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The Doctors are in the house as our HBHS Old Boys graduate from Otago Medical School in 2016 and celebrate with our Head of the Science Faculty, Mr Andrew Tucker. From left, Oliver Aughton, Shyam Deo, Mr Tucker, Nemani Delabatiki, James Waetford and Shivam Deo (who graduated in a previous year). For more on our Old Boys and to stay in touch, check out our website and publications and keep us in the picture



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# High Achiever

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

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Top in New Zealand and the World - our Cambridge International Examination Superstars of 2015!  
From left, David Lee, Lachlan Cate, Soumil Singh, Lachie McLean, Tyler Wallace and Siyuan Li



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Welcome to the first edition for 2016 of the High Achiever, our newsletter that celebrates all of the accomplishments and triumphs of our HBHS students, past and present. This is our chance to celebrate all of our academic success stories from the end of last year, where we achieved some of the best results in our school's history. We celebrate our Junior Academic Prize-winners from 2015 and look at all of the exciting things that have been happening in classrooms and around sporting venues as the year has begun, and there has been a lot happening already. We welcome story ideas and suggestions, so please help us make our coverage the best it can be by sending in stories and photographs to [wmoiffitt@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:wmoiffitt@hbhs.school.nz)  
Thank you, and enjoy!

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Top: from left, **Kai Clapham** and **Barry Mylchreest** compete at the inaugural Golf Croquet championships. See page 11 for our results round up. Middle: from left, **Ellis Pike**, **Douglas Shephard** and **Connor Fergusson** take a well-earned break from the Relay For Life on page 13. Bottom: Our BMX National Title winners and competitors, from left: **Jack Lupton**, **Ryan Jordan**, **Cailean Calkin**, **Austin Lupton** and **Mason James**. Photo courtesy of **Mr Joe Calkin**.

# FOUNDATION

## THE LODGE HBHS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

**100 Happy Golfers and over \$11,000 raised for the HBHS Foundation.**

March 15th saw 100 Old Boys' and friends of the school line up and tee off at the second annual Foundation Golf Tournament with our new naming right sponsor **Lodge** on board. The full field and fully sponsored event was an Ambrose format and left room for much hilarity. The most senior player was 91 year old **Stu McKinley** who showed he still has what it takes and put some of the mere 50 year olds he was playing with to shame, and the youngest were current students competing for the HBHS Foundation Cup.

The top four HBHS Student golfers competing were **Matthew Davis**, **Luke Kidd**, **Bodie Hodges** and **James Fellows-Ford** who is the defending champ and again proved unbeatable as he took the HBHS Foundation Cup home once more.

Trying their hands at mini pitch, putt and chipping competitions around the course proved to be a great success and the resulting double or quits donations flowed in for tournament organisers.

These events don't happen without volunteers and sponsors and once again we were well represented in both these areas. Many thanks to **Graham Walker** and his team of HBHS Foundation Trustees, with special assistance from **Karen Walker** and **Paul Knox**. Above all our thanks to the sponsors listed below....you really are fantastic.



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INVITES YOU TO BE PART OF ONE OF HAMILTON'S OLDEST AND MOST SUCCESSFUL CRICKET CLUBS

**OVER 100 YEARS OF HISTORY**

**9 NZ REPRESENTATIVES**

**2 CURRENT NZ REPS**

*BJ Watling & Mitchell Santner*

**53 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### THE BENEFITS OF JOINING INCLUDE:

- Trainings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at HBHS
- 6 Senior teams
- All senior teams (excluding Senior C grade) play on grass wickets
- Playing uniforms provided
- Club social functions throughout the season
- Family friendly environment

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Senior Club Captain **Janice Fraser** on 022 0611 660

## INAUGURAL HBHS FOUNDATION LUNCHEON WELCOMES THE WELSH TO THE WAIKATO

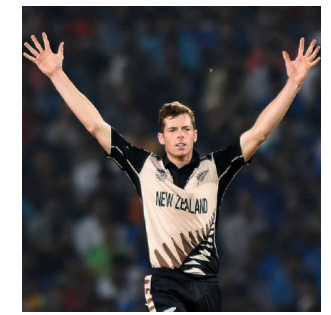
June 2016 sees a tour by the Welsh Rugby Team to NZ to take on the All Blacks and the HBHS Foundation is delighted to have secured Welsh Legend **Ieuan Evans** to speak at the first ever Foundation Luncheon being held on Friday 10th June at Wintec Atrium.

As Wales' third highest try scorer, **Ieuan** is, undoubtedly, one of Wales' all-time great rugby players having made his debut appearance against France in 1987. **Ieuan** enjoyed a long and illustrious International career with Wales, achieving 72 caps, 28 of which were gained as a Captain, a record only recently overtaken. As a friend of our very own **Warren Gatland**, and Sky Sport Commentator for the tour, **Ieuan** has kindly agreed to take a day off and travel to Hamilton to speak at our event. The HBHS Foundation Luncheon will also include an auction of unique experiences and items including Art from renowned NZ artists, Overseas Holiday Packages, Sport Memorabilia and much more.

Tables are on sale now - \$1200 for a table of ten.



Go to the Foundation Events page on the HBHS website for details. For all information about the HBHS Foundation please contact **Ali Mallett** on 853-0440 extn 2408, 021 909 981 or via email to [foundation@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:foundation@hbhs.school.nz)



Top: **B J Watling**  
Bottom: **Mitchell Santner**

# HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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HIGH ACHIEVER



## School Newsletter

### *Message from the Headmaster*

Dear Parents,

After a very busy term, it is timely to reflect upon the successes and achievements of the past three months, and to reflect, also, on those qualities which make the world of Hamilton Boys' High School so special.



I had the privilege last week of spending three days on the banks of Lake Ruataniwha in the middle of the South Island, a spectacularly beautiful setting for the NZSS Rowing Championships. During the days I spent with the young men in our Rowing Squad, and their coaches and parents, I was reminded, so often, of how proud I am of the students of our school, of their achievements and of their commitment and passion. But, in the end, what makes me feel so blessed to be a part of this world, is the absolute, unchanging and genuine sense of love which is evident in all that we do.

The word love is used in so many ways. I am asked often, why we are such a special school, and my response invariably includes the word love. In ancient Greece, there were many words for love, and at Hamilton Boys', three of these are so important. What was so evident to me, at Lake Ruataniwha, and what is so clear to us all, every day, is that we recognise agape, philia and storge, as critical components of what we are crafting in the young men who make this world so unique.

Agape is the love we feel for our children, the recognition of how important it is to live for others as well as for oneself, and to serve. This type of love was further explained by Thomas Aquinas as "to will the good of another". Agape is used in the Christian faith to express the unconditional love of God for man. The second 'love' is Philia, which is defined as "affectionate regard, or friendship". It is significant because it relates to loyalty to friends and family, the sense of brotherly love, of care for the community we are a part of. And, finally, as a school we feel a sense of Storge. This involves love and affection for one's wider family, for one's country, team or group. It is a sense of empathy, of comradeship, of belonging, and it is so important in the life of a school.

All of these aspects of love are an integral part of the life of the students and staff of Hamilton Boys' High School. We understand the importance of service, of caring for others; we recognise that we are a family, and that we care for each and every member of our community. And we are proud to be a part of this group of people that make up our world.

I saw all of these qualities in the Rowing Squad at Twizel, and I see it every day at school, in whichever class, group, or team I am with. The reason why this has been a spectacular term, in every way, is thus simple. We understand, and we feel, love, in all of the ways that matter to us. And that, in the end, is what makes me feel so very proud.

I wish all families a wonderful holiday break, and I look forward to another positive term ahead.

