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# High Achiever

A newsletter to Hamilton Boys' High School's Families and Friends



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"We will remember them" ANZAC Centenary Service



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In this special commemorative issue we honour the ANZAC Centenary and acknowledge our connections to those who have gone before. We also honour our former Headmaster, **Mr James Bennett** (MNZOM, JP) 28 June 1936 – 14 May 2015 and pay tribute to him on page 8.

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*Top: Year 9 students stand to honour our ANZAC soldiers at this year's commemorative assembly. Middle: It must be Winter sports season! The HBHS 1st XV battles it out in the mud, beating Palmerston North Boys' High School 15 - 8 in this year's Super 8 Competition. Bottom left: Te Maurea Whiritoi take to the stage and take it by storm at the Tainui Regional Kapa Haka competition held at the Claudelands Arena. Bottom right: HBHS Rowers and supporters brave the wet and cold to cheer on the victorious Maadi 8 crew out at Lake Karapiro.*



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# OLD BOYS

## FOUNDATION AND OLD BOYS

Foundation thanks retiring Chairman for its spectacular start.

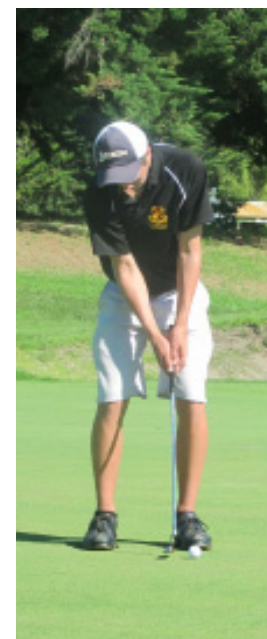


HBHS Foundation Chairman **David Braithwaite** has retired from his role with the HBHS Foundation Trust as of May 2015.

**Mr Braithwaite** who has been a key motivator in the development of the Foundation, and a wonderful friend to the school, is responsible for a great deal of the momentum and structure behind the Foundation and its recent fundraising and friend raising success. We would like to thank him for his unbridled enthusiasm.

**David** will of course not be completely lost to the Foundation as he has committed to continue to support events, talk to Old Boys at every opportunity and to rattle the tin for donations when the opportunity arises.

## INAUGURAL HBHS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY JULY 31ST 2015



Fancy a round of golf with your HBHS buddies or an opportunity to promote your business to the wider HBHS community?

Then you need to be part of the HBHS Foundation's first ever Golf Tournament. The perfect excuse to network with Old Boys, build relationships and beat the pants off your friends or colleagues on the fabulous St Andrew's Golf Course. Individual entries are \$100 and include the golf, a buffet dinner and tournament prizes.

Or Sponsor a hole for only \$750, receive 4 complimentary entries and signage at a hole of your choice. 11 sponsor spots remain...so get in quick to secure your hole choice.

To register for Golf e mail **Graham Walker** at [kandgwalker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kandgwalker@xtra.co.nz) or to sponsor a hole call **Graham** on 027 498 7773.

## KEEP US IN THE LOOP

An effective Old Boys association and Foundation is reliant upon having up to date contact information. With a new database management system now in place, we urge you to update your contact details with us. You can also tell us the areas of interest you have in relation to the school.

Would you like to know about Academic success, Cultural activity or other specific areas of school life, be kept informed of current school sporting events or only hear from us regarding Old Boys reunions and events?

To update your contact details please visit the Foundation page on the HBHS website, click on the Search Old Boys tab and update your details and preferences on the form provided.

## HALL OF FAME 2015

The recent Hall of Fame event supported by the HBHS Foundation was a wonderful event once again and the boys who were privileged enough to be part of the ceremony certainly enjoyed the reflections provided by each Honouree.

If you know of, or would like to nominate someone for the HBHS Hall of Fame 2016 the committee will be calling for nominations later in the year, so keep an eye out in the next High Achiever and on the Foundation page of the HBHS website.

## REUNION NEWS

Register now for any of the Reunion activities taking place on Saturday 1st August 2015 at HBHS.

Go to the HBHS website Foundation page, Click on Old Boys Reunions and complete the online registration form for the event you are interested in. We hope to see you here.

## SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2015

1970 & 1980's Old Boys reunion  
Contact **Graham Walker**: [kandgwalker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kandgwalker@xtra.co.nz)

## ARGYLE HOUSE REUNION

Contact: [kmclaughlin@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:kmclaughlin@hbhs.school.nz)

## HBHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Welcomes all communication from Old Boys and families. Please contact **Ali Mallett**, Foundation Development Manager at [amallett@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:amallett@hbhs.school.nz) or phone 07 853 0440 extn 2408.

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

It's 60 years since the boys of Hamilton High School formally moved to the Peachgrove Road site, forging their own lasting legacy. Newness brought the exciting ability to set the first footprint, but also carried great responsibility.

In the first Hamiltonian from 1955, **HD Tait** said, "I like to think of our school as much more than a building. To me it is a community of youth, cheerful in heart, buoyant in spirit, eager to face the adventure known as Life. This community will endow these buildings with a soul." Our school certainly has soul. Anyone attending **Jim Bennett's** funeral would have witnessed its presence in the guard of honour allowing Jim to make his final journey through the school he adored. The soul of this school is undoubted and **HD Tait** would have been proud of what he founded.

In Archives we have the privilege to meet our foundation students, those men who planted the rose garden outside A block and made an art form out of hiding teachers' cars in inaccessible places, just for fun.

Our art teacher, the late **Sapper Moore Jones**, recently honoured by Hamilton City, carried a poem throughout the war. One verse entitled 'Values' resonates now, in the world our boys face as adults and for which HBHS tries so hard to equip them.

**The one who ran, and did not win, did he not do his best?**

**If he ran the measure of his strength, what matters all the rest?**

**If the song was sweet, and helped a while, what matters the singer's name?**

**The worth is in the song itself, and not in the world's acclaim.**

It's hard to imagine Hamilton without HBHS as so many of our Old Boys have gone on to help shape this town. 60 years of crafting the good young men of Hamilton has left a legacy that won't easily be forgotten.  
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# HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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HIGH ACHIEVER



## School Newsletter

### *Message from the Headmaster*

Dear Parents

Thank you all for a wonderful term; as we read this newsletter, it is clear that so many young men have achieved so much through the past three months.



As I write this introduction, I am able to take much pleasure from the view through my office window. It is the end of a beautiful winter's day, clear and cold, and it is almost dusk. The shadows on the ground are lengthening, and on the fields are Football and Rugby teams, engrossed in their practices, staff and students alike. It is a scene I am fortunate to witness throughout the year, and it symbolises what makes this school a very special place.

And when I walk through the school, at this time of early evening, there are hundreds of young men, in clubs, drama, music, kapa haka, debating and in sport, still at school, with their teachers, still contributing to our shared world. It is at these moments, that we must pause, and reflect, and feel a genuine sense of gratitude, that we have been able to share such a positive, happy term together.

The term has, however, brought sadness to our school community, in the sudden death of our previous Headmaster, **Jim Bennett**. A man who was on the staff for thirty five years, **Jim** was open about his feelings for our world. He loved the school. He retained his love for the school, and 'the boys' through the fifteen years of his retirement, and so it was fitting that we held his funeral ceremony here.

After the service, the entire school stood in silence, as a guard of honour, lining the driveway to farewell a special man. It was a moving experience, to be a part of a family of over two thousand, standing together because they care.

There are so many examples that I could write about, of the qualities that make Hamilton Boys' a wonderful world. As you read the stories told in this newsletter, and reflect upon the amazing achievements of our students, I ask you to feel the same sense of pride that I feel as I reflect upon the term which has passed. Because, it is **your** son, and **his** family, who makes the difference. I thank you all, for making this world, which is very easy to love.

