadership position. However, as the sixth form ended, he once again found himself at the prefect announcement without a badge.

He went home for the summer, that feeling of failure reminiscent of not making the 1st XI at Huntley.

When he returned to school he applied his Huntley GDP, put his head down and at the end of Term one, was rewarded with a prefect's badge.

After school, Stuart's goal was to become a pilot in the Royal New Zealand Air Force. The air force has a very long and difficult selection process, trimming an intake of 5,000 applicants annually to just five. He believed he had the grades, the fitness level and leadership skills to make a great pilot.

In 2012, Stuart made the final stage of selection, where they take the top ten applicants and decide who the final five will be. Stuart was number six. He'd passed all the selection criteria with flying colours and impressed at interview stage, however at only 18 was a young applicant.

The air force suggested Stuart go away and gain some life experience or that he could reapply in two years if he still wanted to be a pilot. He had two choices. Wait the two years to reapply with no guarantee of acceptance, or go to University.

Stuart enrolled to study accounting at Massey University the following year. During six months of farming near Bulls, he realised he wasn't ready to give up on the air force. He found himself on a plane bound for London to develop himself for his next crack at becoming a pilot.

Instead of working at a school like a traditional 'gappie,' Stuart wanted a different challenge. He chose to volunteer for the Scout's Association as an outdoor activities instructor at Gilwell Park north of London. He spent nine months instructing people from five year olds through

to 60 year olds in activities including rifle shooting, high ropes, climbing, kayaking, orienteering and even archery.

Stuart tells the story of a 12-year-old boy he met while teaching a group of kids to kayak.

"I noticed one boy standing to the side. He looked miserable and I asked the leader why he wasn't joining in. It was something about the way she said "he's got cerebral palsy" that irritated me. I thought why not let him try?"

So, Stuart invited him up the front and got him to demonstrate the techniques to the other kids. He was shaking trying to hold the paddle and couldn't initially move but eventually managed to rock side to side, and back to front. Within five minutes he had the movement down pat. For safety, Stuart put him in a two-person kayak and watched as he and his mate paddled around the lake, screaming and yelling with joy.

"I got such a kick out of using my skills and ability to enable him to take part in an activity with his mates and be one of them."

It now serves as a reminder for why Stuart works as a pilot.

"Instead of just wanting to fly cool planes and go to cool places, I want to help others by using my skills. It drives me every day to be a better pilot, to pass my tests, and make it to the next step in my career."

Stuart was posted to RNZAF Base Whenuapai to fly the P3K2 Orion earlier this year and in June became an operational pilot on that aircraft.

He never gave up on his dream.

OLD BOYS & GIRLS NEWS

Five of our Huntley Old Boys were appointed to leadership positions at their respective secondary schools in 2018:

William Greenway (2012-2013) - Head Boy at Feilding High School
Digby Werthmuller (2012-2013) - Head Prefect of Palmerston North Boys High School & College House
Hayden O'Leary (2011-2013) - Head of School at Wanganui Collegiate
Ethan Gillespie (2012-2013) - Deputy Head of School at Wanganui Collegiate
Weropuna Witika (2013) – Head Boy at King's College

We caught up with them about their Huntley connection earlier in the year. You'll find the video on the homepage of our Huntley website.

Sharpshooter **Bradley McDowell (2010-2014)** is our newest world champion after claiming the World Junior Champion Cowboy Action shooting title in New Mexico recently. Representing New Zealand, he also finished 7th overall - an amazing achievement for a 16-year-old!

Kyle Hoskin (2012-2014) was selected in the New Zealand U17 Cycling Team.

Congratulations to **Eddie Harris (2016-2017)** who was part of the Rathkeale College Shooting Team that competed at the National Clay Target Championships in Christchurch in September. Following good results on day one and two, Eddie was selected in the Wellington Team for the Teams Challenge. He received a gold medal for the best score in the boys Team Competition.

Brooklyn Greer-Atkins (2011-2015) took out first place in the Senior English Prepared Speech category at Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition in Taranaki in late June. As a Year 11 student, this was a fantastic achievement given that the senior category included competitors much older from across the region.

Max Fryatt (2008-2009) captained his Feilding Old Boys Oroua side to win the 2018 Manawatu Club Rugby Premiership, a first up win for the amalgamated club. Well done Max!

Old Girl and dancing queen **Phoebe Howard (2014)** won a Performing Arts Competitions Association of New Zealand Inc. (PACANZ) nomination.

Harry Lockton (2008-2009) joined the NZ Defence Force Artillery in July 2017 as did his brother Jonathan Lockton (2010-2011) in July 2018.