Susan Hassall  
**HEADMASTER**

### Term 2 Events

#### School Starts

Monday 2 May

#### Nominations BOT Elections

Open

Friday 6 May

#### Cross Country

Tuesday 10 May

#### Mufti Day, Heart Foundation

Thursday 19 May

#### Argyle 2017 Yr 9 Enrolments

Close

Friday 20 May

#### Senior Assessment Week

Monday 23 - Thursday 26 May

#### Super 8 Cultural Festival

27 & 28 May

#### Auckland Grammar Exchange

Wednesday 1 June

#### BOT Election Day

Friday 3 June

#### Queens Birthday

Monday 6 June

#### NPBHS Exchange

Thursday 9 June

#### Yr 9 & 10 Exams

10 June, 13 - 15 June

#### Field Days

Friday 17 June

#### Mufti Day, Kidney Kids

Thursday 23 June

#### Tauranga Exchange

Wednesday 29 June

#### HBHS Careers Expo

Tuesday 5 July

#### Yr 8 Information Evening

Wednesday 6 July

#### End of Term 2

Friday 8 July



# SPORTS

## SWIMMING SPORTS

The 2016 HBHS Swimming Sports were contested in the searing February heat early this term, and the newly refurbished pool provided welcome respite for competitors as the mercury hit the thirties. This meant the non-championship events were gloriously crowded and enthusiastically contested in a bid to keep as cool as possible. For the first time the event was split into Juniors in the morning and Intermediates and Seniors in the afternoon, and the House spirit was looking healthy and sounding loud at both events. We say well done (begrudgingly) to Wilson House on a big win to launch their 2016 House Competition title bid and congratulations to our age group championship winners. Special thanks to **Mr Hemi Coates** and the team of staff and students for organising and running this newly formatted event.

### Junior Champion:

1st	<b>Jeremy Doig</b>	Wilson	58
2nd	<b>Caleb Thomas</b>	Wilson	50
3rd	<b>Caleb Parsons</b>	Wilson	46

### Intermediate Champion:

1st	<b>Danyon Hardie</b>	Wilson	92
2nd	<b>Ashe Wainui-Mackie</b>	Taylor	48
3rd	<b>Tyrell Priddey</b>	Taylor	42

### Senior Champion:

1st	<b>Andrew Jeffcoat</b>	Argyle	92
2nd=	<b>Liam Barton</b>	Taylor	64
2nd=	<b>Bradley Cullen</b>	Baigent	64

### House Competition Points:

1st	<b>Wilson</b>	505 points
2nd	<b>Taylor</b>	439 points
3rd	<b>Tait</b>	258 points
4th	<b>Argyle</b>	252 points
5th	<b>Baigent</b>	195 points
6th	<b>Steel</b>	157 points



Top: Yifei Ma wears his Tait colours with pride. Middle: Steel House stalwarts Sebastian Clarke, Shelby Schnuriger and Ben Burton. Bottom: Champions take the plunge

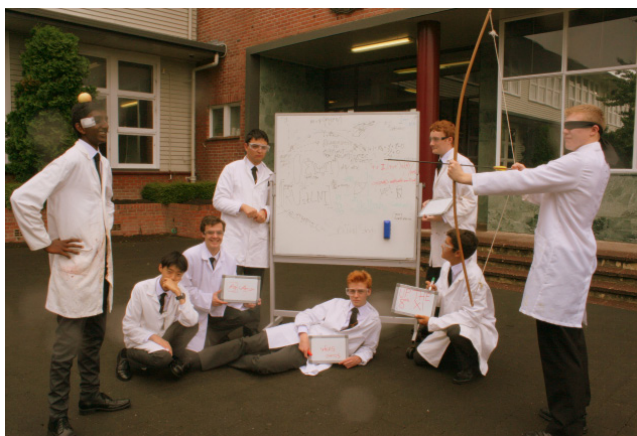
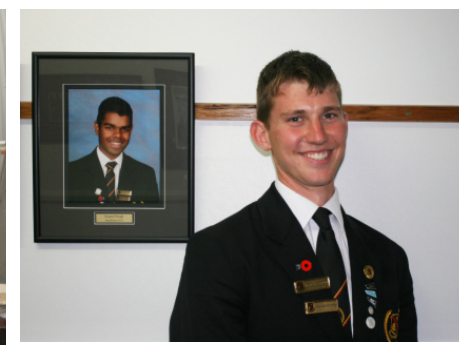


# PREFECTS



## MEET THE PREFECTS OF 2016

For their very first official media duty as our student leaders, we challenge the newly appointed Prefects to provide us with a photo that best captures the essence of their committee whilst having a little fun with their image. This is what we got. Enjoy!



Top Left: Service Committee from left: Jordyn Coxhead, Tori Van Straalen, Sivaram Manoharan, Yifei Ma, Deputy Head Prefect and Committee Leader Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney, Hamish Weren, Ellis Pike and Hadleigh Morgan. Top Right: Head Prefect Matthew Handford practises for his portrait. Middle Left: Sports Committee from left: Josh Moorby, Patrick McCurran, Tane Hotham, Captain of Sports and Committee Leader Christopher Goodwin, Stafford Dowling, Bradley Parrott, Rameka Poihipi and Kobi Abrahamson. Middle Right: Leadership Committee: Top, from left: Blake Akapita and Xavier Glass. Middle, from left: Harrison Grant, Deputy Head Prefect and Committee Leader Lucas Clarke and Liam McNally. Front, from left: Michael Fu and Jack Clough. Bottom Left: Academic Committee from left: Jeevan Vettivel, David (Dongyun) Lee, Lachlan Cate, Christopher Mayo, Reuben Hattingh, Jacob Cheatley, Harris Abraham and Deputy Head Prefect and Committee Leader Douglas Shephard. Bottom Right: Cultural Committee: Top, from left: Tai Lohrer and Finley Breeze. Middle, from left Captain of Arts and Committee Leader Casey Messent and Ciaran Lannon. Front, from left: Vlad Hartoepanu, Sheridan Tuimaseve, Reuben Houghton and Harrison Dowling.



# SPORTS

## ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY

If we thought it was hot at the Swimming Sports it was hotter still at Porritt Stadium when our champions were decided at the annual Athletic Sports Day. One record was broken, and it was a long-standing one, as **Tyron Hilton** set a new benchmark in the Junior 100m with a time of 11.47 seconds. In the all-important Staff versus Prefect relay, **Mr Cooley** ran his redemptive (or purgatorial) solo relay race after the baton incident of 2015 to thunderous cheers from the stand, and it was the Prefects who came down with this year's case of the dropsies. The full list of results follows, along with the House Competition points and standings, and it is Taylor House taking an early lead over the pack. The following places are very tight, with only two points separating the next four Houses. As for Steel, we remain optimistic, as the only way for us is up... way up! Finally, a special thank you to Event Organiser **Mr Todd Miller** and all of the staff who worked so hard in the heat to make for yet another successful day.

### Junior Championship:

1st	<b>Charles Annals</b>	Baigent	92
2nd	<b>Kalyan Gujji</b>	Steel	90
3rd	<b>Blake Wisnewski</b>	Taylor	54

### Intermediate Championship:

1st	<b>Tyler Wood</b>	Taylor	104
2nd =	<b>Henry Marr</b>	Tait	77
2nd =	<b>Liam Wilson</b>	Taylor	77

### Senior Championship:

1st	<b>Christopher Goodwin</b>	Baigent	106
2nd	<b>Harrison Grant</b>	Tait	98
3rd	<b>Isaac Milne</b>	Baigent	86

### House Points:

House:	Track:	Field:	Total:	Place:
<b>Argyle</b>	4	4	8	3rd
<b>Baigent</b>	5	6	11	1st
<b>Steel</b>	2	2	4	5th =
<b>Tait</b>	1	5	6	4th
<b>Taylor</b>	6	3	9	2nd
<b>Wilson</b>	3	1	4	5th =

### House Standings in 2016:

1st	<b>Taylor</b>	19 points
2nd	<b>Wilson</b>	16 points
3rd	<b>Baigent</b>	15 points
4th =	<b>Argyle</b>	14 points
4th =	<b>Tait</b>	14 points
6th	<b>Steel</b>	6 points





## NEW STAFF AND STAFF NEWS

Our first newsletter of the New Year gives us the opportunity to welcome new staff members to HBHS as well as to acknowledge and congratulate our staff on all that has happened in their lives over the Christmas break and the first term. We wish all of our new staff members every success and happiness as they become a part of our world.

