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For our Term 3 High Achiever we are out and about, celebrating our successes on our various stages, be they dramatic, academic or sporting. We look at some of the accomplishments of our Year 13 students as they ventured around the world and profile our recent production with HGHS of "Jesus Christ Superstar". Thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition and to all of our HBHS family and friends who help to keep us up-to-date and supplied with photos and success stories.

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From the top: Mrs Lynnette Ross and the Teen Ag boys at Otihiti Station. See page 14 for more. Captain of Arts Morgan Hopkins treads the boards at the Globe Theatre in London. See page 8 for more. Kieran Wells and Jonny Brough patrol the turf at the Rankin Cup in Auckland. See pages 4 and 5 for our Tournament Week report. The HBHS Community Pool is now open for business. See page 11 for the Opening Ceremony.

# OLD BOYS

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

When the production, 'Rossum's Universal Robots' opened in Hamilton this August, it was believed to be the third occasion the play was ever performed in New Zealand. Written by the Czech writer, **Karel Čapek**, it introduced the term 'robot' for the first time, proving ground breaking within the science fiction genre in the 1920s. The local production actually turned out to be the fourth in New Zealand, because HBHS performed 'R.U.R.' in 1958 under the direction of drama teacher, **Mr Hugh Morton**. **Hugh's** daughter, **Dale Letherbridge** contacted our archives department and photographic evidence was found, proving **Hugh Morton's** extraordinary skill and foresight.

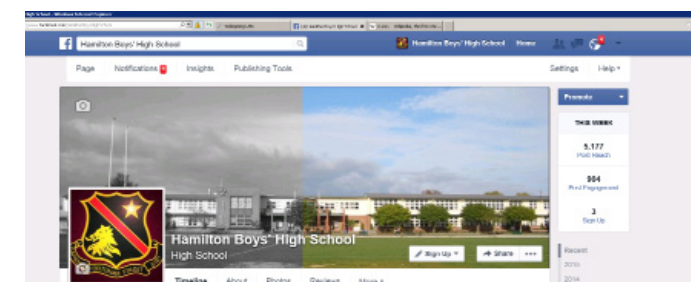


It inspired us to search out other production photographs hidden in boxes on the shelves of the department, scanning and cataloguing them for everyone's enjoyment. It's proving a long process as many of the pictures are without names and have to be laboriously identified using the year books, but it's fantastic to see our school's rich history.



### OLD BOYS

It's fantastic to see how many of our Old Boys are using the 'Sign up' button on our school Facebook page to link in with us via the Old Boys' database. We're making lots of good connections and have provided more new usernames and passwords in the last term than previously. These contacts have also led to requests for photographs and some neat conversations with former pupils. Don't forget that there are plenty of photos for viewing on our HBHS Facebook pages, including shots from the recent Argyle Reunion.



### FIRST EVER FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT SETS THE TONE.

I have often wondered why the golf pro tells a player to keep his head down. The Inaugural HBHS Foundation Golf tournament gave me the answer...it's so you can't see him laughing!

Many laughs were had when a field of over 90 Old Boys and supporters pulled on their polo's, dusted off their clubs, hauled out some classic stories of days past and joined us for what was a fabulous event at St Andrews Golf Course. The first ever Foundation Golf Tournament went off very well, hampered only by the less than welcoming weather. All players were very well fed and watered on course compliments of Kerr & Ladbroke and Moa Breweries. \$6000 was raised and there is clear potential for better in 2016.

A group of HBHS top golf students won the opportunity to play for the HBHS Foundation Cup and along with teacher **Brendon Cooley** their day on the course was sponsored by the Gallagher Group. The first ever recipient of the trophy was Year 11 student **James Fellows-Ford**.

An event like this doesn't happen without the support of sponsors, The HBHS Foundation thanks the following companies for their generous contribution to the success of the day...



### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2016 EVENT – TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2016

### 1970'S AND 1980'S REUNION

While the long hair and flares were absent it was wonderful to see the 70's and 80's Old Boys slip comfortably back into the school environment during the reunion held here on Saturday 1st August 2015. Together with the Argyle House Old Boys, previous staff members and the Rugby First XV's of 55, 65 and 75 those gathered reminisced from 10am till the wee small hours.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

Connect – A HBHS Foundation get together for all Old Boys is being held on Wed 21 Oct 2015, 5.30-7.30pm at Speight's Ale House, Anglesea St Hamilton. It's not about reunions, it's not about suits and ties, it's not hard...just turn up if you can.

The HBHS Foundation hopes to encourage Old Boys to have a regular get together and this is where we start.

Join us on linkedin – search for Hamilton Boys' High School Foundation Old Boys. Providing generous support to the HBHS Foundation.

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.

# HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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## School Newsletter

### *Message from the Headmaster*



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your continuing support throughout what has been a very busy and positive Term Three.

As we look back over the past ten weeks, we can feel very proud of the young men of Hamilton Boys' High School, and proud, too, of the wider school community.

This term we shared the 60 years celebration since the school began on our present site. The occasion provided the opportunity for us to celebrate the memories and stories of many old boys, who spoke both of the establishment and development of our world, as well as of the many lasting friendships begun, the lessons learned and the character formed during the years as a student here. I offer our thanks to the organising committee of the reunion and to all who attended, making it such a memorable occasion.

On the same day, we celebrated the 50 years anniversary of the beginning of the school boarding house, "Argyle". Past masters and students spent a wonderful day reminiscing, and catching up on the years since they lived as boarders on the school site. Again, we must be grateful to the organisers of such a special day.

Listening to the "tales of days gone by", reminds us of our role in the lives of the students of 2015, as they, too, create the memories which in 30, 40 and 50 years will be shared with the next generations. For a school is always so much more than the buildings and the classrooms. It is about the people, the relationships, the sense of belonging and of pride, and of the love and joy which we share in our world.

It has indeed been a very busy and positive term, and we must come to the end of it absolutely satisfied that we have continued to strengthen and develop the legacy of those before us, as we continue to cherish the family and the heritage of Hamilton Boys' High School.

Susan Hassall  
**HEADMASTER**

### Term 3 Events

**School Starts**  
**CIE Exams Begin**  
*Monday 12 October*

**Maori & Pacific Island Awards**  
**6pm**  
*Tuesday 20 October*

**Music & Arts Awards 6pm**  
**Mufti Day**  
**Waikato Air Ambulance**  
*Thursday 22 October*

**Labour Day**  
*Monday 26 October*

**Sports Awards 6pm**  
*Wednesday 28 October*

**Yr 13 Leavers Dinner**  
*Thursday 29 October*

**Argyle Leavers Dinner**  
*Friday 30 October*

**Senior Prizegiving**  
*Tuesday 3 November*

**Yr 9 & 10 Exams**  
*4 November - 9 November*

**NCEA Begins**  
*Monday 9 November*

**Service Work Day**  
*Monday 16 November*

**Grandparents Morning**  
*Tuesday 24 November*

**Charity Day**  
*Thursday 26 November*

**Junior Production**  
*Thursday 3 December*

**Yr 10 Camps**  
*7 - 10 December*

**Yr 9/10 Prizegiving**  
*Friday 11 December*  
**End of Term 4**



## SPORTS SPECIAL: THE WILLIAM MacERLICH MEMORIAL MATCH

2015 marked the 10th annual William MacErlich memorial rugby match held at HBHS. Traditionally the match saw the HBHS 3rd XV and an Argyle Hostel XV play off for the trophy as William had played in the 3rd XV and boarded in the school hostel away from his family home in Thames.