Susan Hassall  
**HEADMASTER**

### Term 3 Events

**Teacher Only Day**  
Monday 20 July

**School Starts**  
Tuesday 21 July

**Yr 8 Information Evening**  
Wednesday 22 July

**Yr 9 Parents Evening**  
Thursday 23 July

**School Production**  
24 July - 1 August

**Yr 10 Parents Evening**  
Tuesday 28 July

**Mufti Daffodil Day**  
Thursday 30 July

**Reunion**  
70s, 80s Old Boys  
Argyle Old Boys  
Saturday 1 August

**Open Day**  
Tuesday 4 August

**Curriculum Evening**  
Thursday 6 August

**Senior Exams**  
18 August - 26 August

**2016 Yr 9 Applications Close**  
Monday 31 August

**Tournament Week**  
31 August - 4 September

**Mufti World Vision**  
Thursday 10 September

**House Singing**  
Tuesday 22 September

**End of Term 3**  
Friday 25 September



# ANZAC SPECIAL

## ANZAC DAY 2015 AT HBHS

With 2015 marking the 100th year since the ANZAC troops landed at Gallipoli with such fateful and resounding results, it was very clear that commemorations would not be confined to a single day or event. HBHS staff and students have always honoured those who fell in battle, not only in WWI, but in the wars that have followed, and this year provided an opportunity to reflect on personal connections with ANZAC and other veterans and to honour members of our HBHS family who had made the ultimate sacrifice.

On Friday 27 March, HBHS senior students were invited to the official unveiling of the bronze statue of **Horace "Sapper" Moore-Jones**, a commemorative public artwork by **Honourable Captain Matt Gaudie**. The work, entitled "The Line of Fire", depicts **Moore-Jones** conducting his military duties as a war artist on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and also acknowledges his heroism on returning to New Zealand where he rescued people from the burning Hamilton Hotel in 1922 only to lose his own life whilst doing so. **Moore-Jones** was the first Art Master at Hamilton High School and is probably most famous for his painting of "The Man with the Donkey", a depiction from a photograph of **Medic John Simpson Kirkpatrick** who rescued wounded men and carried them to safety on the back of his donkey. The statue is situated on the former site of the Hamilton Hotel and symbolically points at the newly-renamed **Sapper Moore-Jones Place**. HBHS joined HGHS students in placing 200 ANZAC poppies before the statue in honour of the 200 Waikato Servicemen who fell in battle at Gallipoli, and joined with HGHS students in singing a waiata after the Head Prefects from each school, **Tava Tyrell** and **Soumil Singh**, addressed the crowd. As the statue was unveiled, the HBHS students performed the school haka with all of the power and feeling that such an important occasion deserved.

In the week leading up to ANZAC Day, HBHS was visited by two New Zealand Army LAVs (Light Armoured Vehicles) when they arrived on school grounds as part of National commemorations. HBHS Class of 2013 Old Boy (now NZ Army Trooper) **Ryan McKenzie** gave students a guided tour of the vehicles which, even though they are described as "light", actually weigh 17 tonnes, and

answered the flood of questions about their capabilities. The vehicles can carry seven Infantry troopers, along with the three LAV crew-members, who would be protected by 8mm of armour and a Bushmaster 25mm mounted gun, backed up by twin machine guns and grenade launchers. The vehicles were visiting Waikato schools and were on their way to Auckland where they appeared at Mount Smart Stadium as a part of the Warriors-Gold Coast Titans NRL match on ANZAC Day.

HBHS Head Prefect **Soumil Singh** began the 2015 ANZAC Assembly on Thursday 23 April by reminding the Year 9 and 13 students who were gathered in front of the War Memorial that "remembrance is a duty" and arranged in front of the Memorial were 30 white crosses which bore the names of New Zealand men and women who gave their lives in WWI. Every secondary school in New Zealand was sent 30 crosses, each inscribed with the name of a New Zealander who made the ultimate sacrifice, by the New Zealand Government as part of the ANZAC Centenary Commemorations. Deputy Head Prefects **Aidan Clarkin-Rush** and **Daniel Ng** read the names of the 41 HBHS Old Boys who were killed in WWI and whose names are on the HBHS War Memorial, and Deputy Head Prefect **Alex Kennedy** reminded the students that these men were just like them, in so many ways. Many of the soldiers who went to war were teenagers who went in the spirit of service, and whilst HBHS students in 2015 can never fully understand the horror or bravery of war, they can understand the lesson in the hope that such a sacrifice need never be made again. The ANZAC Assembly was not to honour war, but to honour the courage and service of previous generations. Guest Speaker and Old Boy **Mr Nic Greene** (of the RNZAF) spoke of New Zealand's contributions past and present to peace-keeping around the world and reminded the assembly of the famous quote attributed to **Edmund Burke** that "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing". The Assembly concluded with the laying of a wreath at the Memorial, and the playing of the "Last Post."

ANZAC Day commemorations were not confined to assemblies. Classes were set tasks designed to get them to think very carefully about what ANZAC meant to them in the 21st Century. Social Sciences classes were told to select an aspect of this year's

coverage and explain why that coverage resonated with them. Here's a small sample of the student writing...

*"ANZAC Day is important to me because it helps me remember the people who lost their lives at Gallipoli. It makes me stop and think what they went through during wartime. It also makes me think of the servicemen and women who are serving our country today."* **Josh Glass 1021**

*"I would like to share a very special experience I had this ANZAC Day. I was researching my Great Grandfather's military records to find out more of what he did at Gallipoli. It turns out that he was one of the first ANZACs to reach the top of Chunuk Bair. In doing so he was awarded the Victoria Cross."* **Angus Ritchie 925**

*"My Great Grandfather, Frank Mead, joined the armed forces when he was 18 years old and was shipped off to Egypt during WW2. He was captured and became a prisoner of war. He was successful in escaping four different POW camps, and was even hidden in the hills of Greece by a Greek who risked his life to save my Grandfather. ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance for my family, to remember not only my Grandfather, but also two other family members who perished in WW2."* **Dylan Marshall 1011**



Above: Sapper Moore-Jones





## ANZAC DAY CONTINUED...

On the 18 of June, the Year 9 Assembly had the extraordinary privilege of hosting the Turkish Ambassador to New Zealand, **Her Excellency Damla Yeşim Say. Ambassador Say** (pictured right) was visiting Hamilton as part of the ANZAC Centenary Celebrations, and was a special guest at this assembly to present the maquette of the Sapper Moore-Jones memorial statue to HBHS. This maquette has been generously gifted to HBHS by Old Boys **Mr Rod Wise** and **Mr Ivan Pavlovich** who were at the assembly as part of the presentation. The stone upon which both statues are mounted had been brought over from Chunuk Bair in Turkey as part of a joint venture, signifying the close relationship that now exists between the two former foes.

**Ambassador Say** spoke of the privilege and honour she felt as a part of New Zealand's ANZAC Commemorations, and referred to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk's visionary words which are memorialised both at Gallipoli and in Wellington and which speak of the soldiers now lying side by side "in the soil of a friendly country". She also gave the Year 9's some very valuable advice, encouraging them to travel and see these places in the world. Another piece of advice was to follow their dreams as she had, learning and acknowledging limits in order to push through them. Reading books was also recommended, proper books, paper books, not just on screens. The Year 9's and the visiting delegation were then treated to a powerful performance by the HBHS Kapa Haka and Maori Performing Arts Group.

