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Congratulations to our Dux for 2015, Head Prefect Soumil Singh, being presented with the HBHS Dux trophy by Mrs Ann Bennett at Senior Prizegiving

High Achiever

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

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Feliz Navidad! The hill is alive with the budding thespians of the HBHS Tour of Spain in the Chinchon Theatre where the backdrop depicts the view from the Chinchon Hill before it was destroyed



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Main cover photograph courtesy of Mr Maurice Matthews.

Check out coverage of the HBHS 2015 Tour of Spain in our magazine The Hamiltonian, along with some of the other stunning images from that fantastic trip.

Back cover photograph of our 2015 HBHS Dux Soumil Singh by Ms Wendy Moffitt.

Welcome to our final edition of the High Achiever for 2015. We can look back at the year that was, before we all take a well-earned break with our family and friends, and celebrate all of the successes and accomplishments of our HBHS students in what has been another wonderful year at our school. This also gives us the opportunity to thank every single person who has helped on all of our newsletters this year and who have generously shared photographs, story ideas and articles so that our coverage can be the best it can possibly be. Please keep the ideas and images coming in, we welcome all feedback and suggestions. To all of our HBHS family, we say have a safe and happy Christmas and we will see you back here in 2016. **Meri Kirihimete!**

Wendy Moffitt



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Feedback? Ideas for articles? All suggestions welcome – help keep us up-to-date with all of our HBHS High Achievers Contact Publications Manager **Ms Wendy Moffitt** wmoffitt@hbhs.school.nz



Top: From left Kristoffer Lavasi'i, Setoki Tuimaseve, Jermii Lavasi'i and Sheridan Tuimaseve at the Maori and Pasifika Awards Evening, see pages 4 & 5. Middle: Sportsman of the Year Sevuloni Reece and Nic Souchon at the Argyle House Prizegiving. Bottom: From our proud parents file Jamie Ensor with his mother Ms Rachel Tordoff at the Senior Prizegiving, see pages 8 & 9.

HBHS FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES EVENTS FOR 2016

A busy year for the HBHS Foundation has seen the introduction of 5 new trustees, the launch of the HBHS Foundation Old Boys Facebook and Linked in pages as well as an array of successful events and activities. 2016 will be the same but bigger. We welcome all Old Boys to join us at Foundation events and mark the dates below in the calendar.

Foundation Golf Tournament:	Tuesday 15th March
Foundation Luncheon:	Friday 10th June
Foundation Hall of Fame:	Wednesday 3rd August
Foundation Old Boys Drinks:	Last Friday of the month from Friday 26th February

FOUNDATION SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 HALL OF FAME

Each year the school and the HBHS Foundation work together to honour Old Boys who have made an impact on the world stage in their chosen profession or are of interest. We rely on the HBHS family and Old Boys network to tell us about what Old Boys are doing all around the globe and this year is no different.

If you wish to nominate an Old Boy for the 2016 Hall of Fame we would like to hear from you.

Email us on foundation@hbhs.school.nz with the name of who you wish to nominate, a brief explanation of the person's achievements and your contact details. We hope to have many wonderful nominees to select from.



FOUNDATION Est. 2012

SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 10TH JUNE 2016

HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

INAUGURAL FOUNDATION LUNCHEON, AT WINTEC ATRIUM

Join us for the first ever HBHS Foundation Luncheon being held on 10th June 2016. Tickets will be available in the New Year but we want to make sure you have your calendar marked so you don't miss out. This wonderful fundraising lunch with celebrity guest speakers will also involve a live auction and entertainment.

Established to support HBHS, the Foundation Trust seeks to develop an endowment fund which from 2016 on will return funds to the school. Funds gifted will provide extra resources into areas of the school which are not currently funded with the focus on creating excellence at all levels. All funds raised from the Luncheon will directly benefit HBHS.



Top: Old Boys on tour during the August 2015 Reunion weekend

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HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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HIGH ACHIEVER

School Newsletter



Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

As we complete a wonderful year together, we can feel justifiably proud of the very special young men in our world. Each member of our community has contributed to the success of the year we have shared, and we must feel gratitude for the willingness of so many, to make a very real difference.

In each newsletter, so ably written by **Ms Wendy Moffitt**, we recognise the achievements of many amazing young men. We report on the multitude of activities in which so many are involved, and we take the opportunity to update you on changes and developments in a range of areas through the school.

As you read, I hope that you, too, are able to recognise how special the world of Hamilton Boys' is, and to understand how privileged I feel to be Headmaster here through the 'wonderful year' which 2015 has been. The academic year draws to a close after 40 very busy weeks, and our thoughts begin to turn to the Christmas season. **Agnes M Pahro** wrote of Christmas "What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."

Her words resonate with us all as we prepare to celebrate the end of a fantastic year, and as we prepare to spend precious time together as a family. Christmas is a unique time of year, symbolic of love, and time shared, and the sharing of gifts which make us feel cared for and supported. It is a time when we are able to step away from the hectic pace of the year, and relax together, and be happy together.

But for me, this quote is significant in another way. It speaks of what is important to us as a school community, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. Because, for us, as a school, we care about our past, we recognise the contributions and importance of those who have travelled this path before us, and, in this centenary year of Gallipoli, we feel immense gratitude to our old boys who died to secure a safe future for our world.

And for us, as a school, we work hard to ensure that each young man has the courage to live well in the present, the courage to be good, and to strive for success in all areas of life. And we strive, too, to ensure that our graduates leave with real hope for their future, confident in themselves and optimistic that the years we have shared will stand them in good stead through their lives. The final part of **Pahro's** quote is also symbolic of our desire to give each young man a special gift - the gift of being grateful for the blessings he will receive through his life, and that his gratitude will lead to a satisfaction and pride in himself, which will lead him to a sense of peace.

It is a powerful quote, indeed, one which we must reflect upon, as we complete the year, and look forward to the excitement and joy of the weeks ahead.

Thank you all for the year; my best wishes for a most happy, blessed Christmas, and for a wonderful Summer holiday break together.

To those leaving, our very best wishes for the future, and to those returning, I look forward very much to sharing another exciting, successful year in 2016.
Merry Christmas!

Susan Hassall
HEADMASTER



Term 1 2016 Events

School Starts

Thursday 28 January Yr 9, Yr 13

Tuesday 2 February Yr 10

Wednesday 3 February Yr 11

Thursday 4 February Yr 12

Auckland Anniversary

Monday 1 February

Yr 13 Leadership Camp

2 - 3 February

Waitangi Day

Monday 8 February

New Parents Evening (PTA)

Wednesday 10 February

Swimming Sports

Friday 12 February

Mufti Day Starship

Thursday 18 February

Athletic Sports

Thursday 25 February

Mufti Day Waikato Hospice

Thursday 17 March

Good Friday

Friday 25 March

Easter Monday & Tuesday

28 & 29 March

Yr 9 Parents Report Evening

Wednesday 30 March

Yr 10 - 13 Parents Evening

Thursday 31 March

Summer Tournament Week

4 - 8 April

Westlake Exchange

Tuesday 12 April

Run for Life

End of Term 1

Friday 15 April



Out and About

At this time of year we like to check in with some of our sports teams and activities and see what has been going on around the school. This term we will be catching with our Archers, our 8-Ball Snooker Team and our Senior Premier Basketball team to see how their year has been.