To mark the 10th anniversary of William's death, the game was held between the Argyle Hostel XV, coached by **Mr Tim Aughton** (who was the Director of Boarding during William's time in the hostel) and **Mr Andrew Hay**, and a new Day Boys XV, coached by **Mr John Steel** and **Mr Jeremy Quigley**. The game was played on the Number 1 Field during lunchtime on Tuesday the 8th of September in front of a large crowd. The final score was a crushing 43-14 win to the Argyle Hostel XV, although there were some outstanding plays from both teams.

By **Cameron Sinclair**

## WINTER SPORTS SEASON ROUNDUP

Year 12 Media Studies student **Jackson Edgecombe** summarises the Winter sports season of 2015 and revisits some of the Term 3 highlights.

As we approach the end of another academic term in the 2015 school year at HBHS, this signals the conclusion of the year's winter sports season. With sport being such a vital aspect of the HBHS culture and reputation, the long list of codes found in the back pocket of **Mr Murray McKenzie's** (Director of Sport) tracksuit exceeded expectations once again. HBHS dominated boys' school sport once more, adding to our legacy as one of the country's top sporting schools.

The mix of winter codes includes the more well-known ones; football, basketball, hockey and rugby. However, as **Mr McKenzie's** list continues to grow year after year, the number of HBHS's top sports teams at the peak of their game continues to grow accordingly. Some of the emerging codes at HBHS include badminton, chess and cycling.

To start with, HBHS Rugby began, as always, in dominant form. With the better part of 350 boys registered in the code, the depth of talent found within HBHS's rugby was

evident in a confident start to the 2015 rugby season, which began at the end of April. As the season progressed, HBHS teams began to find their rhythm as shown by the increasing amount of W's collected on the scorecards on Saturdays. The elite rugby teams, consisting of the Colts, 2nd XV Black, 2nd XV Red and the 1st XV faced tough opposition in their respective competitions. Despite both the Colts and the 2nd XV Black contending in the Waikato Secondary Schools 1st XV competition, the teams held their own and finished with a respectable 5th (Colts) and 3rd (2nd XV Black). However the 2nd XV Red team, coached by the one and only **Mr Andrew Hay**, displayed true HBHS class and was able to defend their four-year unbeaten streak (exceeding 40 games) in the Super 8 2nd XV competition before going on to successfully defend their Chiefs trophy title. The 1st XV, coached by the influential combo of **Mr Nigel Hotham** and **Mr Greg Kirkham**, collected yet another Super 8 Championship, but were extremely unfortunate to be knocked out of the final qualifying stages for the country's Top 4 by a very experienced Rotorua Boys' High team which they had previously beaten twice during the season.

Another one of HBHS traditionally strong Winter codes is hockey. With high numbers of boys also participating in the code, the elite teams had a large talent pool, which included a number of Waikato and New Zealand representative players. The season began well with regular wins for the 1st XI, confidently climbing to the finals of their competition. Teams stepped into the season-ending finals matches at the beginning of Term 3, with two out of the 5 teams in contention producing championship wins. The 1st XI overcame a tough St Paul's Collegiate side in a tremendous effort, resulting in 2 - 1 win for the prestigious Midlands Trophy, heading into the National Rankin cup at Tournament week with flying red and black colours. Development Hockey also had an exceptional win in the B Division, thrashing St John's College 1st XI 4 - 0 in the final. Social Red Hockey also managed to produce a solid second place in the C Division, contributing to another solid season for HBHS hockey.

Under the watchful eye of Waikato Pistons and HBHS Premier coaches **Mr Douglas Courtney** and **Mr Alby Ellis**, HBHS Basketball is rapidly growing each year, and continues to improve at all levels, with a flourishing internal social league keeping the top teams on their toes, the top HBHS Basketball teams

also achieved sound results throughout the duration of the season, with some impressive skills and natural aptitude displayed by our top junior side, in taking out the Waikato Secondary Schools title.

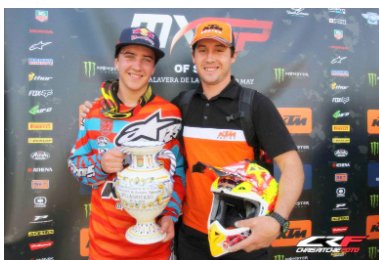
Football is the biggest of all winter codes at HBHS, with the list of teams reaching 36 this year. The 1st XI kicked off the season in fine style, with a defence of the Referees Cup title. They then went on to gain a respectable 3rd place in the Super 8 competition, before being awarded 9th in the New Zealand Secondary Schools National tournament. With no shortage of extra talent, the elite teams constantly strove to better their results and improve their performances as the season progressed. Credit must be given to **Mr Aaron Scott** and **Mr Paul Nixon** for yet another successful football season, a motivating example for younger rising HBHS talent in the years to come. The Cycling team rode their way into the record books this season, with some outstanding individual form shown throughout the racing period. The training these athletes put in goes by unnoticed to those unfamiliar with the commitment a sport such as cycling takes, so as a school we are extremely proud to have these boys represent our school. In the most recent race at the New Zealand Secondary Schools individual Nationals held 3 weeks ago, the team put in a great effort. Some notable individual results however came from the pedals of **Kiaan Watts**, who gained 1st overall (also breaking 2 National records), **Burnie McGrath** taking out second and **Jack Montgomerie**. Chess is a code that generally flies under the radar when it comes to exposure within the HBHS community. However this season, our Chess team pulled off some stellar results, gaining a well-deserved 1st place in the Waikato Secondary Schools Chess competition, followed up by a back-to-back Super 8 Championship title. Badminton is another expanding winter sport at HBHS that also produced a satisfying Waikato Secondary Schools and Super 8 title this season. On the whole, HBHS was clearly once again a dominant school in the Winter sports season, with a lengthy list of Championship titles and awards filed over the last two terms in a variety of different codes. With the superb coaching and management that goes into making our teams so competitive, it is easy to see why our school is so well-recognised as one of New Zealand's most successful New Zealand's sporting schools.

## STAFF NEWS

It has been a busy term for our HBHS staff members, and it has been one of celebration and mourning as well. There has been a bit of a baby boom with **Mrs Sarah Nelson** welcoming daughter **Zoe** and **Mrs Anna Burgess** also had a daughter **Elise Rose**. Doing their bit to ensure future roll growth for HBHS were **Mrs Mala Varma** who welcomed son **Visharn Harry**, and **Mr Dan Bair** and **Mr Dion West** who also added sons to their respective families. We congratulated **Ms Charlotte Warren** on her marriage to **Matt**, and wished our long-serving Guidance Counsellor **Mr Peter Mugeridge** a very happy (and well-earned!) retirement after 30 years at HBHS. Sadly, the staff and school mourned the loss of one of our Mathematics teachers **Mr Marius Kotze** who died in July after a long battle with cancer, and soon after we lost former staff member **Mr Graham de Groen** who passed away peacefully in Waikato Hospital after a short illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

We wanted to share what our HBHS staff have been up to, so we sent our intrepid Year 13 Media reporters **Cole McOnie** and **Cameron Sinclair** to find out a bit more about our latest additions and to see what some have been doing away from our classrooms.

### MR VASSELLA



Earlier in 2015, HBHS Engineering and Graphics teacher and Head of Motocross **Mr Nathan Vassella** was presented with an opportunity of a lifetime when former HBHS student, **Josiah Natzke**, was inducted into the famed RedBull/KTM motocross team and the pair were provided with the opportunity to live in Europe while chasing the 2015 EuroMX Championship. The team is run by Motocross legends **Stefan Everts** and **Harry Everts**, who between them have 14 FIM World Championships. **Mr Vassella** said that they were so thankful to have the support of Factory KTM RedBull at the races, as they took care of them and made sure they were as ready as ever come

gate drop. As a qualified motorcycle mechanic, **Mr Vassella's** role was to prepare the bikes for both racing and training. Jumping at this unique opportunity, **Mr Vassella** and his wife set off to Europe with **Josiah** to travel, live and do all they could to help **Josiah** excel in his sport.