## LEO CLUB 2015

The HBHS Leo Club is comprised of 40 Year 12 and Year 13 students who are actively participating in service activities in and outside of the school. Some opportunities that have taken place to date are: helping out at the annual Balloons over Waikato Nightglow, painting the fence at the Argyle Preschool, gardening and landscaping at Peachgrove Intermediate, and now currently organising a fundraiser for the East Hamilton Lion's Club Annual Book Fair being hosted in the next school holidays. By participating in these events, the HBHS Leo Club has been receiving small donations as a thank you for the hard work put in by our members. Two of our larger yearly events have also recently been completed. We have recently held a school League



Of Legends tournament for the first time and this has been a great success, we have raised close to \$500 for the club. We would like to thank **Yifei Ma** for his crucial effort in organising this event. We would also like to thank our fantastic sponsors of this event: Netcafix and Mark-1 Comics. Furthermore, the club has recently completed its annual 'LAN for Life' which has raised over \$600. For this we would like to thank **Jamie Ensor** for his time in organising the event as well as all participants and volunteers.

As a club, we have looked at ways of fundraising for different charities and due to the recent earthquakes that have occurred in Nepal, we decided to donate \$300 for the Earthquake Relief Fund. **Callum Turner**, **Kalib Bouma-Tucker** and the HBHS Leo Club liaison **Mrs Koning** met with **Julie Elmer** from Red Cross New Zealand to hand over the club's donation. Julie was very pleased that the HBHS Leo Club had chosen to give a donation to the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund. As a club, we will continue to increase our profile by participating in future events, we also plan to give to various charities throughout the year. With the support of the East Hamilton Lions Club, who send representatives to our meetings every week, the strong support of **Mrs Koning** and our fantastic student group we hope to continue to grow the club and will continue to be involved in service throughout the school and wider community.

By Alex Kennedy







## SPORTS RESULTS ROUND-UP

With the winter sports season well and truly underway, it's time to take a moment and look back through our Term 2 collection of sports results, and it makes for very happy reading. We thank our HBHS family and friends for their help in keeping us up-to-date with all of our sporting high achievers and congratulate all of our students on their excellent results.

HBHS can claim an Australasian champion in water-ski racer **Hayden Gunn**, who competed in the annual Trans-Tasman Ski Challenge held on Lake Charm in Victoria Australia. **Hayden** was selected to compete as the New Zealand Under 19 male skier and was up against an opponent who was recently the Australian Men's Open Reserve skier in the recent World Championships held in Wellington in April. In both of his races, **Hayden** took the lead early, and held on to it during the 35 minutes of racing time. Our National Champion Club was joined by **Gafatasi Ahyu** winning the Junior Kata at the Kyokushin Karate Open Championships in May, and by **Isaiah Priddey** coming home from Dunedin with a gold medal in the National Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships. Table Tennis star **Jon Jon Zhao** came back from Kiribati an Oceania Champion winning three gold medals as a Year 10 student and is definitely a future star of his sport.

In the Winter Sports exchanges this term, the Westlake Boys' High School exchange didn't go HBHS's way, with Westlake taking out the exchange 4 – 2. The Auckland Grammar exchange was an even closer affair, with Auckland Grammar winning 8 – 7. Normal transmission resumed in the New Plymouth Boys' High School fixture, with HBHS winning 8 – 1, and the Tauranga Exchange will take place before the end of Term 2.

Our waterpolo teams have notched up some excellent results, with our Senior A team finishing second in Division A, and our Junior team finishing up in third place in the Waikato Secondary Schools Championships. This excellent run of form saw the Senior team finishing second in the New Zealand Secondary Schools, missing out on a National Division 2 title by a solitary goal against John Paul College, after powering through preliminary rounds and avenging themselves against Waikato Champions Cambridge High School in the semi-finals.

The Junior Waterpolo team rounded out an excellent season with a bronze medal at the inaugural Dove National Tournament in May. Our combined HBHS and HGHS Ki-O-Rahi team finished third at the National Championships, and our Golf team took out the Waikato Secondary Schools Summer League, but finished runners-up to St Peter's School in the provincial championships. The HBHS Touch team won through to the National Secondary Schools Championships with a very satisfying win in the Regional Finals over perpetual rivals Rotorua Boys' High School and our Colts Football team recently won the Hillsdene Cup for the third year running.

In individual competition, our swimmers have acquitted themselves very well and were crowned Boys' School Champions at the Waikato Secondary Schools Championships held in April. **Andrew Jeffcoat** set two new records in the Intermediate Boys 50m Backstroke and the Intermediate Boys 100m Backstroke. HBHS students are clearly comfortable in the water, with **Michael Woods** winning an age-group gold medal in the 200m Butterfly and a silver in the 400m Medley.

Our multi-sport athletes have enjoyed a successful season, winning the Under 16 and Under 19 team events at the Waikato Secondary Schools Championships held at Lake Karapiro. **Bradley Cullen** has qualified for the World Triathlon Championships to be held in Chicago, USA in September and has been selected in the Triathlon NZ National Talent Squad for 2015. It was a very good day at the office for our cyclists, who in the words of Teacher in Charge **Mr Graham Hardaker**, pretty much won every event they entered. **Jared Gray, Timothy Ng, Kiaan Watts** and **Sam Montogmerie** came away with titles and were accompanied on the podium by their team mates.

Finally, we wish all of our athletes the very best of luck in their upcoming competitions. We send our best wishes with our BMX riders **Cailen Calkin** (Year 9), **Ryan Jordan** (Year 10), **Clay Merito** (Year 12) and **Cole McOnie** (Year 13) as they head off to Belgium to represent New Zealand at the World Championships, and we look forward to hearing of their progress.

## CROSS COUNTRY 2015

The weather forecasts predicted heavy rain on Tuesday 28 April, but the prospect of getting wet was never going to keep HBHS students from running in the annual School Cross Country race. After all, it's not a proper cross country without a little mud! Students happily raced their way around the grounds and through the gully to win points for their House, with the Championship race run first before the Year 9's, 10's and 11's were unleashed. The winners of the Non-Championship races were **Kiaan Watts** (Year 9), **Jaden Tuhakaraina** (Year 10) and **Christopher Ebert** (Year 11). Congratulations to the age group champions listed below, and to all of the students who participated with such enthusiasm.

### Junior Champion:

	Name:	House:	Time:
1st	<b>Jordan Taylor</b>	Wilson	9.35
2nd	<b>William Riddell</b>	Wilson	9.36
3rd	<b>Lochie Montgomerie</b>	Wilson	9.38

### Intermediate Champion:

	Name:	House:	Time:
1st	<b>Isaiah Priddey</b>	Taylor	12.20
2nd	<b>Samuel Montgomerie</b>	Wilson	12.56
3rd	<b>Connor Tristram</b>	Wilson	12.58

### Senior Champion:

	Name:	House:	Time:
1st	<b>Ismail Sharif</b>	Taylor	20.31
2nd	<b>Leon Arcus</b>	Wilson	20.52
3rd	<b>Alastair Gloyn</b>	Taylor	21.31

### House Competition Points:

Place:	House:	Total:	Points:
1st	Wilson	1486	12
2nd	Taylor	1417	10
3rd	Argyle	1331	8
4th	Baigent	1279	6
5th	Steel	1111	4
6th	Tait	1011	2







## CAREERS INFORMATION

### Scholarships

There are literally thousands of scholarships available for those students who intend going on to tertiary study. Not all are for academic excellence, but most will require the student to have a good grade point average, as well as being able to show all round characteristics such as participation in extra curricular activities, service and leadership.

#### How can I find out about scholarships?

- Check each university prospectus and go online and check out their website, most scholarships are listed there.
- Use the scholarship database, below (formerly breakout) This is available on any school based computer. The database has virtually every scholarship available in NZ. Students will be asked questions to narrow down their search. They should be looking at school leaver or undergraduate (1st year) scholarships. This does take time, so students should be starting their search now.

Go to <http://generosity.org.nz/>



then click on the logo



then login (no password required)

- Most scholarships tend to have closing dates, from about July to October. (Students need to check each one as there may be earlier ones)

#### Procedure

- Scholarship applications are done online .
- Students use their testimonials as the school reference.
- Some scholarships may require a CV or have an essay component.