ARCHERY

In 2015, the HBHS Archers met regularly for target shooting practice at Graham Park. In Term 1, a number of novice archers completed the introductory course provided by our coach **Daniel Oosterwijk**; this enabled them to take advantage of regular training opportunities for the remainder of the year. We have been extremely fortunate to have ongoing support and expert guidance from **Daniel** and his father **Ron**. An Old Boy of HBHS and past Captain of Archery, **Daniel** again won a National title in Archery this year. He has encouraged younger archers throughout the year, sharing valuable technical advice.

Our archers have participated in postal shoot competitions for secondary school students, achieving fine results both in individual and in team events. Some highlights include: In Term 1, **Corbin Andrew** was placed third nationally at secondary school level in the Limited Recurve section (male division), while **Ben Lawrence** was placed eighth, and **Thomas Cook** was tenth. As a team, these three students were ranked second at national level.

In Term 2, **Sashith Fernando**, **Corbin Andrew** and **Fraser Ogle** achieved fifth, seventh and eighth rankings respectively for the Limited Recurve section (male division). They were ranked fourth in the Limited Recurve team division.

In Term 3, **Corbin Andrew** was placed sixth nationally in the Limited Recurve section (male division), while **Thomas Cook** was ranked tenth. **Caeden Bright** joined the team for this event, and they achieved a ranking of fifth nationally. In the Open Recurve section, **Scot Ashton** was placed ninth.

This is the first year that HBHS has been able to field teams in this competition, and it has been encouraging to see our archers achieve at a consistently high level.

Students who are interested in joining Archery in 2016 are strongly encouraged to do so. Please note that all new archers must complete a beginner's course before joining us for target shooting as this is a safety

requirement.

For more information, contact **Dr Blackburn** at nblackburn@hbhs.school.nz

By **Dr Natalie Blackburn**

Teacher in Charge of Archery at HBHS

SENIOR PREMIER BASKETBALL 2015

The senior basketball season started off with a large group of boys all wanting their chance to represent our school and pull on the Lion's singlet. Throughout the season the Waikato secondary schools games were held on a Friday night where the Lions team made the top 8. We then played off against the best schools in the region and managed through a lot of hard work, commitment and time throughout the whole year, to come third, beating our rival St John's.

During the year the Super 8 tournament was hosted by Hastings Boys' High School:

Game 1: Rotorua Boys' High School

93 – 43 RBHS

Game 2: New Plymouth Boys' High School

76 – 70 NPBHS

Game 3: Gisborne Boys' High School

92 – 33 Lions

Game 4: Tauranga Boys' College

70 – 93 Lions

Game 5: Palmerston North Boys' High School

81 – 97 Lions

The Zone 2 Regional competition was held in Rotorua and with this being the qualifying tournament, the whole team was ready to give it everything and knew that nothing was going to come easy:

Game 1: After an extremely physical and tiring encounter against MacLeans College we came away with our first win: 81 – 69 Lions

Game 2: Te Awamutu College proved too much for us and our first loss of the tournament really got us down: 107 – 94 Te Awamutu

Game 3: After recovering from the night before, a good performance was put in to defeat Te Puke: 98 – 57 Lions

Game 4: The game which decided who made top 8. With everything on the line and a history of close matches against Tauranga Boys' College we came through to win: 93 – 70 Lions

Game 5: Playing the eventual second place getters for a chance to make top 4 and guarantee a Nationals spot Rotorua Boys' sadly proved too much: 91 – 67 RBHS

Game 6: With the luck going against us, we

were unable to overcome a strong team: 100 – 87 St John's College

Game 7: The team dug deep and managed to overcome a well-drilled Hauraki Plains team to come up one place short of a trip to Nationals: 87 – 65 Lions

On behalf of all the basketball players and HBHS we would like to pass on our thanks to all those who helped out during our season. Especially our Coaches: **Mr Courtney**, **Mr Strother** and **Mr Ellis**, your efforts and commitment to basketball are appreciated by all the players. Also thanks to our manager **Francine Ryburn**, and all the parents who continuously support us with their efforts to get the boys to trainings and games.

8 BALL POOL

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Regional 8 Ball pool competition was held on Sunday 13th September at the Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club. The four team members, **Sheng Wang**, **Callum Hopkins**, **Alex Paris** and **Ryan Baker**, played a number of group matches in the morning session. All four players made it through to the quarter finals in the afternoon. Unfortunately **Alex** and **Ryan** lost their matches in close games. **Callum** and **Sheng** faced skilled opponents from Ngaruawahia High school in the semi finals, but won through to face each other in the final. The best of three games final went to a third and deciding game. Both players were tense and struggled to pot the final 8 ball. After a few tactical shots, **Callum** was victorious.

HBHS also won the Best School Championship based on the excellent performances from all four players in the group matches. Both players had the opportunity to represent the Waikato region in the New Zealand championship in Wellington during the first weekend of the Term 3 holidays.

Callum Hopkins only lost one game in the group matches to make it through to the final 16, losing eventually to the overall competition winner. **Sheng Wang** failed to make it through the group stages to the last 16, but continued to show his skill and won the New Zealand Secondary School Plate championship.

By **Mr Steve Emery**



NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES

On Thursday the 19th of November, the HBHS Hall played host to an extraordinary list of guests, including **Enzo Ferrari, Buddy Holly, Sir Isaac Newton** and **Bill Gates**, to name but a few. This was made possible by the ALP Night of the Notables, where Year 9 students as part of an independent study project essentially transformed themselves into a “notable” of their choice and showcased to an appreciative audience all of their accomplishments. Congratulations to the winners of the Highly Commended Awards, **Joe Makinson, Liam Ballard** and **Declan Barry**, and to the Overall Prize-winners, **Joseph Licht, Ashe Wainui-Mackie** and **Henry Yao**. Thanks and congratulations must also go to our Director of Advanced Learning Programmes, **Mrs Charlotte Warren**, on organising this excellent evening out.