Travelling around Europe for racing in countries such as Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, England, France and Belgium. **Mr Vassella** says, "The tracks and the intensity of racing are very different to what we have in New Zealand so **Josiah** only had a short amount of time to adapt to both the conditions and the racing styles." **Josiah** finished in 2nd place in the 125cc European MX Championships which was an outstanding accomplishment for someone in only their first season of racing abroad. **Mr Vassella** pointed out that many riders **Josiah** raced against were in their second or third season in that class and felt they were lucky if they made the top 10!

**Mr Vassella** says that **Josiah** rode strongly all season and he believes he can win his class next year.

As for tiki-touring in the European culture and sightseeing all of the landmarks, **Mr Vassella** says it was a fairly strict schedule "We were there to do a job". He says he only had two days off on the whole trip, a fairly good effort whilst being in some of the most beautiful countries in the world. **Mr Vassella** says his favourite moment of the trip was the European MX round in France, when **Josiah** was able to take first place in both 'motos' and was the overall winner, being the only rider to accomplish this in the 125cc class, by no means a small feat. **Mr Vassella** would like to thank the **Natzke family** for providing him with this great opportunity, his wife for joining him by his side during the trip, and HBHS for letting him take on this new experience and for keeping a job for him to return to.

By Cole McOnie

### INTRODUCING MR HUNTER



You may have noticed a new staff member out and about this term conversing with staff and students. You may also have noticed the new presence of a classic Holden Kingswood in the staff carpark. The two are connected, and we would like to welcome our New Deputy Headmaster, **Mr Nigel Hunter**.

**Mr Hunter** began his teaching career at New Plymouth Boys' High School where he taught for 4 years before heading to the United Kingdom with his wife. Whilst in the UK, **Mr Hunter** landed the position of Head of Mathematics at a prestigious English school which kept him abroad for another 4 years. He then returned to NPBHS, where he stayed for a further 12 years as both the Head of Mathematics and Boarding House master. He says his time at NPBHS helped him to have a broad understanding of both high school students and staff; how they learn, how they teach and what methods can be best utilised to ensure students are learning all they can from their teachers.

**Mr Hunter** moved from New Plymouth along with his family to Cambridge, where they purchased Olympic Silver Medallist **Sarah Walker's** house. Working as a Deputy Headmaster he oversees the area of Teaching and Learning, which is a very important, and very broad, area of responsibility at this school. In this role he ensures that students are learning and teachers are teaching to the highest standards and he provides support to enable this to continue.

Now that **Mr Hunter** has begun his work as Deputy Headmaster, his next steps involve learning more about this school and finding out what HBHS is 'all about.' Once he knows this, he can work towards making HBHS as good a school as it can be. He says his goal is "to do what I can to meet the needs of the school, and the students. I don't quite know what the specifics of that are until I have done a little bit more listening and talking." He has a particular interest in the use of Information Technology in the classroom, and believes that "it is a tool that great teachers can potentially use to enhance classroom learning."

So, if you see **Mr Hunter** around the school, or dealing with the Hamilton traffic, make sure to wave, say hi and welcome him to our school.

By Cole McOnie



## WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK AS IT HAPPENED



Above: Their faces tell a story as the U15A Hockey team beat the HBHS 2nd XI in a local Derby at the Galletly Cup. Below: Indoor bowlers Alex Middleton & Bryn Hastie win their Waikato Competition

**Day 1:** First results in and they are mostly good. The Hockey 1st XI begin with a win over Napier Boys' High School 3 – 1 and followed this with an extraordinary 16 – 1 win over Waimea College from Nelson. The Development Hockey side comprehensively put away the Tauranga Boys' College 2nd XI 7 – 0 and beat Timaru Boys' High School 2 – 0, but the 2nd XI Hockey side went down to Westlake 1 – 2. In Dunedin the Under 15A Rugby side drew with New Plymouth Boys' High School 7 – 7 and beat Wesley College 3 – 0, with the low scores reflecting the difficult conditions. The Junior Basketball team playing in regionals at Rotorua beat Kokiri 117 – 30, Mount Albert Grammar School 100 – 40, Orewa College 98 – 40 and Westlake Boys' High School 71 – 68. They went on to face Fraser High School in the quarter-finals and won 96 – 42 but lost their semi-final to Rosmini College 69 – 83. Our Badminton side drew 3 – 3 with Avondale College up in Auckland but won on countback and went on to beat Palmerston North Boys' High School 5 – 1. The Football 1st XI drew with Wellington College 1 – 1 playing in the National Tournament in Nelson but lost to Mount Albert Grammar School 2 – 4.

Finally, at home, our Under 16 Rugby team playing in the Quadrangular Competition beat Sacred Heart College Auckland 11 – 3 and our Number 1 and 2 Golf teams playing in the 'Lunden Links' finished 4th and 3rd.

**Day 2:** The first day of Spring arrived, bringing heavy rain and high winds as it so often does in New Zealand! Our hockey teams continued on their winning ways with the 1st XI beating Otago Boys' High School 6 – 1 to book a place in the knockout rounds against New Plymouth Boys' High School and the 2nd XI recovered from yesterday's loss to tournament favourites Westlake Boys' High School to beat Whangarei Boys' High School 3 – 0. Another loss for the Under 15A side, this time to St Patrick's (Town) Wellington 3 – 5 meant that they were now playing off for 9th – 16th place. Our Junior Basketballers came back from their semi-final disappointment to finish 3rd with a 67 – 30 thumping of Westlake Boys' High School and the Badminton team had more close results with a 4 – 2 win over Macleans College and a countback win against Westlake Boys' High School with scores tied at 3 – 3. A big 6 – 1 win for our Football 1st XI over Napier Boys' High School put them into the playoffs for 9th – 16th and the Under 16 Rugby team won through to the finals of the Quadrangular Tournament to face the rivals-down-the-road, St Paul's Collegiate on Wednesday morning. The HBHS Golf teams switched positions after Day 2 of play, with the HBHS 1 team now in 3rd and the HBHS 2 team sitting in 4th place. Our Table Tennis team will return home from Palmerston North after finishing in 5th place overall, after having to face the traditionally strong Auckland school sides. They lost to

Macleans College and Auckland Grammar 1 but, impressively, beat Westlake Boys' High School and Palmerston North Boys' High School to face the Auckland Grammar Number 2 side in the playoff for 5th and 6th. The win means the team will finish with the same rank as last year. Day 3 brings the prospect of thunderstorms, playoffs and titles, so we wait with baited breath!

**Day 3:** The thunder largely stayed away, but the action started to heat up on the various fields. Our 1st XI Hockey team beat New Plymouth Boys' High School 2 – 0 and will face a very strong Kings College team in the quarter finals on Thursday. The inevitable collision between the two HBHS teams at the Galletly Cup is confirmed, as the 2nd XI thump St Bede's 6 – 0 and the Under 15A team account for the Palmerston North Boys' High School 2nd XI 2 – 0 and Wellington College 2 – 1 to meet in a hugely anticipated semi-final. The Under15A Rugby team rally and beat Tauranga Boys' College 16 – 3 and now meet Palmerston North Boys' High School in the play-off for 9th – 12th. Day 3 brings us our first title, with the Under 16 Rugby Quadrangular Tournament won by HBHS in a very tight 8 – 6 match against St Paul's College and we have a National Champion in Year 10 student **JonJon Zhao** who is the New Zealand Under 15 Table Tennis Champion. Our Badminton team are through to the National finals to face Auckland Grammar tomorrow after winning easily against Westlake Number 2 and Rangitoto College and the Football 1st XI dig deep and win in penalties against St Peter's Cambridge to play off for 9th – 12th against Hutt International School. The Senior Basketball side begin their regional qualifying campaign with an 83 – 69 win over Macleans College and a 97 – 105 loss to Te Awamutu College and the two HBHS Golf teams competing in the 'Lunden Links' Competition cannot be separated, and finish in 4th equal. We are picking that the game to watch on Thursday will be the all HBHS Galletly Cup match, with a finals berth, pride and bragging rights all on the line. Go HBHS!