Blake Meads (2014-2016) broke his neck whilst performing a double somersault on a competition trampoline last year. His Dad tells us Blake and his twin brother Max Meads (2014-2016) are pretty competitive and love pushing boundaries. It's been a rough ride for Blake but he has shown incredible GDP in his recovery. After major surgery (first time performed in NZ) he returned to College House PNBHS as a boarder and went about his road to recovery. This year he put his name down to run as an elite group from Cape Reinga to Lyall Bay in Wellington over the Te Araroa trail to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House Charities. We think it's pretty awesome and the true definition of Guts, Determination and Pride.

Congratulations to **Sam Sherriff (2011-2014)** and **Ruben Love (2012-2013)** who were named in the Central Districts U17 cricket squad for the 2017/18 season. Later in 2018 Ruben was named in the Manawatu men's cricket team alongside fellow Old Boy, **Dave Meiring (1996-1998)**.

Geoff Wells (1986-1988) featured on One News with his carbon fibre business, Kilwell. Kilwell has been in the fishing and hunting game for 85 years and during that time it has developed a number of carbon fibre products including the light sabres in the Star Wars films. The company's carbon fibre is sought after by the likes of luxury car maker Bentley, the British military and America's Cup boats.

Professor Michael Corballis (1948-1949) is an Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Auckland University and primarily studies the nature and evolution of language, and its relation to the asymmetry of the brain.

Kenny Duncan (1976) won the 144th running of the Grand National Steeplechase with Shamal. The win gave Ken his ultimate moment to date as a trainer.

Congratulations to **Angus McKelvie (1991-1993)** who won the 2018 Hunterville Shepherd's Shemozzle race with his dog Red - the third time he has won the race! He cheekily says he'll give up when he gets beaten.

Douglas McDiarmid's (1935) niece, Anna Cahill is an Auckland-born writer based in Brisbane. She has recently published a biography of one of New Zealand's most well-known expatriate artists, Douglas Kerr MacDiarmid, called Colours of a Life. MacDiarmid, who left New Zealand as a young man to embrace the culture of Europe, was a friend of other creative country people of his generation including Rita Angus, Charles Brasch, Allen and Betty Curnow, Theo Schoon, Frank Sargeson and James Weir. At the age of 96, MacDiarmid still lives in Montmatre, Paris. Colours of a Life was launched at the NZ Portrait Gallery on July 12, where an exhibition of MacDiarmid works from public and private collections was on display until September 23.

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KNIGHTHOOD FOR CAREER DEDICATED TO THE LAW

The Huntley OBGA congratulates the Honourable Sir Douglas White KNZM QC (1957-1958) on his knighthood for services to the judiciary, conferred on him at Government House on 16th May 2018 by the Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy QSM QSO DStJ. After a long career as a lawyer, including 20 years as a Queen's Counsel and appointment as a Judge of the High Court and then the Court of Appeal, Sir Douglas is now President of the Law Commission.

The 2016 Huntley class of 8TS visited Sir Douglas in his current role as President of the Law Commission. In the Law Commission's boardroom on the 19th floor of the ANZ building, Douglas along with Commissioner, Donna Buckingham and Legal and Policy Adviser, Catherine Helm explained about the work the Commission carries out for the government. Bianca Verdonk (2014-2016) then presented her class speech, pointing out that you can drink alcohol while driving. She said that surely this is a loophole in the law. How does one know when one has reached the limit? Discussion followed, with the Commissioner leading the students through the wide range of considerations, which would need to be investigated by the Commission when looking into such a law change. The visit to Sir Douglas and the Law Commission gave the students a fascinating insight into an aspect of the legal profession they knew very little about.

8TS visit with Sir Douglas in 2016.

BIRTHS 2017/2018

Mark and Andrea Anderson	Olivia (Feb 2017)
Matt and Jenny Hobson	Henry (Feb 2017)
Nick Cuming and Melissa Forslun	Joshua (Sept 2017)
Matt Hobson and Tandia Vaughan	Indie (Dec 2017)
Hamish and Ange Walker	Indie (Apr 2018)
Rob and Annie Simpson	Hugo (May 2018)
Glenn and Tammy Weitenberg	Nikau (Jul 2018)
William Kane and Samantha Cameron	Lucy (July 2018)
Sam Duncan and Sarah Stephens	Flynn (Aug 2018)
Logan and Angela Hastings	Amelia (Aug 2018)
Tom and Trudi Duncan	Angus (Sept 2018)
Tom and Lisa Driffill	Lyla & Mila (Oct 2018)
Matt and Jenny Hobson	Oliver (Oct 2018)
Michael and Kylie Knox	Hugo (Nov 2018)