The Guest List:

Leonardo da Vinci (**Liam Ballard**)
Bansky (**Declan Barry**)
Will Smith (**Nihal Billing**)
Pierre-Olivier Vincent (**Tanveer Billing**)
Alfred Nobel (**Karl Bradley**)
Sir Isaac Newton (**TeKirika Cooper-Nicola**)
Buddy Holly (**Matthew Cruwys**)
Enzo Ferrari (**Pierce Gardner**)
Sheikh Zayed (**Diakan Govinder**)
Albert Einstein (**Rajat Khokhar**)
Frederic Chopin (**Sam Kim**)
Steven Spielberg (**Joseph Licht**)
Bill Gates (**Ammar Mohmand**)
Othniel Charles Marsh (**Joe Makinson**)
Bill Gates (**Jeffrey Luo**)
Steve Jobs (**Alex Porteous**)
Louis Braille (**Carl Stephens**)
Henry Ford (**Ryan Trowern**)
John Hanning Speke (**Ashe Wainui-Mackie**)
Johann Sebastian Bach (**Henry Yao**)

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Top: Steven Spielberg aka Joseph Licht talks about his latest blockbuster film. Middle: Steve Jobs aka Alex Porteous takes us through the finer details of the development of Apple computers. Below: Bansky aka Declan Barry, or is it? and some of his more famous artworks
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Awards Evenings

MĀORI AND PASIFIKA CELEBRATION AND AWARDS EVENING

Awards season at HBHS always gets off to the finest of starts, and this year's Māori and Pasifika Awards Evening raised the bar once again in terms of pride, powerful performances and stellar accomplishments. We proudly present the full list of finalists and award winners, along with their affiliations and origins, and congratulate our Māori and Pasifika students once again on all that they have achieved this year.

Academic Awards: Junior Finalists

Manasseh Cowley (Year 9)	Ngāpuhi / Samoa
Sikolasipi Faka'osilea (Year 10)	Tonga
Immo Frank (Year 10)	Samoa
Ollig Frank (Year 9)	Samoa
Cole Warren (Year 10)	Ngāti Maniapoto
Winner: Immo Frank	

Academic Awards: Senior Finalists

Blake Akapita (Year 12)	Ngāi Māori
Harrison Grant (Year 12)	Taranaki
Ben Hemara (Year 12)	Ngāi Māori
Kristoffer Lavasi'i (Year 13)	Samoa
Kevin Oosten (Year 11)	Ngāti Pīkiao
Winner: Kevin Oosten	

Service Awards: Junior Finalists

Evear Hayward (Year 9)	Ngāi Māori
Hiriwa Johnson (Year 9)	Ngāti Wai
Caleb Akapita (Year 9)	Ngāti Rangī
Setoki Tuimaseve (Year 10)	Samoa
Winner: Caleb Akapita (recipient of the HBHS Gold Service Award in 2015)	

Service Awards: Senior Finalists

Aidan Clarkin-Rush (Year 13)	Ngāti Paoa
Sosaia Fale (Year 12)	Tonga
Christopher Goodwin (Year 12)	Ngāpuhi
Joseph Graham (Year 11)	Ngāti Ranginui / Ngāi Te Rangī
Max Gray (Year 12)	Ngāti Awa / Ngāti Whakawae / Tainui
Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney (Year 12)	Te Aupouri / Ngāpuhi
Kristoffer Lavasi'i (Year 13)	Samoa
Jireh Ngaruhe (Year 13)	Tainui
Teo Pouri-Lane (Year 13)	Ngā Rauru
Sheridan Tuimaseve (Year 12)	Samoa
Tori van Straalen (Year 12)	Ngāti Maniapoto
Winner: Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney (recipient of the HBHS Gold Service Award and the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award)	

Cultural Awards: Junior Finalists

Maire Searancke (Year 9)	Ngāti Maniapoto
Jeremii Lavasi'i (Year 10)	Samoa
Setoki Tuimaseve (Year 10)	Samoa
Winner: Jeremii Lavasi'i	

Cultural Awards: Senior Finalists

Kereama Anderson (Year 13)	Ngāti Maniapoto
Samisoni Baledrokadroka (Year 12)	Fiji



Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney (Year 12)	Te Aupouri / Ngāpuhi
Kristoffer Lavasi'i (Year 13)	Samoa
Sheridan Tuimaseve (Year 12)	Samoa
Winner: Kristoffer Lavasi'i	

Leadership Awards: Junior Finalists

Jeremii Lavasi'i (Year 10)	Samoa
Maire Searancke (Year 9)	Ngāti Maniapoto
Setoki Tuimaseve (Year 10)	Samoa
Winner: Setoki Tuimaseve	

Leadership Awards: Senior Finalists

Kereama Anderson (Year 13)	Ngāti Maniapoto
Aidan Clarkin-Rush (Year 13)	Ngāti Paoa
Hohua Hemi (Year 13)	Ngāti Koata / Tonga
Sam Kahuroa (Year 13)	Ngāti Kahungunu
Kristoffer Lavasi'i (Year 13)	Samoa
Sam Pene (Year 13)	Tainui / Ngāti Hine
Sam Toa (Year 13)	Samoa
Sheridan Tuimaseve (Year 12)	Samoa
Tayne Tupaea (Year 13)	Tainui
Winner: Kristoffer Lavasi'i	



Sports Awards: Junior Finalists

Ahumai Edwards (Year 9)	Ngāti Maniapoto
Kainoa Lepou (Year 10)	Samoa
Anthony Sinclair (Year 10)	Ngāpuhi
Sonny Te Hira (Year 10)	Ngāpuhi
Kiaan Watts (Year 9)	Ngāti Tūwharetoa
Winner: Kiaan Watts	

Sports Awards: Senior Finalists

Te Hiraka Chase (Year 13)	Te Arawa / Ngāti Rangitīhi
Christopher Goodwin (Year 12)	Ngāpuhi
Morgan Harper (Year 12)	Ngāti Maniapoto / Tūwharetoa
Hamish McDonald (Year 12)	Ngāti Porou
Cole McOnie (Year 13)	Ngāi Tahu
Teo Pouri-Lane (Year 13)	Ngā Rauru
Sevuloni Reece (Year 13)	Fiji
Aublix Tawha (Year 11)	Tainui
Winner: Sevuloni Reece	

Special Awards:

The Good Samaritan Award: Contribution to the HBHS Pasifika Community
Sheridan Tuimaseve

He Tohu Manaaki: Contribution to the HBHS Māori Community
Hohua Hemi

Tama Toa trophy for service to Kapa Haka
Kereama Anderson



KI-O-RAHI NATIONALS 2015

A group of HGHS and HBHS students went to participate in their very first New Zealand Secondary Schools Ki-o-Rahi Nationals held in Gisborne. It was a two day tournament, with four games played on the first day and two games played on the next. The team was undefeated during the first day, going into the quarterfinals the next day against Uawa. We won that game, and then progressed to the semi-finals against Turanga Wahine Turanga Tane (Gisborne Boys' and Girls' High School). This was a tough game with both teams battling it out in wet, windy and slippery conditions. Unfortunately, our team missed out on progressing to the finals with a final score of 11-13, placing us third equal with the 2014 title winners Te Wharekura o Rakaumanga after only a couple weeks of training and learning the game. Two boys from the team were selected as representatives in the tournament teams, **Shadzz Hapi-Wise** for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team, and **Shaquille Sue-Waara** for the New Zealand Māori Team.

I would like to thank our coach **Matua Raynard Haggie**, managers **Whaea Hollie Gray** and **Matua Mita Graham** for all their support, guidance and hard work to allow us the opportunity to play Ki-o-Rahi. We hope that the sport continues to grow at HBHS.