**Day 4:** We knew it was going to be the match of the round, and it lived up to our expectations, with the Under 15A Hockey side beating the 2nd XI in the Galletly Cup semi-final in golden goal time. They will now meet a favoured Westlake Boys' High School 2nd XI in the final and the 2nd XI will face their Palmerston North Boys' High School counterparts in the bronze medal match. Kings College proved too strong for our 1st XI Hockey side, winning 2 – 0 and putting our defending champions into the play-offs for 5th and 8th. The Under 15A Rugby side win a tight match against Palmerston North Boys' High school 19 – 17 and now will play off for 9th and 10th against Hastings Boys' High School. Our Badminton team are National silver medallists as the more fancied Auckland Grammar team defeated them 4 – 2 and **Christopher Steeghs** will represent New Zealand in the Under 19 Badminton team next month in Peru. Our Football 1st XI continue on their winning streak, beating Hutt International School 2 – 0 to meet New Plymouth Boys' High School in the play-off for 9th and 10th and the Senior Basketball team win against Te Puke High School 96 – 43 and Tauranga Boys' College 93 – 69. They now need one more win to make the Nationals. Finally, our Indoor Bowls Pair of **Alex Middleton** and **Bryn Hastie** pick up a gold medal in the Waikato Secondary Schools Tournament. All eyes are now on Blenheim, with the Under 15A Hockey side going for Galletly Cup gold.

**Day 5:** So close, and yet so far... our gallant Under 15A Galletly Cup team is defeated by Westlake 2 – 1, but the team will return with bragging rights intact even though the 2nd XI Hockey team won their play-off over Palmerston North Boys' High School 3 – 2. The 1st XI Hockey side won their play-off against Wellington College 7 – 3 but lost the play-off for 5th and 6th to Palmerston North Boys' High School 2 – 1 to finish 6th. Our Football 1st XI beat New Plymouth Boys' High School 1 – 0 to finish 9th in New Zealand, but our Senior Basketball team couldn't get the win they needed to qualify for Nationals, going down 100 – 87 to St John's College and 91 – 67 to Rotorua Boys' High School. They finished on a winning note however, beating Hauraki Plains College 73 – 61 in the play-off for 7th and 8th. So the team events are done and we head up SH1 to Auckland for our final event, the NZSS Cycling Championships.

**Day 6:** Congratulations to National Champions **Kiaan Watts** and **Burnie McGrath**, who won gold in their respective events, the Under 15 Time Trial Hill Climb and the Under 16 Time Trial. Congratulations also to **Jack Montgomerie** who finished 4th in the Senior Time Trial, and **Lachlan Robertson** who also finished 4th in the Under 15 Time Trial. We end our Tournament Week 2015 on a winning note, and thank and congratulate all of our athletes, coaches and supporters for representing HBHS in such fine fashion.

## THE UNDER 14A RUGBY REPORT

The HBHS Under 14A rugby team headed to the Ian Colquhoun Under 14 Invitational Tournament in Palmerston North full of confidence after winning the Waikato final over St Johns 25-10 to claim the Andrew Strawbridge Cup. The Ian Colquhoun Tournament is contested annually by seven of the Super 8 Schools and Wellington College. Our first game was against New Plymouth, and after playing with a strong breeze behind us we held a 10-0 halftime lead.

However, our defence was unable to hold them out conceding two second half tries, with the latter being scored on fulltime to give them a 12-10 win. Our second game later on the same day had us against hosts Palmerston North. With the disappointment of our morning effort, and some rather stern words from the coaches, the team put on an incredible display of running rugby to win 70-5. It was difficult to single out individuals from this effort, but the inside back combination of **Carlos Karaitiana**, **Ishmael Leilua**, **Lanakila Opetaiia-Tiatia** and **Kevin Inoke** were just too big and too strong. In our final pool game we played Gisborne. In another great all-round team effort we dispatched them with a 30-0 victory. The platform was laid by a solid display up front with **Hakaraia Richards-Coxhead**, **Ryan Marshall** and **Jacob Wincombe** leading the way. This left us second in our pool and so without any crossover we would play Rotorua for 3rd and 4th in our final match. This game ended up being our most physical encounter of the tournament. They had some big ball runners and skilful fast backs, but we were able to call on a mammoth tackling display by **Danyon Brunton**, **Jake Scurrah**, **Mattheus Pio** and **Jarek Hikairo-Seller**, who refused to back down or give-up.



Above: Kiaan Watts. Below: U14A Rugby team

With a single try to **Justin Reti** and then a conversion and penalty to **Kevin Inoke**, we hung on to secure a 10-5 win.

We wish to acknowledge the support of the following businesses' and people who sponsored the individual team members to get to this tournament: **Fineline Barbers Ltd**, **Waikato Occupational Health Consultancy Ltd**, **Skyline Harvesting Ltd**, **Nga Miro Health**, **Dr Philip Green – Orthodontist**, **Auto Super Shoppe Morrinsville**, **Carpet Court Hamilton**, **Charlies Bakery & Café on Peachgrove Rd**, **Fruit World Hamilton 5 Cross Roads**, **Koro Kev**, **Parkview Investment Properties Ltd**, **Hamilton Wholesale Meats**, **SGT Auto**, **Le French Quarter**, **David Bennett MP Hamilton East**, **CBB Builders Ltd**, **Number Twelve Te Kuiti**, **Wetworx - Penguin Pools**, **Safari Biltong**, **Payless Supplements**, **Quaife Logging Ltd – Tokoroa**, **Waikato Times**, **Te Ora Hou**, **Carpet Court Hamilton**, **7 Up Kitchen Huntly**, **Long Bay Motor Camp Coromandel**.



## JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

The dramatic, musical and artistic team of **Mr Shannon Brown**, **Mr Adrian Botting** and **Mr James Sutherland** put their collective heads together to think about putting on a show for 2015 while on a bus to Napier for the Super 8 Cultural Festival last year. They went for **Andrew Lloyd-Webber** and **Tim Rice's** Jesus Christ Superstar which has wowed audiences since its first appearance on Broadway in 1971. **Mr Botting** has been keen to do a large-scale rock opera or musical for some time and 2015 seemed like a good year with a strong musician pool on tap in the Music Department and **Mr Brown** felt there was genuine excitement between the Drama, Music and Visual Arts departments upon selecting this production. There was a strong musical passion and energy which could not be ignored, so the selection process was unanimous.

Not for at least 15 years had such a sumptuous HBHS/HGHS production been staged in the HBHS hall and many departments and staff members from HBHS lent their considerable talents to all aspects of the production to ensure the boys and girls would shine on stage. Special mention must go to the Director **Mr Brown** (in his first directing role), **Mr Botting** (Musical Director and leader of the 24 piece orchestra) and **Mr Sutherland**, (Art Director).