**Mr Mitch Furi** joins an ever-increasing group of ex-Rangitoto College English teachers now at HBHS and was a Dean and Teacher in Charge of both Touch Rugby and Rugby League at the school on Auckland's North Shore. As well as teaching Year 10 – 12 English classes, he is looking forward to the rugby season at HBHS as well as getting Future Problem Solving up and running at HBHS.

**Mr Fraser Kilgour** is Waikato through and through, having taught at Morrinsville College and having studied at the University of Waikato. He is an experienced Hockey and Cricket coach and has already joined our cricket programme, bringing all that he has learned from previously playing cricket in the U.K. He is a member of the Social Sciences faculty and is teaching Social Studies and Financial Literacy classes.

**Mrs Kala Lal-Raman** joins the Mathematics faculty from Fraser High School where she was Teacher in Charge of Year 9 Mathematics and Year 12 Calculus. She has previously taught at Pukekohe High School, and has picked up a range of senior and junior Mathematics classes. **Mrs Lal-Raman** is very much looking forward to working with our Leo Club as a part of our Service programme.

**Mr Mike Li** has come across town from Fairfield College and has brought a wide range of teaching experiences and subjects, including Electronics, Mathematics and Mandarin. He joins the Science Faculty and is teaching Physics, Electronics and Science classes, where he hopes to instil a love of the sciences in his students. He is looking forward to working with our Badminton and Table Tennis teams.

**Mr Hayden Marrow** has headed north from Ashburton College where he was a member of the Science Faculty as well as Year 11 Dean.

Prior to this he was at Canterbury University during the major earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 and is teaching Science and Physics classes here at HBHS. He has signed up as the 2nd XI Football coach and is keen to get involved in other extra-curricular activities.

**Ms Channah Oliver** joins HBHS from St Peter's School in Cambridge as a member of the Technology Faculty alongside fellow Food Technology teacher **Nikki Coates**. She has a wealth of experience in this field, having headed the Technology faculty at HGHS, along with stints at Taupo-nui-a-Tia College, Freyberg High School and Whanganui Girls' College. Her students are sure to benefit from her enthusiasm for using home grown produce in the kitchen.

**Mr Richard Petherick** joins the HPW and Social Sciences Faculty after having studied at Massey University and completing his Graduate Diploma last year at Waikato University. As an Old Boy, he is looking forward to starting his teaching career at a school that gave him so many opportunities as a student. He will also bring his International experience as a member of the New Zealand Black Sticks to the development of elite hockey players at HBHS.

**Mrs Diane Thomson** officially joins our staff this year, although she will be familiar to Psychology classes having been a part of the Masters of Teaching and Learning Programme here last year. **Mrs Thomson** will teach Year 12 and 13 Psychology classes as a member of the Social Sciences Faculty and is passionate about further developing this subject area at HBHS.

**Mrs Janice Vermeulen** joins HBHS from Weymouth School after a number of years in school leadership and the completion of her Masters Degree in Counselling at the University of Waikato. She will be working as one of our Guidance Counsellors while **Mrs Kate Bower** completes post-graduate study.

**Ms Sam Walker** joins the Mathematics Faculty from England, having taught in Dover, Maidstone, Newbury and Hungerford where she was responsible for Year 9 Mathematics and Special Needs education.

She has successfully resurrected the HBHS Equestrian team and is looking to continue to work with students needing additional support, such as the autistic community.

**Dr David Williams** joins the English Faculty from Alfriston College in South Auckland where he taught for two years as part of the Teach First New Zealand programme. David has a PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of Auckland, and before returning to New Zealand permanently, spent almost a decade as a tutor, translator, and researcher at universities and non-governmental organisations in the former Yugoslavia and in Germany. He is interested in contributing to the cultural and academic life of the school, particularly in the areas of music and reading.

**Mrs Lis Wilson** joins the Mathematics Faculty from Discovery College in Hong Kong and brings a wealth of experience in the International Baccalaureate examination. She has taught in schools around New Zealand and around the world, including HGHS, the Bavarian International School, Hill Magnet School in North Carolina, Inglewood High School, New Plymouth Boys' High School and Westlake Girls' High School, and has been in charge of Mathematics programmes at these schools as well as an NCEA Moderator. She is looking forward to working with our Scholarship Statistics classes as a member of our Mathematics Faculty.

At the very end of last year, we said goodbye to **Mrs Alison Basel**, who was appointed Head of the Learning Support Programme at St Paul's Collegiate. She had been instrumental in getting Psychology up and running at HBHS and we wish her every success in her new role.

In other staff news, we offer our congratulations to **Mr Steve Smith** on his marriage and **Ms Heather Harris** and **Ms Natasha Preston** on their engagements. Mathematics teacher **Mrs Amy Paetai** welcomed a daughter, **Lauren**, and **Mr Dan Meade** and his wife **Amy** welcomed son **Leo** into their family.

To all of our new staff members we say welcome aboard, and together we look forward to a happy and successful 2016.



# ACADEMIC

## 2015 JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

As it always falls on the very last day of the school year, the Term 1 High Achiever is the first opportunity we get to congratulate our Junior Academic and Special Prize-winners of 2015. We proudly present the full list of award-winners and congratulate our Junior Dux of 2015, Alex Chen.

### Year 9 Band Prizes

Bailey Symonds	3rd in 933
Joshua Cullen	2nd in 933
Jack Lupton	1st in 933
Gurpreet Paul	3rd in 932
Evear Hayward	2nd in 932
Zane McGregor	1st in 932
Rojal Bilash	3rd in 931
William Swales	2nd in 931
Danyon Brunton	1st in 931
Liam Cocks	3rd in 929
Jacob Hamilton	2nd in 929
Wim du Preez	1st in 929
Pasindu Danawala Gamage	3rd in 928
Daniel Cumming	2nd in 928
Navjot Rai	1st in 928
Connor Ashton	3rd in 927
Max Armstrong	2nd in 927
Janitha Edirisinghe	1st in 927
Eddie Lichtwark	3rd in 926
Noah Stevens	2nd in 926
Drake Hemi	1st in 926
Yahia Bahr	3rd in 925
Dominic Letford	2nd in 925
Joe Chance	1st in 925
Luke Cameron	3rd in 924
Casey Sharplin	2nd in 924
Vidushan Jayaratnam	1st in 924
Nicolas Pierry	3rd in 923
Sahan Danansuriya Arachchige	2nd in 923
Siveshearn Jaynessh	1st in 923
Sam Ratima	3rd in 922
Ethan Rendall	2nd in 922
Philip Stenger	1st in 922
Jackson Bradbury	3rd in 921
Charlie Hudson	2nd in 921
Tristan Pilditch	1st in 921
Blake Morgan	3rd in 914
Ollig Frank	2nd in 914
Jesse Renner	1st in 914
Toby Heywood	3rd in 913
Rajat Khokhar	2nd in 913
Lachlan Graham	1st in 913
Harjot Dhillon	3rd in 912
Matthew Whiteman	2nd in 912
Corwin Broekhuizen	1st in 912

Damien Bolliger	1st in Year 9 Maths
Henry Yao	1st in Year 9 Science
Ashe Wainui-Mackle	1st in Year 9 Social Studies & English