#### Testimonial Timeline

- **Term 2, Week 5 (May 18th)** – Testimonial forms will be emailed to students via their caregiver's email. (Please ensure that the school has the correct details if you have made changes)
- **Week 6 (May 29th)** – Students email their testimonial forms back to their dean, **Mr Summerfield**. [bsummerfield@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:bsummerfield@hbhs.school.nz)
- **Week 7** – Testimonial forms will be emailed to staff (students should approach staff if they are nominating them as referees)
- **Term 3, Week 2 (July 27th)** – Testimonials should be completed by staff and returned to **Mr Summerfield**.
- **Week 3** – Testimonials will be edited.

**N.B. If a scholarship has a closing date before August 3rd, students will need to see Mr Summerfield with the scholarship details.**

#### University Course Confirmation and Enrolments

All Universities will send representatives into school during September to assist students with enrolments. Students will be invited to book a time. It should take about 30mins.

#### Halls of Residence Applications

Applications for university accommodation open on August 1st and close on October 1st. Students are advised to apply early as spaces do fill up.

#### Procedure

***This is a two part procedure.***

- Students need to apply online, to each of their chosen Halls of Residence.
- Once the application has been received by the University they will email **Mr Summerfield**. He will then complete a confidential report online which they will use as part of their selection process.

#### Making Subject Choices Yr 10 – 12

**Career Choices are Life Choices  
Take them Seriously...  
Do it Right!**



Early in Term 3, students will be required to make subject choices for 2016. Students are strongly encouraged to do research on the careers **NZ website [www.careers.govt.nz](http://www.careers.govt.nz)** . This has really useful interactive activities and excellent information for all students. There are also some useful links on the HBHS website, go to the homepage click on the Academic tab and then the Careers tab.

***For students intending going to University, this site is very useful.***  
[www.nomajordrama.co.nz](http://www.nomajordrama.co.nz)

***For students looking at further study, including trades.***  
[www.schoolconnect.co.nz](http://www.schoolconnect.co.nz)

***For information regarding all trades [www.gotatrade.co.nz](http://www.gotatrade.co.nz)***

Hamilton Boys' High School Careers is now on Facebook. Like us so that you can keep up to date with events, career information and job opportunities.

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# SPORTS

## SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK RESULTS 2015

Sport	Event	Venue	Results
Wrestling	NZSS Championships	HBHS, Gym 1	6 National Titles: 97kg and 86kg (Senior): <b>Hone Karaka</b> 69kg (Senior): <b>Teo Pouri-Lane</b> 76kg (Junior): <b>Rickson Hill</b> 63kg (Junior): <b>Ryan Marshall</b> 58kg (Junior): <b>Dylan Poihipi</b> 1 Silver Medal: <b>Sebastian Diedricks</b> in the 76kg competition 2 Bronze Medals: <b>Raymond Hill</b> 69kg  <i>Overall Place: Top Overall School</i>
Triathlon	NZSS Championships	Taupo	U19 Teams: 3rd Place: <b>Leon Arcus, Matias Fitzwater, Blair Pennell</b> U16 Teams: 1st Place: <b>Danyon Hardie, Kiaan Watts, Sam Cook</b> U16 Aquathon 1st Place: <b>Bradley Cullen</b> (500m Swim, 2.5km Run)
Ultimate Frisbee	NZSS Championships	Taupo <i>Overall Place: 4th Place</i>	Won 5, Lost 4
Rugby	NZSS U15	Mt Maunganui <i>Overall Place: 5th Place</i>	Won 3, Lost 2, Drew 1. <b>Te Oranga Tai-Rakena</b> (Tournament Team)
Canoe Polo	NZSS Championships	Feilding <i>Overall Place: 6th Place</i>	Won 2, Drew 1, Lost 2
Futsal	NZSS Championships	Wellington <i>Overall Places: 2nd Place 7th Place</i>	Junior Team: Won 4, Lost 1 Senior Team: Won 2, Lost 3 <i>Junior Team Senior Team</i>
Waka Ama	NZSS Championships	Rotorua <i>Overall Place: 9th Place</i>	Under 19: 250m
<b>North Island Secondary Schools' Competition</b>			
Softball	Division 2	Palm. North <i>Overall Place: 4th Place</i>	Won 5, Lost 3
Waterpolo	Division 1	Auckland <i>Overall Place: 15th Place</i>	Drew 2, Lost 5
Athletics		Auckland	Senior 2000m Steeplechase 1st Place: <b>Blair Pennell</b> Intermediate High Jump 2nd Place: <b>Tyler Wood</b> Senior High Jump 2nd Place: <b>Christopher Goodwin</b> Junior Javelin 2nd Place: <b>Jayden Gozdz</b> Junior 4 x 100m Relay 3rd Place: <b>Jake Scurrah</b>
<b>Regional Qualifying Tournaments</b>			
Cricket	NZSS Gillette Cup Northern Districts Region	Hamilton	Won all 4 games. Defeated Whangarei BHS in semi-final by 8 wickets Defeated St Paul's Collegiate in the Final by 10 runs <i>Qualified Nationals, December</i>
Touch	NZSS Zone 3 Qualifying	Rotorua	Won all 5 games. Defeated Whakatane HS 9-0 in semi-final Defeated Rotorua BHS 6-4 in the Final <i>Qualified Nationals, December</i>
<b>Waikato Secondary Schools' Tournaments</b>			
Lawn Bowls	WSS Championships (Pairs)	Hamilton <i>Overall Place: 2nd Place</i>	<b>Alex Middleton, Bryn Hastie</b>





## MAADI CUP 2015

The conditions may have been grim and grey on the final day of competition at the 2015 Maadi Cup out at Lake Karapiro, but nothing was going to dampen HBHS celebrations when the Under 18 Eight beat out a fast-challenging Christ's College crew to win yet another Maadi Cup thriller. The lead changed several times but when the crews finally came into view, HBHS looked to have the race in hand. However, Christ's College were not done with yet and they surged again for a photo finish. Crowds on the banks only knew the HBHS crew had won when they threw their arms in the air as they crossed the line a fraction of a second ahead of Christ's College. The final day certainly belonged to HBHS, with gold medals won by the Under 17 Four, the Under 16 Eight and the Under 15 Four. The Under 18 Novice Coxed Four won silver, as did the Under 15 Octuple, and the Under 17 Four (Crew 2) won bronze. These results, along with medal winning contributions by other crews were enough to secure the Star Trophy for Best School and the Executive Trophy for Best Sweep School. The Peter Irvine Cup was also presented to **Mr Bruce Holden** as the Best Overall Coach of the Year. The full list of Maadi Cup and National Medal-winners follows, and once again, we congratulate our Rowing Squad on another brilliant season on the water.

### 2015 National Secondary Schools Rowing Medal winners:

#### **Under 18 Novice Four: Silver Medal**

Crew: Josh Allen, Jax Price, Flynn Avery, Tori Van Straalen, Tom Karaitiana (cox).

#### **Novice Eight: Gold Medal and the Allan Tong Cup**

Crew: Josh Allen, Jax Price, Tom Farrar, Tori Van Straalen, Flynn Avery, Matthew Lochore, Matthew Cranefield, Ryan Campbell, Tom Karaitiana (cox).

#### **Under 15 Four: Gold Medal and the Eric Craies Cup**

Crew: Flynn Watson, Lachie Turner, Campbell Crouch, Harry Dawson, Louis Vuleta (cox).

#### **Under 15 Octuple: Silver Medal**

Crew: Flynn Watson, Lachie Turner, Campbell Crouch, Harry Dawson, Mark Christopher, Nate Raffan, Ben Haworth, Cameron Mailer, Louis Vuleta (cox).