Two casts of main leads were chosen to share the demanding roles and 26 musical numbers that this production required. **Liam Watson** and **Luke Brooker** shared the eponymous role of Jesus, **Samisoni Baledrokadroka** and **Liam Crowley** shone as Jesus' conscience, **Judas Iscariot** (middle photo). **Nicci Rich** and **Sam Kahuroa** shared the role of Caiaphas, High Priest and **Reid Benseman** and **Daniel Ng** (bottom photo) shared the role of Pontius Pilate, the infamous Roman governor who sentenced Jesus to death. Special mention must go to the light relief provided by **Morgan Hopkins** as King Herod and the poor audience members he picked on each night. **Fynn Bodley-Davies** as Peter, **James Smith** as Thomas, **Robert Brodnax** as Annas and **Spencer Littlewood** as Simon Zealotes rounded out the main cast and 31 boys and girls from HBHS and HGHS provided a strong and stable chorus to bring Jesus' story back to life.



With six evening performances and one matinee, the word spread and culminated in packed houses and rave reviews. An orchestra with an immense sound, filmed sequences, screens with cameras to focus on those on stage and emotional performances all served to transform the HBHS hall into a modern retelling of Jesus' last days. As **Mr Botting** stated in his show programme notes, "A production on this scale is truly the result of many people believing and working towards a common goal." I am certain that all those involved with this production would like to thank those who gave their support and came to experience the magic, the music and the drama that is "Jesus Christ Superstar". The final word must rest with **Mr Brown**, who has set the bar high for his first directing role at HBHS, "It has been an intrepid yet extremely enjoyable journey



working with such an enthusiastic group of students, along with the talented, patient and resilient staff who have worked remarkably well together on this production."  
**Mr Aaron Kearney**



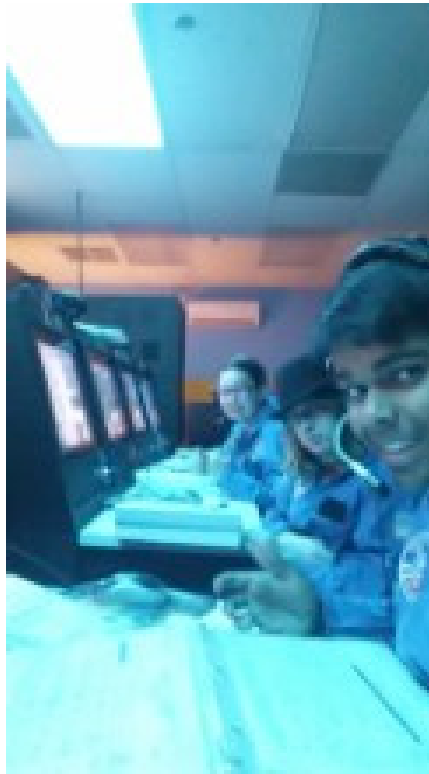
## SPECIAL FEATURE

This term four of our student leaders and academic stars have been venturing out into the world and achieving on a wide range of stages. We proudly present their excellent adventures overseas and thank them for contributing to our newsletter.

### SPACE CAMP

After a day of being chaperoned around a hot muggy space-camp campus the other International students arrived. We then attended the opening ceremony where each International group had to present something regarding their culture. Unlike every other International group, mighty New Zealand hadn't prepared anything. We decided to improvise, while nervously watching the carefully constructed slide-shows by Australia and Belgium, as well as the items from their country they were showering the audience with. As we went up, our nerves were vastly reduced by Rhaz's initial statement 'Hello, as you can see we have brought with us the entire population of New Zealand'. Happily we were able to present classic kiwi cheek, with other remarks including one from me: 'strangely, my group have asked me to be the one to talk about cultural and racial diversity in New Zealand', being the only member in the group who was not of a European or British descent. The opening ceremony was an excellent opportunity to meet and network with other International young scientists who we would be spending time with for the next ten days.

Our days were filled to the brim with activities ranging from hour long mission simulations to constructing our own miniature rockets. We had a total of four hour long mission simulations, during which each of us were assigned to four different roles. These roles included roles in mission control, flying the space shuttle, and conducting experiments on the simulated International space station. It was daunting walking into the mission control room as the CAPCOM, knowing that I was the only bridge of communication to the pilot and commander who were flying the space shuttle making an orbit. Initially, the instructions telling me things like



'L1, HYD TNK –OP' were completely foreign, and unfortunately led to major malfunctions including engine failure, which led to the space shuttle crashing somewhere in Morocco, or perhaps it was China – regardless, there were fatalities. Going into our 3 hour Extended Duration Mission, I was not confident we would survive. My concern was not unfounded, as the staff deliberately hit us with 'anomalies' including space sicknesses which had to be diagnosed by a 'space doctor' to be fixed. The first half of my mission was essentially spent 'passed out', brutally instructed not to move until I had been treated – I assume to this day that it must have been 'radiation sickness'. The shuttle was not able to dock onto the ISS, and we all died. In addition to our mission simulations, we had lectures concerning ideas regarding the materials used to create space-ships, the trajectory of the rocket upon departure, as well as the types of fuel that are used in modern space flight. We were then given the opportunity to build basic miniature rockets, attaching fuel which we would later spark alight causing the rocket to fly. The rocket my team constructed flew approximately fifty metres. Unfortunately, the egg 'payload' cracked open upon landing, showing that our rocket's storage compartment was not built for delicate

items. Overall, the time spent in Alabama was enjoyable. There are certainly cultural aspects of the camp/the big South which I struggled to get used to, particularly the way in which chaperones would constantly supervise us, making sure we never left their sight – probably down to the American fear of being sued over minor details and mishaps. While the American kids were clearly used to this, on occasions I was left engaging in intense discussion with the American staff about whether it was ok for me to drink juice before having a glass of water at the breakfast table. The most worthwhile aspect of the camp aside from learning about space travel was meeting other International students and learning from their perspectives, not just about science but their approach to their futures as well, which certainly inspired me. Sadly, the time eventually came to say good-bye to the rest of the New Zealand group who I had built friendships with over this time. I am sure we will all reach our goals regarding our hopefully scientifically prosperous futures.

**By Soumil Singh**



Above: Soumil Singh, rocketman



## MORGAN HOPKINS

It's always been somewhat of an unheard opportunity to represent New Zealand Internationally at the highest level of young Shakespearean acting. Imagine my excitement at being selected from a group of 48 students last year at the SGCNZ National Shakespeare Schools Production to form the 24 strong group of student from all over New Zealand to make up the 2015 SGCNZ Young Shakespeare Company, travelling to London to experience the best tutorials, workshops and rehearsals culminating in a 90 minute performance of "As You Like It" on the stage of the Globe Theatre.

During the Term 2 holidays, my peers and I from all around the country, already strong friends from 2014's NSSP, began our three-week-long intensive programme at the Globe Theatre. Our goal and outlook was clear, to absorb and learn as much as possible while rehearsing for our midnight performance on the Globe Theatre stage. No matter how hard we had prepared ourselves though, changes were thrown at us, in the best possible way.

Within the first few days we had tubed around London, been cast, begun learning lines and enjoyed enough hilarious banter to last a lifetime. Being cast as one half of Oliver, the conniving brother to the male hero of "As You Like It" was a shock to me, as I was used to playing comedic characters in both this year's Shakespeare festival and our school production. All of us rose to our challenges, powered through and resolved any strife we felt towards each other while cementing both our lines and friendships with one another. The energy felt on the stage at midnight was unforgettable, magnetic, and almost spiritual, something I know I'll never forget and something I hope many more students from HBHS can experience for many years to come by achieving success in the Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.