### Year 10 Band Prizes

Brody Smith	3rd in 1032
Tolase Akinuoye	2nd in 1032
Ricky Llewellyn	1st in 1032
Zane Kalma	3rd in 1031
Raven-James Paekau	2nd in 1031
Samuel Roberts	1st in 1031
Dylan Lahman	3rd in 1029
Nathan Timings	2nd in 1029
Jean-Claude Ekland	1st in 1029
Lajon Hamilton	3rd in 1028
Arnold Teow	2nd in 1028
Max Rennie	1st in 1028
Te Ratu Mataira	3rd in 1027
Michael Redman	2nd in 1027
Jizer Dela Cruz	1st in 1027
Michael McCaskill	3rd in 1026
Thomas Nation	2nd in 1026
Braeden Sparrow	1st in 1026
Cameron Larsen	3rd in 1025
Jayden Randall	2nd in 1025
Jackson Hawke	1st in 1025
Devon Mitchell	3rd in 1024
Ethan Walker	2nd in 1024
Christian Slater	1st in 1024
Matthew Lochore-Halpin	3rd in 1023
Noak Thomas	2nd in 1023
Rakesh Allen	1st in 1023
Jeremii Lavasi'i	3rd in 1022
Reegan Glass	2nd in 1022
Hyum Lork	1st in 1022
Jayden Leith	3rd in 1021
Caleb Taylor	2nd in 1021
Shane Marwood	1st in 1021
Tefin Joseph	3rd in 1017
Adam Williams	2nd in 1017
Morgan Gibbons	1st in 1017
Adam Lynch	3rd in 1016
Svante Johansson	2nd in 1016
Mason Christian	1st in 1016
Elijah Hilton	3rd in 1015
Henry Marr	2nd in 1015
William Parker	1st in 1015
Karanpreet Singh	3rd in 1014
Benjamin Haworth	2nd in 1014
Jack Pruden	1st in 1014
Cian Sutherland	3rd in 1013
Henry Gann	2nd in 1013
Jordan Tengu	1st in 1013
Joshua Pedley	3rd in 1012
Jacob Salisbury	2nd in 1012
Hamish Mellow	1st in 1012

### Subject Prizes

Thomas Martin	1st in Year 10 Art
Jay Streatfield	1st in Year 10 DTR
Cian Sutherland	1st in Year 10 Drama
Thomas Martin	1st in Year 10 Elite Sport
Pirabhat Ammatmanee	1st in Year 10 ESOL
Mungo Bates	1st in Year 10 Enterprise & Film & TV
Caleb Taylor	1st in Year 10 Food Tech
Luke Stynes	1st in Year 10 German
Jacob Salisbury	1st in Year 10 Graphics
Declan O'Brien	1st in Year 10 History & Geography
Benjamin Haworth	1st in Year 10 Horticulture
Adam Lynch	1st in Year 10 IT
Mahboobullah Nouri	1st in Year 10 Japanese
Euan Safey	1st in Year 10 Music
Sameer Mandhan	1st in Year 10 NCEA Accounting
Alex Chen	1st in Year 10 NCEA Economics
Nicholas Goodman	1st in Year 10 NCEA English
Jiaqi Jin	1st in Year 10 NCEA Mathematics
Omar Nosseir	1st in Year 10 NCEA Science & Social Studies
Brandon Cuellar	1st in Year 10 Spanish
Pheonix Ngauma	1st in Year 10 Te Reo Maori
Mark Christopher	1st in Year 10 Technology Metal
Caleb Crooks	1st in Year 10 Technology Wood

### Year Level Prizes

Luke Peters	5th in Year 9
Ashe Wainui-Mackle	4th in Year 9
Liam Ballard	3rd in Year 9
Henry Yao	2nd in Year 9
Damien Bolliger	1st in Year 9
Shilong Yang	5th in Year 10
Nicholas Goodman	4th in Year 10
Omar Nosseir	3rd in Year 10
Immo Frank	2nd in Year 10
Alex Chen	Susan Hassall Cup and Junior Dux

(Special Prizes continued on Page 9)





## A PHOTO ESSAY FROM THE AUCKLAND ISLANDS BY MR JEREMY TIZARD

The Auckland Islands form part of New Zealand's subantarctic islands, scattered through the 'roaring forties' and 'furious fifties' of the Southern Ocean. They provide a resting and breeding place for rare and endangered species including Southern Right Whales, New Zealand Sea Lions, Yellow Eyed Penguins and a number of Albatross species. These wild and exposed places also provide a habitat for some unusual plant life not found anywhere else. Each year, the Sir Peter Blake Trust brings students and teachers to these shores to experience this very unique island group in the Southern Ocean and to take part in scientific and conservation work. For more information see **Mr Tizard** or go to [sirpeterblaketrust.org](http://sirpeterblaketrust.org).



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*Top left: Royal Albatross nest on Enderby Island, Top right: The 25m yacht "Evohe", next left: NZ Sea Lion, next left: Large leaved megaherbs, common on the subantarctic islands, right: A Southern Royal Albatross which circumnavigate the Southern Ocean, bottom left: A very shy Yellow Eyed Penguin*



## ELLIS PIKE SELECTED FOR YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

Year 13 student **Ellis Pike** has been selected to attend this year's Sir Peter Blake Youth EnviroLeaders' Forum, which will be held in Nelson during April. **Ellis** was one of 50 delegates selected from almost 200 applicants and was described by Programme Manager **Jacob Anderson** as a candidate who really stood out. This will be an opportunity for **Ellis** to learn about bio-diversity and pest-eradication programmes in the area, as well as to hear addresses by Sir Peter Blake Trust alumni, local and national politicians and business, community and scientific leaders. We very much look forward to hearing about this experience, and congratulate **Ellis** on this achievement.



## CELEBRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Last year saw our HBHS senior students achieve some of the best examination results in our school's history. We present our 2015 Scholarship Examination results in full, along with some highlights from our latest set of Cambridge International Examination results. Four of our students achieved Top in New Zealand in IGCSE and AS subjects and an incredible three won Top in the World awards in IGCSE and A Level examinations. Our percentage pass rates in NCEA across Levels 1, 2 and 3 were some of our best ever, with 92.6% of Level 1 students passing, along with 93.4% of Level 2 students and 82.4% of Level 3 students. We congratulate all of these students on their accomplishments along with our Senior school students who contributed to our outstanding results in 2015.

### Cambridge International Examination First Places

**Benjamin Greenwood:** First Equal in IGSCSE Computer Science in New Zealand

**David (Dongyun) Lee:** First in AS Economics in New Zealand

**Lachie Mclean:** First in IGCSE Accounting in New Zealand

**Lachlan Cate:** First Equal in AS Mathematics in New Zealand

**Siyuan Li:** First Equal in IGCSE Co-Ordinated Sciences (Double Award) in the World

**Tyler Wallace:** First Equal in IGCSE Co-Ordinated Sciences (Double Award) in the World

**Soumil Singh:** First in A Level English Language in the World.

### 2015 NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION RESULTS

**Name:**                      **Year :**      **Subject:**                      **Grade:**

#### Nine Scholarships with Six Outstanding

<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	Agriculture & Horticulture	S
<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	Economics	S
<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	Statistics	S
<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	Classical Studies	O
<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	English	O
<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	Geography	O
<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	History	O
<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	Media Studies	O
<b>Soumil Singh</b>	13	Physics	O

#### Four Scholarships with Two Outstanding

<b>Christopher Mayo</b>	12	Biology	S
<b>Christopher Mayo</b>	12	Calculus	S
<b>Christopher Mayo</b>	12	Chemistry	O
<b>Christopher Mayo</b>	12	Statistics	O