Kia ora

Te Ahuora Macfarlane





Awards Evenings



2015 CULTURAL AWARD WINNERS

The second of our Awards Evenings allows our stars of stage, screen and studio to shine, as we celebrate all of our talented Arts and Cultural performers and everything they have done this year. It has been a brilliant year for our artists, and we proudly present our full list of prize-winners.

Debating:

MCW Trophy for Best All-round Debater to **Soumil Singh**
 Norton-Brown Cup for Most Promising Debater to **Matthew Handford**
 HBHS Cup for Most Improved Senior Debater to **Stephen Burroughs**
 Kolah Cup for Most Promising Year 10 Debater to **Sameer Mandahan**
 Thomas Simpson Cup for Best Junior Debater to **Nicholas Goodman**
 Sarbutt Cup for Staff vs Student Debating Uncontested therefore win by default to the Staff

Creative Writing:

HBHS Regal Insurance Cup for Junior Prose to **Cian Sutherland**
 HBHS Regal Insurance Cup for Senior Prose to **Hamish Weren**

Drama:

Achievement Certificate for Greatest Contribution to the School Production to **Aaron Bennett**
 Taylor Cup for Outstanding Performance in the School Production to **Samesoni Baledrokadroka**
 Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior to **George Antoniazzi**
 Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior to **Spencer Littlewood**
 Achievement Certificate for Service to Drama to **James Smith**

Below: *Jacob Brown, left, and Casey Messent*



Achievement Certificate for Contribution to Shakespeare to **Morgan Hopkins**
 Leach Cup for Outstanding Dramatic Production to **Luke Brooker**

TheatreSports:

TheatreSports Cup for Outstanding Performer in TheatreSports to **Max Mitchell**
 Achievement Certificate for Outstanding Performer in Junior TheatreSports to **Joshua Devlin**

Music:

Harbone and Arthur Cup for Service to Co-Curricular Music to **Liam Crowley**



Botting Cup for Best Performing Soloist to **Daniel Ng**
 One Fat Man Trophy for Outstanding Live Performance with the 2015 Production Orchestra to **Luke Brooker**
 Skandera Cup for Best Performing Group to **Mean No Harmony**
 Nic Jeffs Memorial Cup for Excellence in Music to **Daniel Ng**
 Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior Musician to **Casey Messent**



Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Middle-School Musician to **Finn Bodley Davies**
 Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior Musician to **Henry Yao**

Visual Arts:

Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior to **Kristen Ngapo**
 Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior to **Kalvin Ramasawmy**
 Community Arts Award for Most Improved Year 12 Visual Arts to **Justin Wimmer**
 Community Arts Award for Most Improved Year 13 Visual Arts to **Thomas Bedford**
 Achievement Certificate for Outstanding Senior Photographer to **Meshake Ngungambili**
 Achievement Certificate for Outstanding Senior Designer to **Patrick Lynch**
 Visual Arts Award for Best Visual Artist in more than one Discipline to **Lachlan Giles**
 Neville Grinter Trophy for Outstanding Commitment to Visual Arts to **Jordan McGuire**



Audio-Visual:

Achievement Certificate for Service to Arts Award to **Aaron Bennett**

Cultural Performer of the Year Nominees:

Daniel Ng
 National Chamber Music Finals
 Principal Cello New Zealand Secondary Schools Orchestra
 National Barbershop Quartet Finals

Morgan Hopkins

Shakespeare NSSP National School
 Globe Theatre, London



Cultural Performer of the Year Winner:

Morgan Hopkins

Top: The Mean No Harmony Chorus, Middle: Creative Writing Prizewinner Cian Sutherland with his family, Bottom: Cultural Performer of the Year Winner Morgan Hopkins with his parents, Tracey and Jonathan Hopkins



Senior Prizegiving

The Senior Prizegiving is the biggest and most important event in our school year, as we acknowledge and celebrate the academic achievements of our senior school. We present the full list of subject prize-winners, along with the special prizes, and congratulate our Dux for 2015, Head Prefect **Soumil Singh**.

Year 11 Subject Prize-Winners:

Accounting	Lachlan McLean
Agriculture	Joshua Hill
Art	Hyungjun Choi
Business Studies	Waikare West
Carpentry	Axel Martinez
Design and Visual Communication	Dylan Peiris
Drama	Spencer Littlewood
Economics	Theo Coutolleau
Electronics	Axel Martinez
English	Amol Prasad
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Roberto Cerezo
Film and Television	Joel Geissmann
Food Technology	Thomas Lannon
Geography	Benjamin Taylor
German	Axel Martinez
History	Timothy Ng
Horticulture	Nhavinn Narainan
Information Technology	Eric Coufmann
Japanese	Junnosuke Nishio
Mandarin for Native Speakers	Zhengtong Zhang
Maori Performing Arts	Natana Nelson
Mathematics	Elliott Jia
Mechanical Engineering	Jeremy Cleland
Media Studies	Theo Williams
Music	Jacob Brown
Outdoor Education	Connor Hodgson
Photo-Design	Scott Jowsey
Physical Education	Timothy Neild
Psychology	Amol Prasad
Science	Elliott Jia
Spanish	Theo Coutolleau
Sports Studies	Aidan Leppien
Te Reo Maori	Lance Taitoko
Technology Metal	Michael Neuman
Technology Wood	Jonathan Eade
Wellbeing and Recreation	Kyle Harvey

Fifth in Year 11	Liam Haughey
Fourth in Year 11	Rohan Thomas
Third in Year 11	Timothy Ng
Second in Year 11	James Willoughby
First in Year 11	Elliott Jia

Year 12 Subject Prize-Winners:

Accounting	Connor Fergusson
Agriculture	Ashley Head
Architectural Design	Oliver Short
Art	Matthew Graham
Art Design	Oliver Short
Biology	Lachlan Cate

Building and Construction	Brook Maikuku
Business Studies	Blake Martin
Carpentry	Clay Merito
Chemistry	Jacob Cheatley
Drama	Nicolas Rich
Economics	Lachlan Cate
Electronics	Taylor Martinovich
Engineering	Nathaniel Namua
English	Andrew O'Malley-Shand
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Jillier Dela Cruz
Film and Television	Beau Edgecombe
Food Technology	Oliver Sledger
Gateway	Narinder Singh
Geography	Hassan Al Ghrabi
German	Theo Williams
History	Joshua O'Hagan
Horticulture	Scott Thomas
Information Technology	Samuel Hollis
Japanese	Tai Lohrer
Legal Studies	Nathan Sampson
Mandarin for Native Speakers	Ziquan Wang
Maori Performing Arts	Isaiah Kapoor
Mathematics (Bothwell Cup)	Lachlan Cate
Media Studies	Douglas Shephard
Music	Casey Messent
Outdoor Education	Justin Wimmer
Photography (Photolife Studio Prize)	Nayan Patel
Physical Education	Stafford Dowling
Physics	Lachlan Cate
Product Design	Nalin Guleria
Psychology	Blake Martin
Science	Liam Steffert
Services Academy	Samisoni Baledrokadroka
Spanish	Hamish Weren
Sports Studies	Liam McDonald
Te Reo Maori	Shaakur de Thierry
Technology Metal	Cameron Gribbon
Technology Wood	Hayes Croucher
Wellbeing and Recreation	Dylan Mahaffey