I'll never forget the experience and lifelong connections I've made with my fellow acting peers and wish **Alex Kennedy** all the very best of luck as he attends this year's NSSP week in Upper Hutt representing the school to the best of his abilities.

By Morgan Hopkins



Top: Morgan Hopkins with fellow YSC actor Civic Cruz at the NZ High Commission, Middle: First day in London, Bottom: Morgan with YSC Director Timothy Walker on the stage at the Globe Theatre in London.

## LONDON INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM



I went to the London International Youth Science forum held at the Imperial College London between 22nd of July and the 5th of August. It's a gathering for some of the best young scientific minds in the world and is an amazing place to see some of the best technologies being developed. Researchers and scientists from Harvard, Oxford, from CERN, from various Royal Institutes and many other leading science research labs lead lectures discussing the various technologies they are researching. From high intensity lasers, boron hydride compounds, unbreakable carbon nano-fibres, space elevators, the hadron collider, and worldwide pandemics, all the way to recreational maths and bubbles. We were challenged to explore the world, to look into various new fields, to learn about future technologies, and to get involved in some breaking edge work going into the Apollo space project. We visited Oxford, Cambridge and entered Buckingham palace, and we were challenged to propose solutions to major world issues and we also worked as groups to construct and complete various practical challenges. It was not just science all the time though but a huge social gathering as well. Being able to meet other like-minded science students from over 100 countries across the world was a unique privilege. Learning their remarkable cultures at the International Cabaret, meant we gygrated to Jamaican dances, ate Turkish



chocolates, learnt to make dumplings and witnessed a roaring haka from the NZ delegates. LISF was really an eye-opening event for me and the friends I made there are some that I will never forget. It's really amazing to see how easy it is to make friends and to communicate with people from all over

the world when you really try, and it makes you realise about one of the most important factors we must consider going forth - **International cooperation**. The power you have when people all over the world bring their unique perspectives and talents to create something beautiful is truly astonishing.



*Above: Alex Kennedy, the Israeli flag and the Dead Sea*

## CHILLING WITH THE NOBELS

I was recently incredibly honoured to be selected to attend the World Science Conference in Israel as part of the New Zealand delegation selected by the Royal Society of New Zealand. I attended the conference alongside four other New Zealanders and I am genuine in saying this has been one of the best experiences of my life. Most of all, it has greatly informed my perception of Science in an International context. Furthermore, the experience was fully funded; the flights being funded by the Talented School Students Travel Award of the Royal Society of New Zealand, and the Raye Freedman Trust and the Conference itself being funded, for all students, by the State of Israel. I am extremely grateful to these benefactors for the experience they have provided me with and I know the gratitude is shared by each of the passionate young scientists who were brought together from throughout the world.

The Conference itself was attended by 400 students with an incredible 70 countries being represented. We were hosted at the

prestigious Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a founding member of which was none other than **Albert Einstein**. This back history provided the perfect context for the collection of speakers who were represented at the Conference. Incredibly, we were treated to lectures from fourteen Nobel Laureates from around the world, people who can only be described as the greatest scientists alive. To put it into context, New Zealand has had just three Nobel Laureates in its history. I was truly inspired to study in science in the presence of such minds as the hilarious **Sir Harry Kroto** (Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 1996), and the humble and reserved **Professor Roger D. Kornberg** (Nobel Prize in Chemistry, 2006) who remained modest and kind despite making one of the most influential biological discoveries in recent years, a discovery now being taught as a central part of Biology the world-over.

In conjunction with the incredible array of scientists was the opportunity to experience the incredible history of Jerusalem. The city of Jerusalem is undoubtedly one of the most

historically rich cities on the planet. To be told where you walk is literally where Jesus walked was truly a breath-taking experience, regardless of my own beliefs and I was truly awestruck by how different that part of the world is to our little, young corner of the world.

I would also like to thank **Mr Andrew Tucker** for writing his testimonial for my application and I would like to make it known to students entering Year 13 that this is not the only trip on offer from the Royal Society and in fact there are a huge range of International scientific opportunities on offer. I have had the opportunity to travel to an amazing part of the world, to work in the presence of the greatest scientific minds in the world and to make friends from countries in every part of the world and those who have helped make this event a reality have my enormous thanks. I would very much encourage everyone who has the chance to apply for such a trip do so. I have been hugely inspired to study science further and am incredibly hopeful about the future of science in New Zealand.

**By Alex Kennedy**

## HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE

At the time of going to print, we were headed into two of the major House events, so there was, and still is, plenty to play for in the 2015 competition. With House Singing and the Haka Competition to be decided on the final Tuesday of the term and with each being worth 12 points, the entire competition could be upended, or at least that's what we at Steel House are very much hoping will happen! Earlier in the term, Steel performed typically well in the General Knowledge and Chess competitions, but Argyle House took out the Indoor Rowing competition as they always do, and Tait's strong performance meant that the battle to avoid the wooden spoon is most definitely on. Baigent are still clearly ahead, but Taylor in second place are very much in contention, and they are typically strong in the Haka. Argyle in third will have been using their prep time wisely and with so many points on offer, Wilson, Tait and Steel could make up serious ground. It's all still on, so Houses need to be loud and strong heading into the holidays (especially Steel House!)

## House Competition 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	3	5	2	6	4
General Knowledge	1	6	5	4	2	3
Chess	1	2	6	5	3	4
Singing						
Indoor Rowing	6	4	2	5	3	1
Service	6	3	5	1	2	4
Cricket 6-a-side						
Current Place	3rd	1st	5th=	5th=	2nd	4th
Total Points	51	60	40	40	55	48

## COMMUNITY POOL IS OPEN ALL HOURS

On Friday 14 August, Stage One of the Hamilton East Community Sports Complex was launched with a splash, as the upgraded HBHS Pool was officially opened to the community at large. The pool and surrounding grounds have been upgraded over the past year and the pool is now fully heated, allowing for all-year access and extended hours of use which will be hugely beneficial for the wider Hamilton community. There are also new changing rooms, a lounge and viewing area and a heated covered veranda with seating available for spectators. This is the first part of an exciting community development which will also include a new hockey turf and new tennis courts. The 25 metre 6 lane pool is available for schools and community use, with the Hillcrest Swim Club already on board and was officially opened by Deputy Mayor Gordon Chesterman. Other guests in attendance were Hamilton City Councillors Garry Mallett, Andrew King and Martin Gallagher, Kathryn Williams from the WEL Energy Trust who have been working alongside project leader and driving force Phil Basel, and HBHS Old Boy and Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist



David Nyika. After the opening ceremony and welcome by Matua Mita Graham and the HBHS Maori Performing Arts group, the celebrity relay was raced and with the water at a balmy 30 degrees, it was definitely the place to be. Swimming in the race were Garry Mallett, former New Zealand Black Sticks member Richard Petherick, former All White Aaron Scott, Paralympic swimmer Jesse Reynolds and HBHS Deputy

Headmaster Stuart Hakeney, who gallantly stepped aside to allow Bradley Ashby, fresh from the World Swimming Championships in Russia to race. It is perhaps not surprising that the race was between Jesse and Bradley, with Bradley claiming the win. Festivities were rounded out with a barbeque. For more information on the pool area and on the next stages in this community project check out [www.hamiltonsportscomplex.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonsportscomplex.co.nz)



## PROFILE MRS LIU

For our regular International feature this term, we turn to a visiting staff member, **Mrs Liu**, who worked for a month with our Mandarin-speaking students and shared her expertise and experiences of life overseas.