MARRIAGES 2017/18

Logan Hastings to Angela Marlow	March 2017
Matthew Walker to Sarah Northcott	October 2017
Eduard Duncan to Raquel Duarte Castaño	October 2017
Jason Lange to Ellen Miles	December 2017
Richard Morrison to Laura Morris	February 2018
Elliot Signal to Tracey O'Loughlin	February 2018
Oliver Gordon to Janine Slement	February 2018
Mark Shand to Katie Martin	February 2018
Richard Wall to Louise	March 2018
Dan Gordon to Anne-Clé Goyet	March 2018
Sam Hurley to Sophie Spiers	March 2018
Simon Clinton-Baker to Lauren Smart	April 2018
Grayson Cooper to Katie Gordon	April 2018
Hadleigh Parkes to Suzanne Ainsworth	June 2018
Nigel Hammond to Tracey Vince	October 2018

REMEMBERING JOHN McGRATH KNZM QC (1956-1957)

The Huntley community was saddened to hear of the recent passing of celebrated Old Boy, Sir John McGrath KNZM QC. Born in Wellington, McGrath attended Huntley for two years between 1956-1957.

Sir John's resumé was impressive. After his secondary schooling at Wanganui Collegiate School, Sir John went on to Victoria University of Wellington graduating with a Master of Laws (LLM) in 1968. He was a partner in Buddle Findlay, in Wellington, until he moved to the separate bar in 1984. He became Queen's Counsel in 1987 and he was Solicitor-General between 1989 and 2000. Appointed to the Court of Appeal in July 2000 and to the Supreme Court in May 2005, he served as a judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand from 2005 – 2015.

His dedication and services to the judiciary were recognised when he was appointed a New Zealand Order of Merit in 2007. The appointment was re-designated Knight Companion of that order in 2009.

Sir John retained a connection with Huntley. Former Huntley teacher, Mrs Trish Shand fondly remembers taking a Huntley Year 8 class to Wellington to meet Justice McGrath in 2014 when he held the role as Judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand. He spoke to the class in the beautifully decorated courtroom, Trish remembers.

"His message portrayed how Huntley had provided him with wonderful, lifelong friendships and the ability to tell right from wrong, something that he said had been of great value during his long and illustrious legal career."

He then took the students upstairs to his chambers, where Jack Monckton (2013-2014) and Anna Robbie (2014) presented him with a gift on behalf of the school. He also showed the class a number of items in his chambers, including his wig.

John was the dearly loved husband of Chris. A much loved and respected father and father-in-law of Lucy and Dougal, Tom and Göknil. A devoted and loved grandfather of Alexandra and Claudia; Ayla and Ozan. A loved brother of Caroline, Helen (deceased) and Huntley Old Boy, Gordon (1967-1969).

DEATHS

Jono Gilbert	7 May 2017
John Richardson	4 June 2017
John Durrant	7 June 2017
Ross McWilliam	25 September 2017
Kerry Nolan	30 October 2017
Gordon (Joe) Fullerton Smith	10 December 2017
Symen Openshaw	2 December 2017
David (Joe) Collins	20 December 2017
Peter Anson	21 December 2017
Hugh McWilliam	21 December 2017
Nigel Christensen	9 February 2018
Alastair Howie	3 May 2018
Christopher (David) Fullerton-Smith	13 September 2018
Edward (John, Nui) Openshaw	21 September 2018
John McGrath	19 October 2018
Jon Corballis	29 October 2018

REMEMBERING TEACHERS & FRIENDS OF HUNTLEY

Mike Mansfield, 28 December 2017
Taught at Huntley in 1949 and 1950

Gwynedd Miller (nee Sherriff), 13 July 2017
Daughter of Headmaster, Royes Sherriff, who attended Huntley 1934-1937 before going on to Nga Tawa. She died just shy of her 90th birthday.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HUNTLEY OLD BOYS

Our Huntley OBGA continue to be great supporters of our school with 20% of our school community children of Huntley alumni. (The nationwide Independent Schools average is 13%).

Back row: (Left to right) Micaiah Gloyne, Monty Sherriff, Toby Craig, Sam Cranstone, Jonathan Jamieson, Rory Trotter, Jack Trotter, Jack Nevill, Ben Duncan, Angus Pearce, Thomas Revell, Lachie Bell, Ben Fraser, Blair Simpson, Eilidh Gloyne, Ian Morton, Daniel Maas, Isobel Phyn, Isabel Melville, Poppy Moore, Maggie Hare, Olivia Anderson
Front row: Blake Massicks, William Wright, Emma Wright, Ashton Trotter, Zac Burne

WE EVEN HAVE A HANDFUL OF THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH GENERATION STUDENTS!

L-R:
Monty Sherriff, Rory Trotter (Smith), Jack Trotter (Smith), Ashton Trotter (Smith), Ben Duncan, Blair Simpson

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