Above: Mrs Ann Bennett with 2015 Dux of HBHS Soumil Singh



Fifth in Year 12
 Fourth in Year 12
 Third in Year 12
 Second in Year 12
 First in Year 12

Cameron Salisbury
Jacob Cheatley
Lachlan Cate
Dongyun Lee
Christopher Mayo

Harborne & Arthur Prize
 Hugh Morton Prize
 Baigent Cup
 House Championship Trophy
 Old Boys' Cup for Games
 Weirs Arts Prize
 JC (Dufty) Wilson Cup
 Africa Cup
 Cushman Cup
 Fleming Cup
 McDiarmid Memorial Prize
 Nicoll Trophy
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 Emilie and Michael Gudex Prize
 A P Nelson Memorial Prize
 Old Boys' Prize for Leadership

Daniel Ng
Kristoffer Lavasi'i
Alex Kennedy
Baigent House
Sevuloni Reece
Morgan Hopkins
Blair Pennell
Aaron Bennett
Stephen Burroughs
Morgan Hopkins
Kristoffer Lavasi'i
Aidan Clarkin-Rush
Alex Kennedy
Daniel Ng
Blair Pennell
Alex Kennedy
Soumil Singh

Year 13 Subject Prize-Winners:

Accounting
 Art Design
 Art Painting
 Biology
 Building and Construction
 Business Studies
 Carpentry
 Chemistry
 Classical Studies
 Design and Visual Communication
 Drama
 Economics (Ward Cup)
 Electronics
 English
 English for Speakers of Other Languages
 Film and Television
 Food Technology
 Geography
 German
 History
 Information Technology
 Japanese
 Legal Studies
 Mandarin for Native Speakers
 Maori Performing Arts
 Mathematics with Calculus
 Media Studies
 Music
 Music Practical (Booth Cup)
 Outdoor Education (WINTERC Adventurer's Cup)
 Photography
 Physical Education
 Physics
 Psychology
 Spanish
 Sports Studies
 Statistics and Modelling
 Te Reo Maori
 Technology Metal
 Technology Wood
 Wellbeing and Recreation

Andre Geraghty
Patrick Lynch
Jordan McGuire
Dongyun Lee
Thane Hanara
Spyro Sikiotis
Thomas Ria
Christopher Mayo
Max Mitchell
Kieran Wells
Morgan Hopkins
Soumil Singh
Harry Ash
Kristoffer Lavasi'i
Rendell Wage
Lukas Skipper
Logan Stewart
Douglas Shephard
Max Mitchell
Jamie Ensor
Stephen Burroughs
Joshua Olsen
Jamie Ensor
Chen Fu
Kereama Anderson
Soumil Singh
Jamie Ensor
Daniel Ng
Daniel Ng
Taine Blake
Lukas Skipper
Alexander Lumsden
Alex Kennedy
Louie Conradie
Kristoffer Lavasi'i
Reuben Henderson
Christopher Mayo
Caleb Muntz
Troy Mace
Timothy Hutt
James Barker

Year 13 Academic Awards

Fifth in School
 Fourth in School
 Third in School
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 Dux of HBHS for 2015

Haoran Cui
Patrick Lynch
Jamie Ensor
Visharn Sathiyakumar
Soumil Singh



Above: Max Mitchell. Below: Christopher Goodwin with Mrs Raewyn Steel

Special Prizes

Gilmore Prize
 Jason Tearle Memorial Trophy
 Hamutana Freemasons Lodge Trophy
 Jack Delaney Prize
 Altrusa Award
 A.G. Steel Trophy
 Peter Collier Scholarship

Timothy Neild
Timothy Ng
Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney
Matthew Handford
Douglas Shephard
Christopher Goodwin
Connor Gibson



Awards Evenings

The final awards evening of the year is a celebration of our sporting successes, and with **ten National team titles, Nineteen individual National titles, seven Super 8 titles, and ten New Zealand representatives**, there is a lot to celebrate. Congratulations to all of our athletes on yet another outstanding sporting year.

2015 SPORTS AWARDS: INDIVIDUAL SPORTING CODES

Archery

Wade and Paddy Trophy for Top Archer of the Year to **Scott Ashton**

Athletics

Taylor Brothers Cup for Intermediate Hurdles to **Isaac Milne**

Thompson Cup for Senior Hurdles to **Harrison Grant**

A D Becks Cup for Senior Sprints (100m) to **Kallum Gardiner**

Fergusson Cup for Senior 400m to **Johan Pio**

F Grinter Cup for Senior Field Events to **Christopher Goodwin**

K A Hudson Cup for 2000m Steeplechase to **Blair Pennell**

T Mills Cup for Senior Distance (3000m) to **Blair Pennell**

Oetli Cup for Senior 1500m Champion to **Robert MacKenzie**

Rockwell Brothers Cup for Junior Champion to **Jake Scurrah**

R Johnson Cup for Intermediate Champion to **Tyler Wood**

C L McDiamid Cup for Senior Champion to **Christopher Goodwin**

Badminton

Betty Grigg Memorial Cup for Service to Badminton to **Douglas Shephard**

G De Groen Trophy for Junior Novice to **Eric Yu**

Oriana Cup for Junior Champion to **Wijaya Devael**

Shield for Most Promising Player to **Jasmanjot Virk**

Canada Cup for Senior Champion to **Christopher Steeghs**

Basketball

Baldwin Trophy for Most Outstanding Junior Player to **Kyden Parata**

Cameron Cup for Most Improved Senior Premier Player to **Kauri Turangi-Joseph**

Peter Harvey Memorial Cup for Service to Basketball to **Kingston Higham**

Lions Cup for Senior Premier Player who displays strength, courage, creativity and perseverance to **Sam Meiklejohn**

HBHS Cup for Outstanding Senior Premier Player to **Hamish McDonald**

Canoe Polo

HBHS Prize for Most Outstanding Player to **Luke Feisst**

Chess

Wilson Cup for Junior Champion to **Brandon Cuellar**

Baigent Cup for Senior Champion to **Christopher Symon**

Cricket

John Paul Bat for Best Junior Cricketer to **William Muldowney**

Aim Trophy for Aim Development Batting to **Joshua Dewdney**

New Trophy for Development Bowling to **Max Gabolinscy**

Patterson Cup for Fielding in 1st XI Cricket to **Bodie Hodges**

Morris Cup for Most Improved Player in 1st XI Cricket to **John O'Sullivan**

1st XI Bowling Trophy for Most Wickets in a Season to **Brayden Gaylor**

John Nelson Memorial Cup for Service to Cricket to **Stephen Sintern-Tate**

1st XI Batting Cup for Batting Aggregate to **Jacob Gibson**

Shane Thomson Trophy for Best All-Round Senior Cricketer to **Jacob Gibson**

Nic Jeffs Memorial Trophy for Commitment and Dedication to Development XI Cricket to **Max Gaskell**