#### Four Scholarships

<b>Dongyun Lee</b>	12	Biology	S
<b>Dongyun Lee</b>	12	Calculus	S

<b>Dongyun Lee</b>	12	Physics	S
<b>Dongyun Lee</b>	12	Statistics	S

#### Three Scholarships with One Outstanding

<b>Visharn Sathiyakumar</b>	13	Chemistry	S
<b>Visharn Sathiyakumar</b>	13	Statistics	S
<b>Visharn Sathiyakumar</b>	13	Physics	O

#### Three Scholarships

<b>Alex Kennedy</b>	13	Biology	S
<b>Alex Kennedy</b>	13	English	S
<b>Alex Kennedy</b>	13	Physics	S

<b>Christopher Symon</b>	13	Calculus	S
<b>Christopher Symon</b>	13	Physics	S
<b>Christopher Symon</b>	13	Statistics	S

#### Two Scholarships One Outstanding

<b>Kristoffer Lavasi'i</b>	13	Media Studies	S
<b>Kristoffer Lavasi'i</b>	13	English	O

#### Two Scholarships

<b>Haoran Cui</b>	13	Calculus	S
<b>Haoran Cui</b>	13	Physics	S

<b>Jamie Ensor</b>	13	English	S
<b>Jamie Ensor</b>	13	History	S

<b>Jingyu Hou</b>	13	Calculus	S
<b>Jingyu Hou</b>	13	Chinese	S

<b>Max Mitchell</b>	13	Classical Studies	S
<b>Max Mitchell</b>	13	English	S

<b>Michael Woods</b>	13	Physics	S
<b>Michael Woods</b>	13	Statistics	S

#### One Scholarship

<b>Stephen Burroughs</b>	13	English	S
<b>Will Captein</b>	13	Statistics	S
<b>Krishan Deo</b>	12	English	S
<b>Andre Geraghty</b>	13	Accounting	S
<b>Sean Haisley</b>	13	Biology	S
<b>Morgan Hopkins</b>	13	Media Studies	S
<b>Daniel Ju</b>	13	Statistics	S
<b>Sam Kahuroa</b>	13	English	S
<b>Alasdair Key</b>	13	Chemistry	S
<b>Rahul Khatri</b>	13	Accounting	S
<b>Nathan Lee</b>	13	Biology	S
<b>Jack Montgomerie</b>	13	English	S
<b>Joshua Olsen</b>	13	Classical Studies	S
<b>Lucas Sherlock</b>	13	Chemistry	S
<b>Spyro Sikiotis</b>	13	Economics	S
<b>Matthew Stimpson</b>	13	Physics	S
<b>Elliot Wallace</b>	13	English	S
<b>Hamish Weren</b>	12	English	S



**Scholarships by Subject**

Subject	Scholarships
Accounting	2
Agriculture & Horticulture	1
Biology	5
Calculus	5
Chemistry	4
Chinese	1
Classical Studies	3
Economics	2
English	11
Geography	1
History	2
Media Studies	3
Physics	8
Statistics	8
Scholarships	46
Outstanding Scholarships	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>



Scholarship winners **Jamie Ensor, Visharn Sathiyakumar and Soumil Singh** with Mrs Hassall at last year's Senior Prizegiving

**2015 Junior Prizegiving Special Prizes continued from Page 6**

- The Junior Public Speaking Award to **Joshua Devlin**
- The Junior Creative Writing Award to **Cian Sutherland**
- Junior Sportsman of the Year to **Kiaan Watts**
- The Michael Morrison-Ruru Trophy for the Greatest Enthusiasm in Year 9 to **Joseph Licht**
- The Headmaster's Award for Citizenship for Outstanding Civic Responsibility in Year 9 to **Ashe Wainui-Mackie**
- The Eben Wilson Memorial Prize for Excellence in Year 9 to **Henry Yao**
- The McHaffie Cup for Outstanding Leadership in Year 10 to **Thomas Martin**
- The H D Tait Memorial Prize for Outstanding Character and Ability in Year 10 to **Sameer Mandhan**
- The Emilie and Michael Gudex Prize for All-Round Excellence and Potential in Year 10 to **Nicholas Goodman**



In this image 2015 Junior Dux **Alex Chen**.  
Below: more images from the 2015 Junior Prizegiving





## YEAR 9 ALP RETREAT

On the 18th February, excited Year 9 students strode towards their destination of TL.2.26. At last, they reached the lecture room at Waikato University. Students lined the chairs, while Year 13s sat at the front looking imposing. It was not long before students were perching themselves on the stairs, as the lecture room began to swell. As **Mrs Jenkins** walked in, the room slowly fell silent. The students had a faint idea of what was to come, but every student still listened intently.

The students were divided into their regular classrooms: 911, 912, 913 and 914. From here, each of the students embarked to different areas. For one class, the first lesson was Science. Here, they constructed paper planes in small groups to see which design would fly best. The lucky winner had bubbles sprayed upon their hands, which were subsequently lit on fire (see below). Another class went to Inter-personal skills, where they learnt about who they were and the kind of people in their class who were most like them. The next went to Theatre Sports, where the students put their acting abilities to the test and performed a small playlet in groups in front of the rest of their class. The last class went to Team-Building, where they used teamwork skills to “defuse a bomb”. Another workshop each class went to was ‘Looking after Myself’, where the students learnt about the different ways of managing High School.

Overall, the students had an excellent day learning different things about the world and also about each other (plus, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience considering they missed a day of school!)

By **Ethan Hight**



## ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA

On the 29th of March 2016, a group of 30 students enrolled in the English AS Level programme travelled to Auckland to attend a staging of William Shakespeare’s play “Antony and Cleopatra” at the Pop-Up Globe. Throughout Term One, the two classes participating in the AS programme were studying the play in the classroom and then a not-to-be-missed opportunity arose to see it live due to the arrival of a “Pop-up Globe” in Aotea Square in Auckland. The Pop-up Globe is a replica of the Second Globe Theatre in London which has been temporarily made in order to celebrate the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare’s death. By seeing the production live, the students were able to see a different perspective of the play while also experiencing a similar atmosphere to that of a production in London’s Globe.

The play follows the love story of a Roman politician, Mark Antony, and the Queen of Egypt, Cleopatra. Throughout the play, Antony feels a conflict between the pleasure of being with his love in Egypt, and the duty of his role as a leader in Rome. While he enjoys the simplicity and physical delight of life in Egypt, Antony is compelled to return to Rome to fulfil his duties as a leader of the Republic. However, as he dallies in Egypt, he loses sight of his obligations and duty which ultimately leads to both his and Cleopatra’s downfall.

The day was very enjoyable for the boys involved and an experience that we are unlikely to experience again. We would like to thank **Mrs Weston** for organising the trip as well as **Ms Dobbyn** who also accompanied us.

By **Reuben Hurliman**

## LIFE OF PI

HBHS recently celebrated International Pi Day with a Pi/pie themed general knowledge quiz open to all. The winning team - ‘2 and a half Bens’ - had an impressive level of general knowledge and each walked away with a prized pie. In a crazy Pi-off, **Jack Gerring** (below) proved that he knew Pi to the most decimal places and he too, was rewarded in Pie form.

Thanks to all that took part and well done to the Academic Committee for organising a fun event.



## GOBUS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Congratulations to the 2015 winner of the Gobus Scholarship, **William (Zach) Medich** (below with **Mrs Hassall**). This is the second year of the Scholarship programme which is available to HBHS students who intend to study Engineering. **Zach** is off to Canterbury University this year and at the presentation expressed how grateful he was for the support from Gobus, which will continue throughout his tertiary education. Last year’s award winner was **Oliver Tizard**.





## TERM 1 SPORTS ROUND UP



Our newly resurrected Equestrian Squad, from left: Adam Ormond, Thomas Perham, Cole Robinson, with Annie Walker at Waiuku.