#### **Under 15 Eight: Gold Medal and the Walmsley Cup**

Crew: Flynn Watson, Lachie Turner, Campbell Crouch, Harry Dawson, Mark Christopher, Nate Raffan, Ben Haworth, Cameron Mailer, Louis Vuleta (cox).

#### **Under 16 Quad: Silver Medal**

Crew: Cameron Gribbon, Quinn Tupaea, Matthew Kemp, Sam Whitburn, Ryan Slight (cox)

#### **Under 16 Eight: Gold Medal and the Electricorp Trophy**

Crew: Cameron Gribbon, James Keeling, Eli Mossop, Quinn Tupaea, Matthew Kemp, Sam Whitburn, Lee Oldfield, Josh Hill, Joel Dowden (cox).

#### **Under 17 Four: Gold Medal and the R J Hampton Memorial Shield**

Crew: Kobi Abrahamson, Lucas Clarke, Ruben Houghton, Matthew Handford, Matt Deller (cox).

#### **Under 17 Eight: Silver Medal**

Crew: Johan Pio, Jack Clough, Ruben Houghton, Lucas Clarke, Kobi Abrahamson, Matthew Handford, Cameron Steedman, Finley Deller, Matt Deller (cox).

#### **Under 18 Four: Silver Medal**

Crew: Marcus Bolli, Jack Curphey, Tom Williams, Henry Fullerton-Smith, Jamie Hepworth (cox).

#### **Under 18 Eight: Gold Medal and the Maadi Cup**

Crew: Marcus Bolli, Lucas Clarke, Ruben Houghton, Tom Bedford, Tom Williams, Jack Curphey, Kobi Abrahamson, Henry Fullerton-Smith, Matt Dellar (cox).







# IN MEMORIAM

## JAMES BENNETT

*In honour of our former Headmaster, Mr James Bennett who passed away on 14 May 2015, we present the eulogy delivered by Headmaster Mrs Susan Hassall at the funeral of Mr Bennett, held at HBHS on Wednesday 20 May:*

It is an honour to be asked to speak on behalf of all of the young men, staff and families of Hamilton Boys' High School, about a wonderful man: **James Bennett**.

And it is an honour, to speak as a friend, as a person who has been blessed, for over thirty-five years, by the support, care and love which I have received from **Jim** and his wife **Ann**.

When we think of **James Bennett**, the teacher, Hostel Manager, 1st XV coach, Deputy Head and Headmaster, we are inordinately grateful for his contribution to our shared world. At the end of last year, at our Senior Prize Giving, we welcomed "**Mr Bennett**" to his 50th Prize Giving Ceremony. He has never missed one, in his 50 year association with the school.

This remarkable feat demonstrates much of what we admire in **Jim** – his care, his willingness to give so much of himself, his genuine desire to make a difference, and his continuing interest in the world of the young men of our school. Every home game of the 1st XV, and many of the away ones, has seen **Jim**, and **Ann**, on the side line, or on the staffroom balcony. And at every significant occasion in the school, we have relied on **Jim's** genuine interest and presence.

**James** arrived at Hamilton Boys' in 1964, as a young man, as a teacher of Social Studies and Geography. Since that day, his life has been intertwined with the life of the school. Fifty one years, as an integral part of every aspect of school life, fifty one years, making us stronger and better as a community, over half a century of giving to our world. His legacy is clear for all to see. It is an extraordinary contribution from a man who would laugh if he heard me call him extraordinary – yet that is what he is.

But when we think of **Jim**, our friend, we recognise that his love of the school and of our shared world is not the only thing which defines him as a man. For me, as for so many of you, our memories of **Jim** will be defined

by his smile, that infectious smile which lit up his eyes. **Jim's** joy for living, and the pleasure he took in caring for the people in his world – these are the things we will always remember.

I have been fortunate to have known Jim for many years, and fortunate, too, to count him as a special friend, as well as a respected colleague. Jim has always 'been there' for me; we have celebrated with shared joy, and grieved with shared sorrow, through many years together, both at school and in our personal lives.

Yesterday, a student sought me out to speak to me about Jim. While visiting his father in hospital last week, this young man had met **Jim**, and had spent an hour with him. When I asked what they spoke about, he said simply that Jim had inspired him, and had given him very wise advice; to follow your dreams without ever fearing failure, that you can be who and what you want to be, if you have the desire and the will to do so.

Advice he once gave to me, and to many of us here today. Jim was always there to show that he cared, and we love him for it. And advice which he followed himself, throughout his very special life.

We have lost so much in his death; but we have all gained so much in sharing Jim's life. We will always remember his generosity of heart and of spirit, and his passion for living life to the full.

**James Bennett** loved the world he shared with us all; he shared his joy, and for that, today, we give thanks.

I thank you, **Jim**, for your care for me and for our school, for your enduring friendship to us all, and for the way in which you delighted in the boys to the end.

You leave a very special family, **Ann, Denise** and **Chris, Shane** and **Karen**, and your lovely grandchildren **Kelly** and **Ryan**. You were so proud of them all. They, now, have so much to feel proud of, of your achievements and of your very real contribution to our world. And of the man you have been.

I thank you, and them, for sharing your lives with us all.

On behalf of the school, and myself, I say goodbye to you, **Jim**. To say goodbye is to offer the blessing of "God be with you". May your passing be eased by the huge amount of love and care we send with you, as we say goodbye.

You are a very special person, and we have loved you very much.







## SUPER 8 TERM 2 RESULTS



With the Super 8 Cricket trophy safely locked away for another year and the winter sports season looming, the first team up to defend their Super 8 Trophy (having won it for the first time ever in 2013) in Term 2 was the Cross Country Team. 2015 is proving to be a very good year for our Cross Country Runners and with the Super 8 event being on home soil, the team had an unprecedented opportunity to become three-in-a-row winners, which they did, despite the bitter cold and driving rain that Hamilton so often puts on for visiting sports teams. In the Year 9 race, **Lochie Montgomerie** finished 2nd which helped the Year 9 3-man team (**Jordan Taylor** and **Kiaan Watts**) to win their event.

The Junior team competed strongly with **Isaiah Priddey** winning the Individual Race, helping **Sam Montgomerie** and **Connor Tristram**, along with Isaiah, to win the Junior Team event. **Bradley Cullen**, **Blair Pennell** and **Leon Arcus** took out the Senior event. The team then crossed the Kaimai Ranges to compete in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Championships, where they finished 2nd in the Junior Teams event, and won the Intermediate and Senior Team competitions. **Lochie Montgomerie** finished 2nd in the Junior Individual Race, **Isaiah Priddey** won the Intermediate Race, and **Bradley Cullen** finished 3rd in the Senior event.

All of this excellent form meant expectations were high at the National Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships, held in arctic conditions in Dunedin, and congratulations must go to **Isaiah Priddey** on winning the National Under 16 title. In other results, **Lochie Montgomerie** finished 6th in the Year 9 race, and the Year 9 team finished 4th overall. In the junior race, the 3-man team finished 2nd and the 6-man team also finished 2nd.

Congratulations must also go to our Badminton team, who are also Super 8 Champions after retaining the title in an absolute clean sweep. The team of **Christopher Steeghs**, **Matthew Graham**, **Jasmanjot Virk**, **Vineet Singh** and **Douglas Shephard** won every one of their matches 6 – 0, and HBHS can now claim to have won that title seven years in a row. The Number 2 team of **Ben Rose**, **James Johnstone**, **Benjamin Perkinson**, **Jackson Bell** and **Devae Wijaya** filled in for an absentee school, and ended up finishing third in the same competition, after going down to Palmerston North Boys' High School 4 – 2.

The Chess Team enjoyed the comforts of the HBHS Library for their title defence, having won the competition last year by half a point. This year, they made very sure of the win,

winning by a five-point margin.