Cross Country

Junior Steeplechase Cup for Junior Cross Country Champion to **Jordan Taylor**

Malcolm Cup for Intermediate Cross Country Champion to **Isaiah Priddey**

Wallace Cup for Senior Cross Country Champion to **Ismail Sharif**

Cue Sports

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Performer to **Jack Ellis**

Cycling

Milremo Shield for Most Improved Cyclist to **Noah Costar**

Derek Houghton Award for Most Dedicated Cyclist to **Junior A Time Trial Team**

Norman Shattock Trophy for Most Outstanding Performer to **Kiaan Watts**

Football

HBHS Cup for Most Promising Year 9 Player to **Jared Cox**

Jonathan Perry Trophy for Most Promising Colts Player to **Kyle Kirsten**

Weaver Cup for Most Improved Colts Player to **Jayson Edwards**

4A Soccer Cup for Service to Junior Football (Captain of Colts) to **Logan Wallace and Avishak Kumar**

Jonathan Perry Shirt for Most Improved Senior Player to **Lachie Mclsaac**

English Shirt for the Captain of 1st XI Football to **Aaron Bayliss**

Coaches Cup for Most Valuable Player in 1st XI Football to **Lachie Mclsaac**

Shaun Malthus Trophy for Most Improved Player in a Social Grade to **William Cunningham**

Westphal Cup for Service to Football to **Raheem Hunter Ali and Blair Pennell**

Futsal

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Logan Wisnewski**

Golf

Alker Shield for Service to Golf to **Samuel McGovern**

Centenary Cup for Junior Champion to **Luke Kidd**

Bryan Boyes Trophy for Senior Champion to **James Fellows-Ford**

Hockey

Puna Cup for Most Outstanding Junior Player to **Vaughn Wells**

Roberts Cup for Outstanding Player to **Te Hiraka Chase**

Wheeler Cup for Most Improved Player to **Alastair Gloyn**

Warwick Hartley Memorial Trophy for Dedication and Commitment to **Kieran Wells**

Haydn Steel Master Blaster Trophy for Most Goals in Hockey 1st XI to **Zane Anderson**

In-line Hockey

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Jeremy Ashdown**

Lacrosse

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Matthew Munn**

Mountain Biking

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Cyclist to **Alec Stomp**

Multisport

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Athlete to **Leon Arcus**

Rowing

H and T Loe Trophy for Most Improved Oarsman to **Matthew Handford**

Richard Palmer Trophy for Most Improved Coxswain to **Matthew Dellar**

Satherley Cup for Junior Leadership to **Louis Vuleta**

Gudsell Cup for Senior Leadership to **Thomas Williams**

Senior Cup for Most Outstanding Senior Oarsman to **Thomas Williams**

Ross Wilson Cup for Service to Rowing to **Tayne Tupaea**



Cameron Cup for Commitment to Excellence to **Thomas Bedford**
 The Healey Cup for the 4th year boy who began his rowing at school without much success, but persevered to finish near or at the top to **Jack Curphey**

Rugby

Lawson Cup for Best Supporter of HBHS Rugby to **Mr John Courtney**
 Carwyn James Trophy for Most Promising Junior to **Thomas Martin**
 James Hook Trophy for Outstanding Goal Kicking to **Rameka Poihipi**
 Ballymore Ball for Leadership to **Harrison Courtney**
 Noel Murphy Award for Sportsmanship to **Josef Meek**
 L B Sandford Cup for Most Improved Player to **Hone Karaka**
 1st XV Trophy for Most Games for 1st XV Rugby to **Nicholas Souchon**
 1st XV Cup for Best Back to **Samuel Toa**
 1st XV Trophy for Best Forward to **Patrick McCurran**
 Lodge Real Estate Award for 1st XV Player of the Year to **Sevuloni Reece**

Rugby Sevens

Clark Award for Outstanding Sevens Player to **Patrick McCurran**

Sailing

HBHS Cup for Best Sailor to **Lochie Montgomerie**

Shooting

Penrose Cup for Junior Shotgun Champion to **Blake Murray**
 Shotgun for Senior Champion to **Bradley Parrott**
 .22 Shooting for Junior Champion to **Keeley Barker-Sanson**

Snowsports – Skiing

School Trophy for Junior Champion to **Robert Brodnax**
 Hamilton Trophy for Senior Champion to **William Ferrar**

Snowsports – Boarding

Trophy World Trophy for Contribution to Boarding to **Fletcher Craig**

Softball

Kamloops Bat for Top Junior Batter to **Maioha Tawha**
 HBHS Cup for Top Senior Batter to **Jacob Leppien**
 HBHS Cup for Top Junior Pitcher to **Ned Pene**
 Softball Club Trophy for Top Senior Pitcher to **Aidan Leppien**
 HBHS Cup for Best Junior Fielder to **Tamati Miringa**
 Top Glove for Best Fielder to **Zac Pene**
 HBHS Cup for Most Valued Junior Player to **Maioha Tawha**
 School Trophy for Most Valued Senior Player to **Jacob Leppien**

Squash

Johnson Cup for Service to Squash to **Sean Goodrick**

Swimming

Norman Ross Cup for House Swimming Sports to **Taylor House**
 R English Cup for Junior Champion to **William Thompson**
 I W Ready Cup for Intermediate Champion to **Andrew Jeffcoat**
 Old Boys' Challenge Cup for Senior Champion to **Michael Woods**
 The Missen Cup for Most Outstanding Performance at NZSS Nationals to **Danyon Hardie**

Table Tennis

Doc Ales Cup for Outstanding Performer to **JonJon Zhao**

Tennis

Meyer Cup for Junior Champion to **Trae Innes**
 Ian Crookenden Cup for Senior Champion to **Joshua Moorby**

Triathlon

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Athlete to **Bradley Cullen**

Touch

Senior Cup for Best Senior Player to **Manaaki Heta**
 Junior Cup for Best Junior Player to **Sonny Te Hira**

Ultimate Frisbee

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **William Medich**

Volleyball

Junior Trophy for Most Improved Player to **Junnosuke Nishio**
 Senior Trophy for Player of the Year to **Selefuti Anesone**

Waka Ama

Paddling Excellence for Tama Tu Ki Te Hoe to **Te Wakaiti Southon**

Waterpolo

Steven Rolfe Trophy for Most Outstanding Player to **Richard Sneddon**
 McKnight Trophy for Service to Waterpolo to **Stanford Pogai**

Wrestling

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Wrestler to **Teo Pouri-Lane**



Above: The Senior Team of the Year, the Under 18 Maadi Eight. Below: Guest Speaker Aaron Fleming and the Olympic Torch

2015 HBHS SPORTS AWARDS EVENING: SCHOOL AWARDS WINNERS

Fairplay Individual of the Year: **Ben Woolerton** (Rowing and Rugby refereeing)
 Fairplay Team of the Year: **Rugby Under 15A**
 Student Umpire/Referee of the Year: **Kieran Wells** (Hockey)
 Student Coach of the Year: **Caleb Muntz** (Under 14 Black Rugby)
 Junior Team of the Year: **Junior Cycling Time Trial Team**
 Junior Sportsman of the Year: **Kiaan Watts** (Cycling – Road and Track)
 Junior All Rounder of the Year: **Raukawa Jefferies** (Karate, Waterpolo and Basketball)
 Senior All Rounder of the Year: **Blair Pennell** (Football, Duathlon/ Triathlon, Cross Country and Athletics)
 Sportsman of the Year: **Sevuloni Reece** (Rugby)
 Team of the Year: **Rowing Under 18 Eight**



International Students



Above: Deco Pharanhok, left and Milan Thoma, right

In our final visit to the International Students Centre this year, we had the opportunity to catch up with Year 10 students **Milan Thoma** and **Deco Pharanhok**, both of whom arrived at HBHS this year (**Milan** in July and **Deco** in October).