As we go to print Summer Tournament Week is underway and our teams and athletes have travelled around the country to compete in Provincial and National Championships. However, there has been plenty going on already this term, and we've already had to make a lot of room in the trophy cabinet as our athletes and teams keep going about their winning ways.

At the end of last year, our Condor Sevens team won the National Sevens Rugby title, whilst our Touch team finished runners-up, in their competition, as did our Junior Softball team. The Touch side recently got one back on champions Rotorua Boys' High School by winning the Zone 3 Championships in their quest to regain the National title. Other teams to qualify for National Tournaments this term are our Junior Cricket team who won the Northern Districts competition, the combined HBHS and HGHS Ki-O-Rahi team, and our Junior and Senior Futsal teams on the back of their title-winning efforts at the Waikato Futsal Championships. Our Senior Cricket team is the Super 8 Champion once more, and our Tennis team won four Waikato Championships, with **Anton Shepp** winning the Junior Boys Singles title, **Sebastian Kerr** and **Cole Northcott** the Junior Doubles, **Jack Portegys** the Intermediate Singles and **Nicholas Goodman** and **Harry Peploe** the Intermediate Doubles title. Other Regional titles came courtesy of our Triathlon team with **Danyon Hardie** (swim), **Noah Costar** (bike) and **Patrick Dowd** (run) winning the Intermediate event and **Liam Barton** (swim), **Cullen Browne** (bike) and **Bradley Cullen** (run) winning the Senior competition.

The HBHS Athletics team won two National titles at the NZSS Championships in December and set a new National record as well. **Isaiah Priddey** was named as the Junior Boy Athlete of the Meet on the back

of two gold medal winning runs in the Junior 1500m and the Junior 3000m. Our other gold medal winner was **Tyler Wood** who won the Junior High Jump, with **Christopher Goodwin** winning silver in the Senior Long Jump and bronze in the Senior High Jump. **Blair Pennell** also won silver in the Open 2000m Steeplechase, as did **Connor Tristram** in the Junior 4km Road Race. **Isaiah** has been one to watch this term, winning the Open Men's 1500m race at the Porritt Classic in a time of 3:52.12 minutes, beating his own previous best time and setting a new record in this event for our school. He has already won the Capital Classic Under 20 1500m, the Auckland Under 20 1500m, and finished second in the New Zealand Under 20 3000m this year. Olympic silver medallist **Nick Willis** has identified **Isaiah** as a junior athlete to watch, and **Isaiah** recently proved this a prophetic statement, winning the John Walker Shoes after setting a new record in the Senior Boys 3000m of 8:42.47 minutes and winning the Senior Boys 1500m event at the Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships. **Isaiah** backed this up by winning the same distance events at the North Island Secondary Schools competition recently.

Our three-in-a-row Maadi Cup winning Rowing Eight, who were our Team of the Year at the HBHS Sports Awards in 2015, started 2016 by winning the Secondary School Team of the Year at the Waikato Sports Awards in January. The rowing squad have carried on their winning ways in their build up towards the Maadi Cup, winning four gold and four silver medals at the New Zealand Club Championships, and followed this up at the KRI Schools Regatta with nine wins and two second places. Five of these wins were in the Under 15 category, and it is worth noting that the Under 15 Eight went on to win this event at the North Island Secondary Schools

Regatta for the **fifteenth** straight time. HBHS won nine events and finished third in two events with our Under 18 Eight remaining unbeaten to date.

One of the striking features of this term's sport results is the range of activities in which HBHS sportsmen are excelling. One of the newest sports, golf croquet, saw HBHS students **Keegan Hansen** and **Lachie Mclsaac** finish second in the Inaugural Waikato Secondary Schools competition this term. **Jaxon Waters** won two gold medals in the International division in Individual Trampoline and Synchronised Trampoline at the New Zealand Championships. Boxing brothers **Sean** and **Jarrad Smith** will compete in the Australian National Golden Gloves Competition in August, and prior to this, Jarrad will compete in the Ringside World Champion Boxing Competition in the United States. **James Scott** will head off to Europe in May to compete for four months in the FIM Motocross World Championships as the New Zealand Junior Class Champion, and **Bradley Parrott** was recently named in the New Zealand Junior Shooting Squad after winning the North Island Open Championship in Junior Triples and Junior Single Barrels. **Zane Neill** and **Daniel Sinkinson** recently represented New Zealand as members of the Under 16 Junior Polocrosse team which won all four tests played against a New South Wales side. **Jack Read** won six National titles in the New Zealand Flat Water Canoe Sprint Championships in the Under 14 age group, taking out the K1 200m, the K1 500m, and the K1 5km event, as well as team titles in the K2 500m, the K4 500m and the K4 200m. Finally, HBHS riders managed to win four National age group BMX titles, along with a second place this Easter. Our latest National title winners are **Ryan Jordan** in the Under 16 event, **Cailen Calkin** who won the Under 15 event, **Austin Lupton** in the Under 13 event, and **Mason James** who won the Under 14 event. **Jack Lupton** finished in second place behind **Cailen** in the Under 15 Boys event. Also competing at the event were **Dylan Belle**, **Clay Merito** and **Harris Thurgood**. Coaching three of these riders is Old Boy **Cole McOnie** who competed in the World BMX Championships in Belgium last year, along with **Cailen**, **Ryan** and **Clay**.

**This has been an outstanding term for HBHS sport, and we congratulate all of our boys on their efforts. We also thank all of our supporters, teachers, families and friends who put in countless hours to help make us so successful. Kia kaha to you all.**



## SUMMER MOTOCROSS SUCCESS

Over the summer, members of the HBHS Motocross team competed at events throughout the North Island and gained some impressive results.

Late last year, **James Scott** (Year 10) began his season by winning the 85 class at the Auckland Championships. He continued his success by winning the same class at the annual Woodville GP and placing second in the Junior 125 class riding a smaller 85 bike fitted with a 105cc kit. **James** also rode his 105 to second place in the 125 class at the Rotorua Secondary School tournament and to diversify his racing, he entered and won the Raglan 1.5 hour cross country race. **James** is now preparing for the New Zealand Junior Motocross Championships at the end of April and the major challenge of competing in the European 150 Championship. The European Championship consists of five rounds visiting Germany, England, Belgium, Switzerland and the Netherlands. The school wishes the **Scott** family and **James** all the best for this Championship.

Cross Country racing is a very popular and successful motorcycling discipline enjoyed by members of the team. **Zak Fuller** (Year 10) gained an impressive first place in the 85 class at the opening round of the New Zealand Cross Country Championships.

**Caleb Richardson** (Year 10) gained a fourth place in the Cambridge 1.5 hour Cross Country and placed a creditable third in the Ironman class at the Castrol 6 hour. The Castrol 6 hour was a senior race with many riders opting to team up for the event, so for **Caleb** to individually race for 6 hours at 14 years of age is a great accomplishment.

**Seton Head** (Year 10) has had a successful summer, winning the 2.5 hour Grand National Cross Country series and placing second in the 1.5 hour Bel Ray series and Cambridge Cross Country race. **Seton** also competed in the Woodville GP and secured a fourth place in the Junior 125 class. At the recent Rotorua Secondary School tournament **Jack Bertram** (Year 12) and **Micheal Henry** (Year 10) did an excellent job representing the school by gaining first and third place in the 250 B class.

The team members look forward to competing at events throughout the year and gaining more impressive results in a sport where HBHS is becoming an increasingly strong and competitive presence.