### Chinese proverb

rén guò liú míng, yàn guò liú shēng

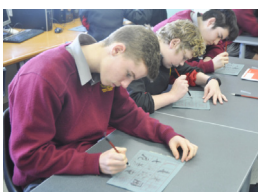
*A person leaves a reputation, bad or good, behind wherever he or she works or stays.*

This term, our Chinese class has been lucky enough to host **Mrs Liu**, a teacher from Beijing, China. She spent a month in New Zealand as part of an educational exchange programme for Chinese teachers. **Mrs Liu** shared her passion for the Chinese language and Chinese culture with our class. She encouraged everyone to learn new words and phrases, and explained the cultural background to some Chinese characters. A real highlight was a calligraphy lesson presented by **Mrs Liu**. She was impressed by the high level of engagement and genuine enthusiasm shown by the Year 9 class.

In addition to her cultural and language knowledge, **Mrs Liu** communicated an inspiring message about world citizenship in the global age. An AFS coordinator in China, she has been actively involved in fostering International friendships for many years. As she explained to the class, her son now lives in Spain where he has recently completed a Masters degree in Spanish. She emphasised the need for International understanding and harmony in the world, and encouraged the class to continue to learn additional languages in the future, in addition to Mandarin. In her view, languages open the door to a wide range of experiences and opportunities, enhancing one's quality of life.

It was an absolute privilege to spend time with **Mrs Liu**. We hope to develop a long-term relationship with her school in Beijing. The reputation she has left behind is one of great warmth, kindness and consideration for others. We are fortunate indeed.

By **Dr Natalie Blackburn**



Above: Mrs Liu in action with the Languages Class. Below: The HBHS Theatresports Team jump for joy then play it cool on winning the Waikato Competition.



## THEATRESPORTS

The 2015 Theatresports competition has been a fast paced, exciting competition involving 14 teams across ten different schools in the Waikato. HBHS had 3 teams this year consisting of two senior teams and one junior team. HBHS Senior team 1 consisted of **Edward Howell, Liam McGuire, Nicci Rich** and **Troy Welch**. HBHS Senior team 2 consisted of **Stephen Burroughs, Morgan Hopkins, Patrick Lynch** and **Max Mitchell**. The Junior team consisted of **George Antoniazzi, Josh Devlin** and **Cameron MacCarthy**.

The Waikato Theatresports competition involves four Round Robin matches with the top four juniors and seniors by the end competing in the finals. Last year HBHS won the junior category and came second in the seniors, meaning pressure to continue our success. The first two rounds were played at Fairfield College with both the Junior team and Senior 2 earning second in

their respective decisions, whilst Senior 1 maintained a steady score. As the Junior's and Senior 2 were only 5 points away from 1st they continued to push themselves in the next two matches. The third and fourth rounds were played at Hillcrest High school and Sacred Heart Girls' College respectively. This resulted in HBHS 2 going into the finals with second = placing and the junior team in third place. Boys' High team 1 finished 9th. The finals were held on Monday the 8th of September at the Gallagher Performing Arts Centre. Both final making teams performed extremely well, gaining top marks in different categories throughout the night. After 2 hours of performing, the marks were tallied up with the Junior Team winning the night, making them the overall Junior Theatresports champions. Senior 2 finished in a close second, with an extremely good effort put in by both teams. The three teams would like to thank **Mr Brown** for his help during the season.

By **Nicci Rich**



## MUSIC AT HBHS

2015 was a good year for Young Singers in Harmony at HBHS. Both “The L.A.D.S” barbershop quartet and the brand new barbershop chorus “Mean No Harmony” competed at the recent Young Singers in Harmony National competition. “The L.A.D.S” took to the stage with their highest scoring performance to date of their ballad “From the First Hello”. This will be the second and final year of competition for the four Year 13 performers, **Liam Crowley**, **Aidan Clarkin-Rush**, **Daniel Ng** and **Samuel Kahuroa**. “Mean No Harmony” were awarded 8th place at the National Competition with a total score of 948 (average of 64.7), this being only 89 points behind the National Champions’ score of 768 (average of 68.7). The Chorus improved on their average score from the Regional Competition by over 15 points in only two months. This kind of progression is almost unheard of in Barbershop. With a solid group of talented Year 12’s to continue harmony singing at HBHS, I am hopeful for the years to come.

By **Liam Crowley**  
 Captain of Music

## JAZZ CONCERT

On the 28th August, the HBHS Music Department hosted an International Jazz Concert at the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts. The Gypsy Pickers kicked off the concert before the Jazz Band was joined by the legendary American guitarist **Carl Lockett** from San Francisco and world-renowned Jazz organist **Michel Benebig** from New Caledonia. Also joining the boys on stage was New Zealand’s own **Pete France** on Saxophone. The members of the Jazz Band were extremely lucky to play alongside these great players and will be able to look back at the experience with pride for years to come.

Our International guests were then joined by HBHS staff member **Mike Booth** (trumpet) and **Ron Samsom** (drums) who, along with **Pete France**, are Auckland-based musicians. All three are also Jazz tutors at Auckland University and Massey University. This amazing quintet delighted the crowd with an outstanding show of virtuoso playing and jazz composition, leaving no one in doubt that they were indeed in the presence of greatness.

The Music department is hoping to host a follow-up concert next year and build on the success of this year’s one.

## HBHS GOLD AWARDS AT BANDS FESTIVAL

The 28th of August was also the date for the largest secondary school Music festival in our area. The Waikato and Bay of Plenty Bands Festival attracts schools from as far afield as New Plymouth, Whitianga, Tauranga and Palmerston North. HBHS had three entries this year, the Gypsy Pickers, the Jazz Band and the Ukulele Group. All groups played to their potential and all three gained Gold awards, the highest award available. Congratulations to all involved.

By **Mr Adrian Botting**





## GIFTED AND TALENTED DAY

A small contingent of Academic Honours and Academic Excellence students were fortunate to have been extended an opportunity to attend the Gifted and Talented Students Day, held at St. Cuthbert's in Auckland.

Held on Wednesday 13th May, the day consisted of a series of talks on subjects such as ethics, the nature of thinking and other such challenging topics. The seminar was incredibly interesting and provided an opportunity for extensive and serious thought about life in the 21st century and beyond. The talks were at differing times serious and jovial, but all had interesting and useful points that we were able to take away with us.

The talks culminated in a debate which argued Science to be the driving force of civilization and, without this force, we would descend into barbarism. The immense subjectivity and scope of this moot provided an interesting talking point for the bus ride home, although, unfortunately, we were not able to agree on a conclusive answer.

We would like to thank **Ms Warren** for organising the trip and providing us with this uniquely stimulating experience which has certainly left us with lasting impressions.

**By Kristoffer Lavasi'i**

## TEEN AG TRIP TO OTIWHITI STATION

HBHS's TeenAg club was lucky enough to be invited to spend a weekend at Otiwhiti Station, Hunterville. The 3250 hectare land-based agricultural training school takes in 11 cadets a year and trains them to reach their potential in the primary industries.

Expectations of all 10 boys that went were high but no one could anticipate the days to come. We undertook a vast range of activities including: learning about sheep dogs and their training, riding horses, learning about the station, shearing, slaughtering and butchering sheep, driving gators and other off-road vehicles, walking puppies, fishing, networking and hiking the surrounding bush. The station offers courses that integrate both practical and theory work which gives students a range of applicable skills that will make them easily employable and more competent in their chosen field. The course also extends to a diploma at Lincoln University.

Possibly the best feature of Otiwhiti Station is the atmosphere. The team of experienced instructors know exactly what skills students need and are able to teach them in an enjoyable way. Students there said they enjoyed the hands on approach as well as the camaraderie.

So if you are looking at a career in any field of agriculture, Otiwhiti Station could be a pathway for you. If you require more information then contact **Mrs Ross**, the schools Careers Advisor.