Milan and **Deco** are from very different countries in different parts of the world, but once we got chatting, the similarities in terms of experiences quickly emerged. **Milan**, who is returning home in two weeks' time, is from Bonn in Germany, a relatively small city (by German standards) of 450 000, about twice the size of Hamilton. **Deco** calls Vientiane home, the capital city of Laos which has a population of about 1 million and a lot of traffic jams, which he definitely doesn't miss! His former school is government-run and was the first school founded in the city with a roll of 3000 students, it is co-ed, as is **Milan's** school, or "gymnasium", which in the German education system is the most advanced of the three levels of secondary schools which children qualify for after leaving primary school. Both have found HBHS stricter than their former schools and **Milan** has also had to get used to wearing a uniform as well as driving on the left hand side of the road, which led to a near disaster

on his first day of biking to school. **Milan** rode on the wrong side of the road minus a helmet (which are not required by law in Germany) and as a result had his first and only encounter with the New Zealand police force. Fortunately, once explanations were made, he was allowed on his way, but he is quite emphatic about how challenging it is to get used to traffic going the opposite way. **Deco** didn't have to worry about cycling, as in Laos it is legal to drive at 15 in order to get to school, but they also drive on the right.

Both have relished the chance to learn English, and both speak it very well, but they certainly found the first few weeks difficult, especially with the speed at which New Zealanders talk. Their advice to us? Please slow down, at least to begin with! In terms of cultural differences, **Milan** has found New Zealand very interesting, because the differences with Germany are quite subtle, but they are there and he has enjoyed navigating his way through these. For **Deco**, New Zealand is very different. As an example, Christmas is not celebrated in Laos. The major holiday is the Laotian New Year or Pimai Lao which is one of the most important dates in the Lao calendar.

As well as being a time of celebration and endless fun, it has also become synonymous with holiday, the celebration of Lao identity, the reinforcement of family bonds and an opportunity to reflect on the year ahead. **Deco** is the middle child of three; his mother is a doctor and his father the deputy director of an electrical company. **Milan** is the eldest of four; his mother is a film producer in Cologne and his father an accountant in Bonn. **Milan's** mother actually studied at Waikato University, which is one of the reasons why Hamilton as an overseas option was considered. **Deco** also has family connections with Hamilton via an aunt and uncle. The boys were unanimous when asked about the value of studying overseas and their experiences. **Deco** was emphatic, he believes it is essential to get out of your country and experience another culture and **Milan** wholeheartedly agreed.

We thank them both for being so willing to share their experiences and wish **Milan** safe travels back to Germany. **Deco** we will see for quite some time, as he intends to complete his education here and he is delighted to have been given this opportunity, as are we to have him here.



GRANDPARENTS MORNING 2015

It's always a very special day for us at HBHS, and this year saw our biggest turnout yet with nearly 300 grandparents of our Year 9 and 10 boys arriving en masse to take part in our Grandparents Morning. Many had travelled quite some distance and all were happy to take time out of their busy schedules to join their grandsons on a

tour of the school, where they got to check out classes in action and were then treated to music and morning tea served by those very same grandsons. The relationship between grandparents and their grandsons (and daughters) is unique, precious and unconditional, and Headmaster (and grandmother of three) **Mrs Hassall** paid

tribute to these members of our extended HBHS family for all that they contribute to our world.

For more images from Grandparents Morning, go to our HBHS website www.hbhs.school.nz or check out the link below: <https://goo.gl/FodZuN>





RESILIENCE TRAINING SUPPORTING NCEA SUCCESS

The end of 2015 has been a successful time of year for the very first HBHS student graduates of the 'My Friends Youth' resilience programme. This programme has been led by **Mrs Basel** and **Mrs Bower** during the Term 4 Year 11 NCEA programme. Twenty four boys successfully graduated, with a celebratory ceremony and afternoon tea with **Mrs Jenny Bell** (Oranga Education specialist) and **Mrs Lynette Ross** (Careers Advisor). 'My Friends Youth' has been introduced and trialled this year

in support of The Prime Minister's Health Initiative to boost self-esteem and to provide students with the opportunity to gain essential resilience skills to cope with the everyday challenges of life in the 21st century. Over a course of 14 hours, the students worked through the resilience programme in conjunction with 2 Level 1 NCEA standards focusing on wellbeing, working together and managing personal goals. All students were enthusiastic, fully engaged in the programme and successful in their learning.

FRIENDS is an acronym used to assist students to remember the key skills for

- resilience
- F – Feelings
- R – Relaxation
- I – Inner Thoughts
- E – Explore solutions
- N – Now do this everyday
- S – Stay Strong

Mrs Basel and **Mrs Bower** hope to be able to support another group of students with this programme in 2016. If you are interested in gaining more information about RESILIENCE training on an individual or group basis for your son please contact **Mrs Basel** for more information. abasel@hbhs.school.nz



Rayden Wihone & Jenny Bell



Nikaio Gudgeon & Jenny Bell



Callum McCall & Jenny Bell



Jack Bell



CHARITY DAY 2015

Service is a cornerstone at HBHS, and on Thursday 26 November, Year 9 and 10 students held a mufti day with a difference. Every year on Charity Day, students bring items of food or a gold coin (many bring both) which are then collected and gifted to one of Hamilton city's foodbanks so that those in need can have something extra during Christmas. This year's recipient was the Combined Christian Foodbank who will ensure that these items and this money gets to those who need them the most. Thank you to all of our HBHS families for their donations to this most worthy cause.



OUR YEAR 10 JUNIOR LEADERS FOR 2015

Robert Brodnax	John Clayton
Noah Costar	Matthew Cranefield
Campbell Crouch	Jack Devane
Josh Devlin	Oliver Fulton
Kaden Gibbons	Morgan Gibbons
Liam Singer	Rickson Hill
Tefin Joseph	Jeremii Lavasi'i
Sameer Mandhan	Thomas Martin
Declan O'Brien	Jake Russ
Setoki Tuimaseve	Benjamin Haworth
Louis Vuleta	Logan Wallace
Shilong Yang	Nicholas Goodman
William Muldowney	



STOP THE PRESS!