By Mr Nathan Vassella

Teacher in Charge of Motocross



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In our regular newsletter feature this term, we caught up with two members of our Advanced Learning Programme with International backgrounds and asked them to tell us a little about themselves. **Ethan Hight** is of English, Italian, German, Danish, Irish and Punjabi origins, and is a very widely travelled second generation New Zealander, who has visited the Pacific Islands, Japan, Dubai and South Africa. With such a varied ancestry, he is looking forward to future opportunities to investigate his countries of origin. **Harrison Thien** is half Malaysian, half Haka Chinese and comes to us from Kuching, the capital city of the Sarawak state in Borneo. Kuching is a similar size to

Hamilton, but there the similarities end according to **Harrison**. While the rest of us were melting this summer, **Harrison** felt quite at home, as the average temperatures in Kuching hover around 30 degrees. The cold is the thing that he says he still struggles with. On the positives, **Harrison** is relishing the differences in our education systems. School days in Kuching start at 7am and run through to 1pm to beat the heat, and ill-discipline results in the cane. His excellent English after two years here comes courtesy of a tutor, as he spoke only Malaysian and Chinese back in Borneo. We thank these students for taking time out share their lives with us so that we can gain some insight into their worlds.



Harrison Thien (left) and Ethan Hight (right).



## RELAY FOR LIFE 2016

On Saturday the 12th of March, hundreds of people descended on Mystery Creek for the Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life, where teams walk or run around a track for 12 hours to raise money for the Cancer Society. HBHS entered a team of 25, including 3 teachers, and as a group, we were able to raise over \$2000 before the event even started. The new 12-hour format meant numbers for the event were down from other years, but there were still lots of teams with uniquely decorated costumes all helping to raise money for a worthy cause.



Despite the main event being the relay itself, the boys quickly found a volleyball court and discovered that there was to be a tournament running throughout the day. After a few warm-up rounds, we entered the first game still not really knowing how to actually play volleyball. However, this would not hold us back as '**Hassall's Army**' cruised to victory, thanks in part to the formidable front-court duo of **Douglas (Shephard)** and **Ellis (Pike)**. We breezed through the quarterfinals and semi-finals and once the sun had set, we got the message saying it was time for the highly-anticipated final game of the tournament against a strong HGHS team. The game started with an unfortunate first set where we not only lost the set but one of our most valuable players too - **Mr Carpendale** had suffered a fractured ankle and was unable to play on. The injury only motivated us to work harder and this resulted in us winning two sets in quick succession. As this was a 'first to three' match, the team knew that this would be a make-or-break moment. The set started off incredibly well, with myself scoring 11 points in a row before the opposition even managed to score one. Even though the girls tried to fight back, we kept the momentum up and won this final, all-important, set to claim the victory, and the title of champions.



The idea behind the Relay for Life is that each team has a baton, which must go around the track for the whole 12 hours. We managed to have a team member running around the track with the baton for the entire event, and it was common to have at least a third of the team on the track at any one time when other events like the volleyball tournament or karaoke weren't on to provide other entertainment. There were also special themed laps spread out throughout the day - such as 'Kiwiana',



'Eighties' and 'Red Carpet', which provided opportunities for people to dress up and win prizes for their costumes. As well as this, there were special laps at the beginning and end of the day to honour and remember those who had passed away from cancer, as well as to recognise people who overcame their own battles with the disease. Special mention must be made of our Year 9 student **Brooklyn Pace** who walked for 11 of the 12 hours. He deservedly got his own hero's lap when the boys carried him on their shoulders after he literally could not walk a

step further.

The day turned out to be a great success and all the boys had a great time while at the same time supporting a charity that is making a huge difference in the lives of thousands of New Zealanders living with cancer. We would like to extend our thanks to the teachers who came to join us during the day - especially **Mrs Bastion**, who organised the team and helped make sure everything ran smoothly for our team.

**By Hamish Weren**  
**HBHS Service Committee of 2016**



## HAMILTON OLD BOYS' CRICKET

Hamilton Old Boys' has a long relationship with Hamilton Boys' High School. Formed in 1914, when the school was still at the current site of Hamilton Girls' High and called Hamilton High School (HHS), Old Boys' was the brainchild of a band of teachers and students wanting to have a Cricket Club of their own.

The club's founder, and first club Captain, was **Norman Jacobsen** – a Senior teacher at HHS, and coach of almost every sports team, he went on to captain New Zealand in Hockey, and play Cricket to Plunket Shield standard.

Our founding President was the first Hamilton High School Headmaster, **Eben Wilson**. His influence on cricket was huge, and was one of many initial connections between HHS and Old Boys'.

Deputy Headmaster **Whampoa Fraser**, as well as other Senior teachers such as **Roy Inder** and **Rob Roy McGregor** were part of the initial seasons of Old Boys' history, and students like **Harold Turbot** and **Lance Tompkins** were key members of the club.

This relationship between club and school carries on today. As part of our relationship with the school, Old Boys' takes care of many of the cricket facilities at HBHS, including the practise nets, grass block and artificial wickets. Old Boys' also provide coaching assistance to HBHS Junior cricket teams. Our clubrooms are located in the school Pavilion, and we maintain a close association with HBHS.

Many of Old Boys' most notable representatives – players like **Mitchell Santner**, **BJ Watling** and **Anurag Verma** – are former HBHS students, as are many of those in our current sides. Current Premier Captain **Jono McNeill** and Club Chairman **Jason Perrett** are also both former HBHS 1st XI Cricketers.

## THE NIWA SCIENCE PROJECT

On Tuesday February 16 six boys took part in a service opportunity at Parana Park in Hamilton. Working with NIWA (National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research) and the New Zealand Landcare Trust, **Kanj Patel**, **Richard Neale**, **Brodie Kemara**, **Alex Matthews**, **Aryan Gupta** and myself built fish passes along Gibbon's Creek. The fish



passes are ramps which allow fish to navigate obstacles such as weirs, waterfalls and dams. The four new passes built in the stream are designed to encourage more whitebait into the Hamilton stream as well as facilitating in the natural migration of eels.

To build the fish passes we moved sandbags to divert the stream so that the ramps could be concreted. This took a lot of effort as the sandbags were extremely heavy and at one point the weir we were trying to place a ramp on, was on the edge of a bridge. This meant we had to crawl under the bridge and then move the sandbags with very little room available. We then found rocks of various sizes and logs to build the structure of the fish passes and to create shaded areas along the stream for the eels and fish to inhabit. The rocks we collected were then used to shape the ramp so a gentler gradient could be achieved. This allows the fish to swim upriver where they previously couldn't. The rocks were then concreted in place and smaller rocks were used to create areas

where the fish could rest out of the full force of the stream. As well as building the ramps, we also weeded the banks and collected rubbish to improve the area so it would be a better habitat for the fish. A couple of us focused on the weeding and by the end of the day had produced a huge pile nearly as tall as any of us.

The day was a huge success as all four ramps were completed in one day when it was expected it would take two. We worked tirelessly and some of us even had to be persuaded to take a lunch break! We all learned a lot about the local ecology and native fishes in the area. We owe a big thank you to **Mrs Bastion** and NIWA for giving us this opportunity. **Dr Cindy Baker** from NIWA and **Dr Bruno David** from Waikato Regional Council set up the project targeting HBHS students solely and it was a pleasure to take part in this valuable learning experience.

By Ellis Pike





## TIME LINE FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEE AND STAFF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

**P**arent Representative Elections and Staff Representatives:

- Nominations open on **6 May 2016**
- Nominations close at Noon on **20 May 2016**
- Voting Papers to be posted by **25 May 2016**
- Voting closes at Noon on **3 June 2016**
- New Board declared on **9 June 2016**

**Mrs Jan Missen** [jmissen@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:jmissen@hbhs.school.nz)  
HBHS Board of Trustee Returning Officer

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

**O**n the 12 of March, myself and 6 others went on the Duke of Edinburgh training tramp based on Mount Pirongia. With expert guidance from **David Bastion** and **Shaun Hodson**, we were quickly immersed in the arts of tramping, using compasses, bearings and maps to direct us along the Nikau Walk and eventually to our campsite in the late afternoon. This is where we received key insights on bush craft and camping 101. Shortly after our taste buds were acquainted with the 'delicacy' that is freeze dried food, and we acquired a valuable skill, learning to 'leap frog' our way safely through the bush at night. This was a definite highlight as we realised the difficulty of moving through the bush with limited vision.