The HBHS Number 2 Chess Team stepped in to fill a gap and acquitted themselves very well, winning two of their games and drawing one. Players of note were **Samuel Eddy** and **Alister Teow**, with **Lachlan Cate** and **Shilong Yang** playing some very good chess, despite having to compete against the best two players from the other schools. The HBHS Number 1 team were completely dominant, winning the competition with a match to spare. All four players won board prizes, and **Daniel Ng** and **Krishan Deo** scored 100% on theirs. The team also consisted of **Christopher Symon** and **Sivaram Manoharan**. Congratulations to these boys on such an emphatic win, and thanks and congratulations to Teacher in Charge of Chess, **Mr Graham Nolan**.

The Super 8 Cultural Festival was contested at Rotorua Boys' High School, and this has not always been a happy hunting ground for our actors, speakers, musicians and artists. Fortunately, luck was on their side this year and they returned with a collection of trophies and titles, with wins in five events and a third place in Junior Oratory courtesy of **Josh Devlin**. The Senior Theatresports team of **Morgan Hopkins**, **Stephen Burroughs**, **Max Mitchell**, **Patrick Lynch** and **James Smith** won, as did our Junior and Senior Debating teams. The Junior Debating team consisted of **Nicholas Goodman**, **Sameer Mandhan** and **Shilong Young** and the Senior Team was the formidable combination of **Matthew Handford**, **Visharn Sathiyakumar** and **Stephen Burroughs**. **Alex Kennedy** rounded out the speaking award winners with a first in Senior Oratory, and the Senior Dramatists consisting of **Daniel Ng**, **Morgan Hopkins**, **Spencer Littlewood**, **Jamie Ensor**, **Rohan Thomas**, **Seattle Tupuhi**, **George Antionazzi**, **Liam McGuire**, **Matthew Stimpson**, **Josh Davies**, **Aidan Clarkin-Rush**, **Alisdair Jay** and **Alex Kennedy** were our other winners.

Congratulations to all of our cultural title winners and thanks and congratulations to our cultural staff members, **Mr James Sutherland**, **Mr Adrian Botting**, **Mr Shannon Brown**, **Mr Kevin Brown** and **Mrs Mala Varma** for their support of our artists.





# UPDATES

## HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE

Now that we are over halfway through the House events, it appears that the possible top three have created a little distance between themselves and the other contenders. Baigent have had a very strong run in recent events, with Argyle the only House to beat them in a minor event since Term 1. As always, Argyle swept all before them in the Tug O' War and have featured prominently in recent events. Wilson's efforts in the major Cross Country competition have kept them in touch with the leaders, and Tait and Steel have traded minor points over the term. Steel has tended to do well in the academically-oriented events, so will be crossing their fingers for more strong performances in Chess and the General Knowledge quiz on the back of their very good result in the Indoor Football competition, which was good enough to shift them off last place. At this stage the House Competition is still there for the taking, so there is still a lot to play for and we wish all of the Houses the best of luck in the remaining events. **Just quietly, and always, go Steel!**

## CURRENT STANDINGS 2015

Event	Argyle	Baigent	Steel	Tait	Taylor	Wilson
Swimming Sports	3	5	1	4	6	2
Haka Competition						
Athletic Sports Track Events	3	4	2	1	6	5
Field Events	3	4	1	6	5	2
Touch	4	6	2	1	3	5
Volleyball	4	6	1	5	2	3
Cross Country	8	6	4	2	10	12
Tug-O-War	6	5	3	1	4	2
Basketball	5	6	3	3	3	1
Indoor Football	1	4	5	2	6	3
General Knowledge						
Chess						
Singing						
Indoor Rowing						
Service	6	3	5	1	2	4
Cricket 6-a-side						
<b>Current Place</b>	3rd	1st	5th	6th	2nd	4th
<b>Total Points</b>	43	49	27	26	47	39



Above: The winning Argyle Tug O' War team.  
Below: James Robertson



## SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT ON JAMES ROBERTSON

In our Advanced Learning Programme contribution this term, we profile one of our academic achievers from 2014, **James Robertson**, who accumulated a most impressive collection of Scholarship examination passes and University Scholarships to study AgriCommerce at Massey University in Palmerston North.

**James** grew up on a dairy farm and is very passionate about farming. He established the Teen Ag/Young Farmers Club here at school and became a very proactive Chairman of the club. James has competed in many competitions winning the Teen Ag National Grand Final in 2013 and the Teen Ag National Stock Judging competition.

**James** is an intelligent young man with a bright future ahead of him. He gained six scholarships at school and a total of about \$60,000 in tertiary study scholarships.

These include:

- Dairy NZ scholarship - \$5,750 per year for 4 years.
- Balance Agrinutrients - \$4000 per year for 3 years.
- FMG - \$4000 per year for 3 years.
- NZ Young Farmers study scholarship \$1,500
- NZQA Scholarship Award - \$2,000 per year for 3 years (6 scholarships achieved)
- Rural Communities Trust Grant - \$500 for textbooks.

In addition, James has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Global Youth Agricultural Summit in Canberra, Australia in August this year.

**James** has some useful advice for students heading towards tertiary study. He recommends that you check early for scholarships, even as early as Year 11 and 12 so that you know what the expectations are and are aware of the application process. This can help you to select appropriate subjects, co-curricular activities, and work

towards service and leadership opportunities that will all help when applying for scholarships. Far too often scholarships sit unclaimed, because no-one applies for them, or students mistakenly think that they are not eligible, so it definitely pays (in every sense of the word) to do your ground work. **James** definitely recommends applying for every scholarship that you can. He is proof that the time it takes is definitely worth the effort.

**Want more information about scholarships?**  
– go to <http://generosity.org.nz/giv-me/>  
Click the login button and a database with thousands of scholarships can be accessed.  
**N.B.** This database can only be accessed on a school based computer.





## MINUIT À PARIS – THE 2015 HBHS BALL

The City of Light came to the Wintec Atrium for a night of dancing and célébration, with the 2015 HBHS Ball held on a very wet and wild Saturday the 20th of June. The Atrium was beautifully outfitted in Parisien touches, with the Eiffel Tower featuring prominently, along with French themed seating areas and café-style refreshment stands. The French thème clearly influenced the looks on the night, with stylish and sophistiquâtes being the most commonly used descripteurs. Judging the Best Dressed was always going to be tough on a night like this, but **Paul Barkle's** perfectly-coordinated and appropriately quirky look was justly awarded the top prize. **Sam Toa** and his partner **Shylor Belbin** were crowned King and Queen to loud cheers, and huge congratulations must go to Captain of Arts **Morgan Hopkins** and his team of incredibly hard-working Cultural Committee Prefects. Check out some of the images from the night, thanks to one2one Photography. Félicitations et bien fait !







# PROFILES

## PASIFIKA

In Week 8 HBHS celebrated Pasifika Week. The daily quote in the diary on the first day was ‘*fafalaga fanau l upu ma tala. Tautala l lau gagana*’ ‘**Feed the children words and stories. Speak your language**’.

We are fortunate to have a number of students signed into our Pasifika Island Language and Culture Year 9 option class, so Pasifika language is being explored at our school in a formalised way. As our roll of students identifying as Pasifika students reaches 100, it is pleasing to also see a growing sense of community for our Pasifika students. Much of this sense of family and community occurs due to the existence of the two Pasifika Tutor Groups, and the efforts of the two Pasifika Tutor Group teachers, **Mr Oli Cowley** and **Ms Sarah Nelson**, and the tireless support of the Dean of Pasifika, **Mr Tavita (David) Stowers**. Every morning 60 Pasifika students meet in the two Tutor Groups for singing, prayer and support. Within the Tutor Groups the students are encouraged to develop a sound work ethic and self discipline. They support each other and help one another to make wise choices while developing a positive sense of belonging, and whilst forging a distinct Pasifika identity. Many students are also involved in the Polynesian Performing Group and the Pasifika Choir. Every year students attend the annual Polynesian Festival in Auckland and perform in our local Pasifika by Nature Competition. Numerous Pacific Island guest speakers are brought in to share their journey and encourage the students to aim high and believe in themselves. We are fortunate at HBHS to have a number of staff with an interest in developing a positive experience for our Pasifika students, and we also enjoy the ongoing support of the Headmaster and the School Executive.