A Special Feature on a Voyage to the Auckland Islands. Teacher in Charge of Sailing Mr Jeremy Tizard reports on his recent sailing adventure to the sub Antarctic Auckland Islands: In November the Sir Peter Blake Trust gave me an amazing opportunity to accompany five other volunteers and Department of Conservation staff on the 25 metre yacht "Evolve" sailing to the Auckland Islands some 460km south of Bluff. The purpose of the trip was to assist DOC staff in monitoring the population of the vulnerable Yellow-Eyed Penguin, the fourth tallest of the world's penguin species. Days usually began with a 4am wake-up call, but sometimes it was as early as 2am if there was some distance to travel. After jumping ashore from a zodiac, we walked across an island to be dropped off at an isolated spot by 5am to monitor penguins entering the water. We experienced high winds, rain, hail and even snow on the hill tops during our early morning counts. We also enjoyed periods of fine weather, all parts of a very changeable Southern Ocean climate. *(cont. over page)*





Staff Farewells

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This is a wild place where an albatross or giant petrel may fly over your head or an endangered Hooker's Sea Lion would challenge intruders! Unlike other penguin species, Yellow-Eyed Penguins or YEP's nest out of sight of other birds, hidden away in coastal forest, tussock or scrub land. They are very cautious, usually only entering the water after they have spent some time checking there are no sea lions lurking around. I encountered significantly more penguins on Enderby Island, which is now free of introduced pests, unlike the Auckland Islands where pigs and cats are still threats. The difference provides a striking example of the results of pest eradication programmes by DOC. Enderby Island also boasts Southern Royal Albatross nests amongst large areas of flowering "megaherbs" which have recovered since cattle and rabbits were removed. Eastern valleys on these volcanic islands have been carved by glaciers while the cliffs of the Western coast have been pounded by Southern Ocean waves. Small waterfalls on the exposed Northern coast of Enderby Island defy gravity and spray upwards due to the high winds powering up the cliff faces. Southern Right Whales visit the Auckland Islands to breed (Google "National Geographic Southern Right Whale images" for some incredible photos).

This is truly a wild and wonderful place which defies superlatives to describe rare plant and animal life in a freezing, windblown and unforgiving landscape. It is a place of fascinating geology, a place with a history of Māori and Moriori presence, of shipwrecks, WWII coastal lookouts and an abandoned settlement that dates back to the 1850's. My thanks to the **Sir Peter Blake Trust**, the Department of Conservation and to the very capable captain and crew of the "Evolve". It was a great privilege to sail there and gain experiences which will enrich my teaching in the years to come.

TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

As we head towards the end of our school year, the time approaches for us to say goodbye to those staff members who will not be coming back to us next year. We thank all of our departing staff members for everything that they have given to us over their time here, and wish them every success in their new ventures. English faculty members **Ms Gina Hitchcock** and **Ms Kate Gill** head off on new ventures after spending their first year of secondary school teaching at HBHS. **Ms Hitchcock** began her

teaching career in South Korea as a teacher of English as a second language and in her time at HBHS became Teacher in Charge of Softball. **Mr Reuben Hindriksen** heads back to University to complete a law degree after his year of teaching Geography and Social Studies in the Social Sciences faculty. He has involved himself in Badminton, the School Production and Geography fieldtrips, and rates working with his colleagues and sharing those very important laughs as highlights. **Mrs Allana Penwarden** leaves the English Faculty after two years of teaching senior students how to "carry the fire". We will see her next year as a reliever and tutor. **Mr Steve Chystall** is off to Saudi Arabia after a year of Physics teaching and helping our HBHS Mooting team to win the Waikato University Law Society competition. We also farewell **Ms Sophie Hulbert** and wish her well in her new adventures. The Science Faculty wishes **Nicola Kueh** well as she heads to Wellington's Scots College after teaching Physics and Science here since 2009. She has presided over National title wins in her role as Teacher in Charge of Inline Hockey, set up the Gliding Club out at the Piako Gliding Club in Matamata, helped out with the Aviation Club since 2012 and has helped manage tennis and football teams.

Three of our long-serving staff members are finishing at the end of this year. The longest serving of this illustrious trio, **Mr Joe Johnston**, has been at HBHS since 1978 when he arrived to take up the position of Head of Department. **Mr Johnston** had taught prior to this at Riccarton High School in Christchurch, and was then Head of Department at Darfield High School. In his 37 years at HBHS he has been involved in a myriad of activities and has taken on many roles since health issues caused him to have to step down from his Head of Department role. Within the Maths faculty, **Mr Johnston** was involved in setting up accelerate and alternative programmes in order to better cater for the wide range of abilities in classes, as well as setting up the Statistics Course in the senior school. He oversaw the introduction of the first calculators and computers and has seen just how far the technology has come. Outside of the classroom, **Mr Johnston** was Master in Charge of Soccer (as it was called then) and took two teams on tour to Australia where they were unbeaten. He switched to squash where he oversaw a National title win, and was the School Photographer for **Mr Hassall** who was in charge of the magazine at that time. Year 10 fishing camps with **Mr**

West and the regular crew were end-of-year highlights, and the staff will always be grateful for the absolutely delicious smoked fish morning teas provided by **Mr Johnston** on so many occasions. Next up for him is a well-earned retirement, and we wish him a relaxing and enjoyable one after everything he has done for our school.

Mr Bruce Walker is another staff member retiring after an incredible 51 years of teaching. **Mr Walker** started at HBHS in 1981 after completing his last practicum at HBHS out of Auckland Secondary Teachers College, and he remembers the school roll being about 900 at the time which is less than half the number of students we have today. As well as teaching Woodwork and Technical Drawing (now Graphics and Design), **Mr Walker** was the Careers Advisor from 1984 to 1991 and helped set up K.T.'s Restaurant which ran out of the School Hall for three years. He also set up The Barn for Building and Construction in 2005 and was an integral part of School Productions between HBHS and HGHS for 30 years. **Mr Walker** also involved himself in Duke of Edinburgh, Hockey, Cricket and Road Cycling. One of his personal highlights was winning a School Scholarship to travel to England, Scotland and Alaska to see what was being done internationally in Construction programmes and to support students with learning difficulties. We will still be seeing **Mr Walker** next year, as he is not so much stopping as "slowing down" and will be spending his retirement doing relief work here as well as volunteer work in the community.

Finally, we say safe travels, but not goodbye, to the irrepressible **Mrs Sue Roycroft**, who leaves us after 23 years working in a variety of capacities, including staff typist, NCEA Centre Manager, Senior Management Secretary, Receptionist, Secretary of the HBHS Foundation and Personal Assistant to the Headmaster to name but a few! She also found time to manage tennis, rugby and cricket teams, and lists meeting many of the sporting stars who have either been through HBHS or visited over the years as a highlight. Her gallery of photos is the absolute envy of us all (**McCaw, Read...** just to name drop a couple), and **Carlos Spencer** who visited with the Maori All Blacks was a particular favourite. She crosses the Tasman for a holiday next week, and will be kept very busy as a wedding celebrant over the summer. As for next year, **Mrs Roycroft** will see what the New Year brings, and we wish her and all of our HBHS staff departees happiness and success in 2016 and beyond.