As the second day was in full swing, our group showed great teamwork by completing a river crossing and directing ourselves through the bush using our previously learned knowledge of compasses and bearings. Shortly after we arrived where it all began, we reflected on the knowledge and experience we had gained that will allow us to continue to have great trips like this one.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE REPORT

**I** took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze tramp from Friday 11 March to Sunday 13 March. It was tough and challenging, but also a rewarding and fruitful experience. I made new friends and

thoroughly enjoyed myself as I faced various obstacles along the way. I tested myself, got to admire the beauty of New Zealand's bush and interacted with many people from every walk of life. Not only was it physically demanding but it also challenged my mental strength. Through this tramp I learned how to light a fire, along with basic principles of tramping and hiking. We left HBHS early in the morning and travelled to Purerua Forest Park. The journey was long and tedious, but upon arriving, there was buzz amongst the boys. We were all excited and looking forward to the two days ahead. We spent the first day setting up our tents and familiarising ourselves with the area. However, we soon set off to build a bivouac shelter and attempted to light a fire. Even though all of the groups failed miserably with the fire challenge, we still enjoyed the task. The next day began early. We prepared for the long tramp ahead, and despite the wrong turns and mishaps, we all survived. The tramp was an exhausting one but it prepared us well for the qualifying tramp later this year.

The most important lesson I learned was however hard something may seem on the surface, no matter how challenging it may be, with determination and resolve you will succeed. I doubted my physical ability and challenged myself to complete the tramp, so the satisfaction I felt after achieving what I set out to do, was immeasurable. I would encourage anyone to undertake the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme as it is a golden opportunity (pun intended) to help anyone develop the skills they already possess as well as to acquire a few new ones.

**By Sameer Mandhan**

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER REPORT

**O**n the 26th of February a group of nine boys travelled to Piropiro flats in order to complete the "Adventurous Journey" training requirement for their Duke of Edinburgh silver award.

We left Hamilton at 9:00 am, and after the trip down, we arrived at the campsite raring to go, although we all knew we had a long night ahead of us. After setting up our tents

and unpacking, we put together our day bags, split into two groups, and headed off into the Pureora forest. **Mr Bennett** took our group, while **Mr Winslade** supervised the other. Our task was to navigate our way to the hill where we would be spending the night. After a three hour walk (with many berry-picking breaks) we arrived at the campsite, and began to build our bivvies, with varying success. It was dark by the time we were finished, and most of us decided to try to get some sleep after a quick dinner of muesli bars and squashed bread. Even with multiple clothing layers, the night was cold in the absence of sleeping bags. Despite the layer of ferns underneath us, the ground was uncomfortable; it seemed there were roots everywhere.

The next morning we woke early, packed up, and set off again. This time we were to find another point on the map and make our way towards it. We became excited when after only an hour and a half of tramping through dense bush we made it there. Another half an hour North and we would be back on the road to the campsite! Unfortunately both **Mr Bennett** and **Mr Winslade** had other ideas. They set another point for us to navigate to, and we began to make our way South, back towards where we came from... After another few hours of ups and downs, we made it to a clearing, and the road back to the campsite. With new determination, we headed off down the path and back towards our tents.

The next morning, after a good night's sleep, we packed up and headed back to Hamilton, kept entertained by **Mr Bennett's** classic rock music. Everyone had a great time and I'm sure all of us came away from the trip having learnt something. Thank you to both **Mr Winslade** and **Mr Bennett** for organising the trip, and for making it a fantastic experience that I would thoroughly recommend to all who wish to take up the challenge!

**By Oliver Goodhall**

**If you are interested in getting involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme at HBHS keep an eye on the daily notices, or see Mrs Bastion in G11. Alternatively talk to any of the HBHS students involved and find out what it is all about.**



# LEADERSHIP

## YEAR 13 CAMP

The cantankerous grey clouds rolled in from the North, threatening to envelop all that they came into contact with. The birds, encouraged by the promise of new rain, chattered excitedly and swooped from one sinewy Kahikatea branch to another. The young men present, well aware of the task that lay ahead, failed to match the enthusiasm of the birds and instead buried their heads back under their makeshift cocoons. [Melodic Pan pipe music rings out... cue scratched record sound.]

And so it began, 6am on the second day of the 2016 Hamilton Boys' High School Year 13 Leadership Camp held at Ngaruawahia. In a scene resembling the drafting yards prior to Opotiki's Annual Stock Sale, students congregated at the camp field to prepare for their early morning run. Differing states of enthusiasm denoted which way the students would run. Much like the stockyards and very much like lambs, an enthusiastic bunch led by several soon-to-be student leaders, broke from the main bunch and ran the wrong way, in the opposite direction towards Auckland. Fortunately like anything in life, the students were able to learn from this experience and once they returned back to the camp, they were able to ponder the values of perseverance, commitment, humility and most importantly, stillness. It was apparent that whilst the students gulped down their breakfasts post-run, the vacant looks in their eyes were indicative of numerous values and lessons of the previous day being pondered. Or maybe, fatigue had set in. I prefer the former.

The previous day's activities and the evening formalities saw many a student challenged to step out of their comfort zone whilst meeting new friends and learning what it means to be a Year 13 student at Hamilton Boys' High School. A new activity, Hakirimata Orienteering was introduced this year and the students were challenged to work as a team as they navigated their way around part of the track. Needless to say, many students enjoyed this activity and were able to not only push themselves physically, but mentally as well.

The evening formalities saw Old Boy and Former Deputy Head Prefect **David Sundaresan** speak to the students about the



The Year 13 students spend some quality time on the HBHS Haka at Leadership Camp.

expectations and realities of being a Year 13 student at Hamilton Boys' High School. **David** is an eloquent and accomplished speaker and many of the students appreciated the way he spoke with relevance and 'real world' knowledge.

After an absence of several years the one man travelling show which is **Mr Ellis**, made a triumphant return, offering entertainment in the form of song and 'hurrahs' at the conclusion of the evening formalities.

To conclude a very successful camp, the teaching and camp staff were thanked by the students via a performance of the school haka. As usual, the haka was both emotional and stirring and camp staff and teachers alike were impressed with the passion and wairua that infused the performance. It is hoped that the students will reflect throughout the year on what they learnt at camp and approach the responsibility of being a Year 13 student with reverence.

Good luck for the year and remember that through perseverance success can be obtained.

*He tangata momoe, he tangata mangere,  
ekore e whiwhi ki te taonga*

**By Mr Bryan Summerfield**  
Dean of Year 13

## IN THE NEXT EDITION OF THE HIGH ACHIEVER

On April 12 a squad of 28 boys along with coaches, managers and support staff depart from Auckland Airport on a once-in-a-lifetime 23 day trip to Europe. This trip will provide the boys with a chance to compete against top-class European schools in our build-up to the long and rigorous 1st XV season. During this trip we will be billeted out for the majority of the time which will be a great experience for us to see how other cultures live. The boys play a total of 5 games whilst away, with two games being played in Belfast against The Royal Belfast Academic Institution and Ulster Select Schools, one in Dublin against Blackrock Junior Club and two in Cardiff against Coleg Sir Gar and Coleg y Cymoedd.

The coaches have already indicated that these games will not be easy, hence the hard work in pre-season training. Along with the rugby, we will get a chance to see a side of the world that most of us have never encountered before, with a definite highlight set to be a 3 day visit to London for sightseeing after our 5 games have been completed. This tour is going to be a wonderful opportunity for all 28 of us and I am looking forward to what the rest of the season has to bring.

**By Hadleigh Morgan**