**By William Robertson**

## STAR PROGRAMME

The STAR programme started this year as a fresh new leadership initiative in which 25 students from across the year levels were selected as 'STAR Leaders'. Our aims included providing a better student environment, and providing for better student well-being and safety. At weekly meetings, we discussed our direction, actions to take and events to run. Essentially, we have taken two major actions as a committee this year.

The first of these was the creation of the 'STAR Safe Room'. From the start of the year, the STAR members took it upon themselves to increase student well-being and safety by staffing this room each lunchtime. In this room, students dealing with any issues

that they felt uncomfortable discussing with adults were able to discuss them with, and be given counsel by, STAR members. A number of students utilised this service and we hope we were able to help these students towards overcoming their problems.

Our second action was the running of a tabloid sports week at lunchtimes in week 7 of term 3. The idea of this event was to create a fresh, fun event that would give students- who were not our top sportsmen away on tournament week- an opportunity to play a range of sports with and against their friends in the name of competition. The event turned out to be a huge success, with 30 students entering teams with their friends and showing up at lunchtimes to compete.

The teams competed against one and other in a range of sports including football, T-ball and flags. All the participants seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves and we hope that the opportunity exposed some of them to a competitive environment they may never have experienced before.

Overall, the first year of STAR has been a huge success and the all of the STAR leaders would like to thank **Mr Singh** and **Mr Johnstone** for their guidance and support of the group. Looking forward, we hope to learn from our first year and improve STAR's influence and actions around the school throughout 2016.

**By Timothy Ng**



Above: The Teen Ag boys and the three that didn't get away at Otiwhiti Station





*Left and Right: Action from the student run STAR Tabloid Sports Tournament during Winter Tournament Week*



## SPECIAL FEATURE: HBHS AND THE RUGBY WORLD CUP

As New Zealand's attention turns towards the UK and the All Blacks as they compete to be the first team in history to retain the Rugby World Cup, we check in on our HBHS Old Boys and find that they will be wearing a wide range of national colours this year. Class of 2003 Old Boy **Jared Payne** will don the green of Ireland, after having played for the Ulster Rugby club since 2011 and prior to that in the Super 15 for the Blues, Crusaders and Chiefs. Class of 2006 Old Boys **Sean Maitland** and **Toby Smith** will represent Scotland and Australia respectively, with **Sean** having represented Scotland since 2013 after playing in New Zealand for the Crusaders and Canterbury. **Toby** will join Class of 2007's **Henry Speight** in the green and gold for Australia, and both will be very familiar with each other as they each played for the Chiefs and for Waikato for many years. **Toby** played in the Super 15 for the Rebels and **Henry** for the Brumbies prior to their selection for the Wallabies. Class of 2005 Old Boy **Dominiko Waqaniburotu** represented Waikato before a four year stint in France played whilst he represented his home country of Fiji, which he will be playing for this year. Finally, Class of 2008 Old Boy **Tawera Kerr-Barlow** was recently selected once more as half back for the All Blacks, a team he has played for since 2012, as well as doing his provincial duties for Waikato and the Chiefs. HBHS is also represented on the sidelines in coaching staff, with **Warren Gatland** coaching the Welsh side, a position he has held since 2008, and HBHS rugby coach (most recently for the Colts team) **Craig Redpath** working with the coaching staff of the Georgian

Rugby side in their pre-tournament buildup and preparation. We wish all of our HBHS players and coaches well as they take on the rugby-playing world in the 2015 Rugby World Cup. **Go HBHS** will be a safe call in quite a number of matches!

Thanks to **Mrs Dawn Sandford** and the Library Staff for their research, and make sure you check out their excellent Rugby World Cup display in the HBHS Library.



*Above: Henry Speight for Australia*



*Above: Tawera Kerr-Barlow for New Zealand. Below: Toby Smith for Australia.*



*Above: Jared Payne for Ireland*



*Above: Sean Maitland for Scotland. Below: Dominiko Waqaniburotu for Fiji*





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD

Recently I have been fortunate enough to travel to a property on the North Shore known as CUE Haven, in order to complete a necessary part of my Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. I spent 5 days at the site planting trees, building boardwalks and much more.

The CUE Haven property was originally a farm, with its fair share of pasture and gullies. But then two visionaries, **Tom** and **Mahrukh**, bought the property, and began to turn the farm into native bush, to ensure the continued survival of the native bushland in the area and the re-establishment of native birdlife.

Since its conception, **Tom** and **Mahrukh** have invited Gold level participants of the Duke of Edinburgh Award to participate in projects around CUE Haven, whilst staying in the cottage provided on the property. In the winter holidays I joined one of these groups for five days.

The group comprised of 11 teenagers, including myself, who came from different parts of New Zealand. We met in Pak n' Save Albany, as we would be fully self-sufficient for the whole week and would need to budget carefully, as part of the experience. From this first encounter, we knew it was going to be an awesome five days, as we all got on together really well.

We arrived at the property and were shown around by **Tom** and **Mahrukh**, then after a slap up lunch we set to work. Over five days we managed to plant 1200 native trees, and built 2 boardwalks and two benches. This was a particular highlight for me, as two other guys and I built a buffet table out of two bathtubs we found on the property, by bolting them together, then laying timber over the top.

Each day was better than the last, as we grew closer as a group. After **Tom** and **Mahrukh** left each day, we began cooking our own dinners and relaxed, playing cards and watching movies. Intense games of Scum, Spoons, and Speed were played late into the night. We cooked tacos, burgers, sausages, and stir fry, served with a healthy side of bacon each time.

The entire experience was one that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I hope to



return again as a leader, in order to continue the efforts that **Tom** and **Mahrukh** have established. In my opinion, CUE Haven is the best option for a Gold residential, and I encourage other students to join the Duke of Edinburgh programme so that they can create their own awesome experiences.

## ARGYLE HOUSE REUNION

Some time ago an idea was mooted to celebrate fifty years of boarding at Argyle House, the school hostel that has been an integral part of the unique character and life of Hamilton Boys' High School. A committee headed by Old Boy **Neil Shaw** and including Old Boys **Norrie Durie**, **Paul Prescott** and **Brett Walker** was formed. Staff members and students associated with the hostel were also part of the committee and these included **Murray McKenzie**, **Tim Aughton**, **Stuart Hakeney**, **Aaron Kearney** and **Brady Knight**.

The 1st of August was a busy day at school already when it was decided to hold the 50th Argyle House Reunion on that day. Also being held that day was a 70s/80s Reunion being run by the Old Boys' Foundation, a 1st XV Super 8 match between Hastings Boys'

and Hamilton Boys', and the closing night of the school production, Jesus Christ Superstar.

The event exceeded all expectations with 170 people for lunch and 190 people for dinner. Highlights of the day included the official welcome from the Headmaster and an address by the original Master in 1965 – **Geoff Cramond** at 10.45am. School, Hostel and Grove Tours were conducted for Old Boys by Prefects. A tree was planted at Argyle in honour of **Jim Bennett**, former Headmaster and Head of Boarding. **James McOnie** (of Crowd Goes Wild fame) with his roving microphone was on hand as pre-dinner entertainment and proved a hit with staff and ex-boarders alike. Stories, yarns, tall tales and many memories were shared and friendships renewed by those that were there and many commented on what a marvellous day it was. Special mention must be given to those who contributed so much to making the day a success: **Katrina McLaughlin** – Hostel Administrator who collated all the details, staff that gave of their time and especially **Brady Knight**, current Boarder who helped with numerous jobs including creating photo boards, 50th badges and the Reunion Programme.  
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