By Ms Phillipa Grace

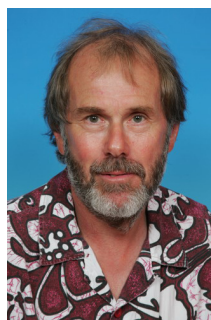
## STAFF NEWS

We say farewell to two of our long-serving staff members this term. From the Mathematics Faculty, we wish **Mr Marius Kotze** well as he resigns to spend time with his family. **Mr Kotze** has been with us for as long as **Mrs Hassall** has been Headmaster here, as he was one of the first teachers she appointed in that capacity. He has been an integral part of the faculty’s success in the Cambridge International Examination Programme and the Scholarship

examinations during his time here, and has worked closely with our Advanced Learning Programme classes and students. His results speak for themselves. In 2013, his Year 13 Statistics class achieved an incredible 15 individual Scholarships, which is a subject record that is likely to stand for quite some time. **Mr Kotze** was also Master in Charge of Badminton, overseeing our school’s run of victories in Super 8 Badminton and other competitions, as well as being involved in tennis.



Mr Marius Kotze



Mr Peter Muggeridge

**Mr Peter Muggeridge** is also departing at the end of this term to enjoy his retirement after 28 years here at HBHS. **Mr Muggeridge** arrived at HBHS as a Guidance Counsellor in 1985 and has continued in that role ever since. He has also coached football, managed cricket teams, co-ordinated the SAFE programme and been involved in Year 10 end-of-year camps. When asked for a highlight of that time, **Mr Muggeridge** says it has always been working with students, staff and the wider community here at HBHS. The job has not been without its challenges, and societal changes and issues have certainly affected what he has had to deal with as a Guidance Counsellor over his time at our school. He is now very much looking forward to some quality family-time, recreational activities and travelling. We wish them both well. **Mr Josh Hay** heads off on 18 months long-term leave, after having taught at HBHS since 2002. He actually began here as a student teacher in 2001 and came back for more, teaching in the Health and Physical Well-Being faculty, serving as a Hostel Master, a year-level Dean, Coach of the 1st XV rugby team and most recently Director of Sport. We wish him every success and look forward to his return. Returning from Europe at the end of Term 2 is **Mr Nathan Vassella**, who has spent the last 6 months touring with HBHS Old Boy and Moto-cross rider **Josiah Natzke**. We welcome him back and look forward to hearing about his travels.

We would like to congratulate **Mr Campbell Wood** and his wife **Tania** on the birth of their son **Freddy (short for Frederick)**.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: BONJOUR ET AU REVOIR TO MARIK BOUKEHIL

In our regular feature on our International students, we catch up with Year 11 student and member of our International Rugby Programme, **Marik Boukehil**, in his last week at HBHS before he returns home. Home is France, in Briarritz in the country’s South West, and school is the College Jean Rostand, a co-ed school with about 800 students, and even though it does not have HBHS’s rugby field, it is only five minutes from the sea! **Marik’s** family are ice-cream makers, who produce all natural products, and **Marik** works with them to help out and gain some work experience. **Marik** came to us in order to improve his English and to take advantage of our rugby programme, which he describes as being one of the best around after having done his research, and like a professional team in terms of training regimes. He readily concedes New Zealand are the world rugby champions, but is quick to point out that France are Under 21 Champions. He will take back many happy memories of HBHS and New Zealand, including the scenery of our “beautiful countryside which is so clean”, and rates his first day at school a highlight, even though the language barrier made it very frustrating. Despite having studied English in France, he says it is very different to being in New Zealand and speaking with New Zealanders. His advice to others considering coming here is to work hard and train hard, and make the most of the opportunities you have been given. Keep speaking English, even if it is difficult. **Marik’s** final words to us are words of gratitude, and he wants to say thank you to all of his coaches, trainers, teachers and everyone else who has helped him in his time here. In finishing, he adds a big thank you to his parents who gave him the chance of his life.



At right: Yr 11 student **Marik Boukehil** returns home to France at the end of Term 2 taking with him many happy memories of New Zealand.





## DRAMATIS PERSONAE

In the final week of Term 1, a strong HBHS contingent competed in the Regional SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival. The school entered a 15 minute adaptation of "Love's Labour's Lost" and two student-directed pieces by **Kristoffer Lavasi'i** and **James Smith** from "King Lear" and "The Tempest" respectively. HBHS came away with fantastic results. **Kristoffer** was awarded the Best Understanding of the Text (5 minute) and the school's 15 minute scene was selected as the Best Overall 15 minute scene, meaning the cast of boys were invited to perform down at the National Festival on the St James Theatre stage in Wellington over Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Still shaking from the success of their Regional win, the group of 13 boys, accompanied by 3 teachers, travelled down to Wellington for a weekend of work-shopping, watching and performing Shakespeare. The atmosphere was electric with over 50 schools from all over New Zealand competing and HBHS was lucky enough to receive two awards. **Matthew Stimpson** was awarded "The Bit-Part Player Who Best Supports the Others" and **Spencer Littlewood** received "Outstanding Delivery of the Text". The others involved in the scene (**Morgan Hopkins**, **Alex Kennedy**, **Jamie Ensor**, **George Antoniazzi**, **Aidan Clarkin-Rush**, **Daniel Ng**, **Liam McGuire**, **Rohan Thomas**, **Alasdair Jay** and **Seattle Tupuhi**) were extremely proud of their peers' achievements and the entire group would like to thank **Mr Brown**, **Miss Warren** and **Mrs Varma** for their continued direction and support.

## FURTHER SUCCESS IN SHAKESPEARE

Also, a part of the Shakespeare Globe Centre New Zealand programmes are the National Shakespeare Schools Production, made up of 48 students selected from the Regional and National Festivals to spend a week rehearsing and work-shopping in groups with fellow actors, culminating in a public performance at the end of the week. From this group of 48, 24 are selected to make up the Young Shakespeare Company, who will travel to the United Kingdom the following year for a three-week course which culminates in a public performance on the stage of the Globe Theatre. Congratulations go to **Alex Kennedy** who was selected for this year's National Shakespeare Schools Production from the

National Festival and for his role as Ferdinand in "Love's Labour's Lost". He will travel to Upper Hutt and Wellington for this year's NSSP in the Term 3 holidays. Thanks to his success at last year's NSSP and Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival, **Morgan Hopkins** will be travelling to the United Kingdom these holidays as a member of the 2015 SGCNZ Young Shakespeare Company. This continued success in the festival over the last few years is a testament to the hard work and passion put in by the students in this field. The school wishes them both success in their respective programmes.

## JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Since the beginning of the term, rehearsals have been underway for the annual HBHS and HGHS joint production, which this year, is "Jesus Christ Superstar". The production chronicles the last week of the life of Jesus of Nazareth and his imminent downfall. With music by **Andrew Lloyd Webber** and lyrics by **Tim Rice**, the show is directed by **Mr Shannon Brown** and performances will be in the School Hall from the 24th of July until the 1st of August. It promises to be a great show so make sure you get along to support the cast and crew!

## THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE (ABRIDGED)

At the end of Term 3, be sure to keep an eye out for the school's production of "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)". Student directed, and starring a three-man cast of **Josh Devlin**, **Morgan**



Above: Alex Kennedy in action on stage.  
Below: The victorious Sheilah Winn team

**Hopkins** and **Patrick Lynch**, the show follows the three attempting to perform all of Shakespeare's plays within the timeframe of 90 minutes. Easily accessible, hilarious and entertaining, the three are all quick thinkers and are involved in improvisation and Theatre Sports so be sure to look out for more information and for the chance to be entertained.

By Captain of Arts **Morgan Hopkins**







# KAPA HAKA

## TAINUI REGIONAL KAPA HAKA COMPETITION

The 2015 Kapa Haka Regional Competition campaign started in February with more than 100 students trialling to be a part of what most would say is our best team so far. The campaign consisted of five weekend wānanga, a week of practice during the holidays, a camp and many different after-school practices which required countless hours of hard work, commitment and dedication. Only 40 students are able to take the competition stage, so selection (or not) was heart breaking for some. For others, it became a very special moment to be proud of. After the selection process took place, every aspect of preparation stepped up a notch.

Before we knew it, we were back stage. All the blood, sweat and tears came down to 25 minutes of haka and waiata on the stage. The wairua of the team was unexplainable... Excited, but calm... Nervous, but settled... Above all, we were focused on achieving our goal – to make everyone proud and to do the best we have ever done.

All of us came off the stage absolutely exhausted. We had completed the most high-powered bracket we have ever done, so there wasn't an ounce of energy left in the team. We achieved the best results we have ever had at a Regional competition by placing second behind former National champions, **Ngā Taiātea Wharekura**. We were also honoured to gain 1st place trophies for the **Mōteatea**, **Waiata-ā-ringa** and **Te Reo** sections.

We must thank **Matua** and **Whaea West** for the countless hours of time and effort they have selflessly put into the group. A special mention too must go to **Te Wai Collins**, **Sean Hamana**, **Matua Tamiaho** and **Faye Peke** for sharing their expertise and experience with us. Thanks to **Whaea Hollie** and **Whaea Barton** for all the amazing work behind the scenes and all the families for their support – without them, this would not have been possible.

Kapa Haka continues to grow in every way here at Hamilton Boys' High School. Who knows what heights we may be able to ascend in 2016 when we travel to Hastings to represent Hamilton Boys' and Girls' High, and Tainui at the National Competition.

By Kereama Anderson







## HONG KONG THROUGH HBHS EYES

During the Easter School Holidays, a group of Geography and Psychology students headed to Hong Kong. This is what they found...

We were all told it would be different, but nothing can really prepare you for the vastly different ways of life that we experienced on the 2015 trip to Hong Kong. The dizzying heights of apartment blocks and offices, the streets crowded to breaking point during the afternoon traffic rush, the phantasmagorical landscape of Hong Kong lit up at night by a thousand corporate logos. All of this was a far cry from the subdued, prosaic streets of Hamilton. The trip was not a holiday, but an eye-opening glance into a lifestyle far different from our own.

### Max Mitchell

After 11 hours of flying, 11 hours of anticipation, 11 hours of excitement, we arrived in Hong Kong with our eyes wide open. Like a wave you are swept up by the rush of the locals trying to get from Point A to Point B, through the maze of the MTR (underground subway). Stepping out into the urban jungle of Kowloon, the putrid smell of the city washes over you, immersing you in the environment while slowly developing an immunity to the horrid stench of polluted air and rotten eggs.

Every day in Hong Kong brought something different to enjoy, from the magnificent, breath-taking views of Victoria Peak, Stanley Bay, Big Buddha or simply walking through the night markets off Nathan Road, seeking out the unique artefacts and knick-knacks from the many identical stands of jade elephants and jade necklaces. The most interesting days for me were the lectures we were given at the University of Hong Kong, where we were told of the history of Hong Kong and of the geographical infrastructures needed and the concerns arising due to the immensely densely-populated city.

These lectures really broadened my knowledge and understanding of Hong Kong as a whole. The one meal that really stood out from the rest in Hong Kong that the group suffered through was at the village at Big Buddha, where vegetarian was the cuisine and sadness was the main course. Served sweet and sour tofu, bamboo broth, and stir-fried tofu and everything Chinese you can imagine with tofu. It was the only meal I have ever had where I was unsure that what I was eating was actually food.

It was the people I was with on the trip who really made the experience, the legendary banter and the knowledge that every day I was going to have fun and crack up laughing with them. It was a chance to get to know people who I hadn't really talked to that much and share an incredible experience. Overall, I had an amazing trip to Hong Kong with experiences I will never forget, embracing a different culture together with new friends, all making resolutions to head off and travel the world.

### Lewis Palmer







## DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD

On the morning of Good Friday, as many students were sleeping in to celebrate the start of the Term 1 holidays, a group of 8 students travelled up to Auckland to complete our training journey for our Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award. Our destination was the Hillary Trail in the Waitakere Ranges, a track that reflects **Sir Edmund Hillary's** sense of adventure as well as providing spectacular views of native bush and the sea.

We arrived mid-morning and met up with two St Peter's students and their dad who were coming with us for the weekend. We began walking and after a short amount of time stopped to regroup. We were told that the next 45 minutes would involve a 100 metre climb – a daunting prospect for most of us – however, at the top we were rewarded with amazing views and great pictures of the bush and the sea in the distance. After the climb, we stopped for lunch and then began the descent to the campsite – part of which included shuffling across what was essentially a cliff face holding on to chains whilst trying to balance ourselves and the weight of our packs. We all made it across safely albeit slowly and walked the last hour or so until we got to the campsite and set up camp for the night before jumping into the stream for a quick swim to cool off.

The second day of tramping was a lot less steep than the other days – we started with a brief training session regarding navigation and river crossings before embarking on another day of activity. We began with a small river crossing and then walked over some sand dunes and shortly emerged on the beach, alone for as far as we could see save for one or two groups of people doing the Hillary Trail themselves.

The entire second day was spent on the beach, which was an awesome day given the great weather. After a few hours of walking along the beach and the occasional snack break we realised that we weren't too sure where exactly the campsite was in relation to where we were on the beach. However, thanks to our expert navigators we figured it out and once more set off in what we hoped was the right direction and eventually found more people. Thankfully the campsite was only a few more minutes away, as by now walking on hot sand for a long time had

taken its toll on some people and we were all ready to stop and relax.

At the campsite we once more put our tents up and then returned to the beach for a much-needed swim, which then evolved into throwing a ball around on the sand. We returned to the campsite for dinner and found out that there would be a lunar eclipse that night. After dinner some people went to look for the caves that were said to be nearby, yet returned unsuccessful and while most headed off to bed some tried to stay up to see the eclipse. This was not to be, as after two tough days everyone fell asleep before we could see it.

We awoke on the third day to children running around the campsite looking for Easter eggs, but unfortunately none of us got any (until we got home, that is). Again we packed up our gear and left the campsite to get back to the van. The final day started off quite easily and included a few river crossings, and after a while we noticed the track started to go up. By the third day of tramping, we were all tired and not in the mood for more climbing, but there was no going back and we kept pushing onwards until we reached what we thought was the top, only getting lost once along the way.

We stopped for lunch after climbing just over 350 metres over the course of the morning, but the effort was worth it for what we saw at the top – the view was stunning and stretched as far as the eye could see, resulting in some more fantastic pictures.

After lunch we started the 'descent', although not after we'd climbed some more, and eventually arrived back at the carpark where we collapsed and **Jordyn** finished the last of his three kilograms of scroggin.

We all really enjoyed the weekend. It was certainly a challenge but we all had a really good time and to quote **Rawiri**, it was "sweet as".

We would like to give a huge thanks to **David Bastion** for giving up his Easter weekend to help us complete our award, and to **Mrs Bastion** for helping us organise the trip and remind us of everything that we'd forgotten to do when planning for it.

By Hamish Weren

