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The combined HBHS and HGHS Te Maurea Whiritoi perform with power and pride at the Hamilton Boys' High School Foundation Lunch on Friday 10 June. The group will represent the Tainui Region at the Kapa Haka National Finals in Hastings this July and our very best wishes go with them. Kia Kaha.



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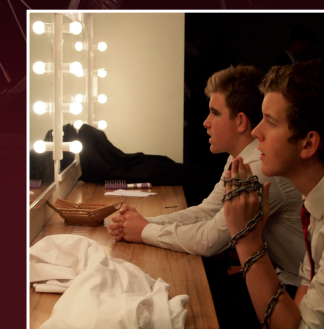
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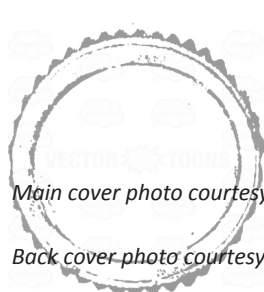


World Champion BMX Rider Cailen Calkin
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In this edition the High Achiever goes global, as we celebrate all that has been achieved at National and International level. We profile our World Champion winning BMX rider **Cailen Calkin** and find out what it takes to be on the very top of your sporting code at the age of 14. We also feature our middle-distance running star **Isaiah Priddey** who has already been identified as one to watch by Olympic silver medallist **Nick Willis**, and we join our 1st XV Rugby team on tour in the UK and Ireland. It really is a case of around the world in 16 pages, and we hope you enjoy the trip!

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Top: The HBHS Academic Scholars join forces with Waikato Diocesan in their Quiz Night, Top Middle: Headmaster Mrs Hassall with five times Maadi Gold Medal Winner William Thompson, Middle Bottom: Kings of the Castle, The HBHS 1st XV on tour in Ireland, Bottom: Our National Champion Ki-O-Rahi Team



THE HBHS FOUNDATION LUNCH

Around 200 Old Boys' and other supportive Hamiltonians descended on the Wintec Atrium on Friday 10th June 2016 for the Inaugural HBHS Foundation Luncheon. Guests were greeted with a rousing welcome from the HBHS and HGHS combined Kapa Haka group delivered with a passion and an enthusiasm which filled the Atrium and set the tone for what would be a spectacular event.

HBHS Old Boy **James McOnie** with his razor sharp wit and sometimes borderline humour then leapt quickly to the fore to invite all present to join in the fun, shake off the work week and to ponder on the impact that HBHS has had on them and the wider Hamilton community. The laughs came loud and quickly as **McOnie** reflected on his time at HBHS as being "a little like the Hunger Games, just grab a weapon and run". The guests enjoyed gorgeous food created by the talented team at **Kerr & Ladbroke** as well as entertainment from our very own Gypsy Pickers who delighted one guest so much that he happily bid frantically at the charity auction part of the event reflecting his enjoyment of the day and lightening his wallet substantially. The guest speaker was Welsh and Lions Rugby Legend **Ieuan Evans** who graciously started his presentation with a Maori greeting. In NZ to follow the Welsh tour **Ieuan** shared stories of his days as a top try scoring Welsh player and Captain and proved to be a very entertaining guest. **Rob Waddell**, NZ Olympic team Chef de Mission later joined **Ieuan** on the couch and the audience had the chance to throw questions of any nature at the two celebrities...and they did! **Rob** had to relive the agony of the America's Cup but also was able to share the joy of Olympic Gold won in Sydney 2000.

Growing a substantial Endowment fund is a core goal of the Foundation Trust with the income from that fund allowing the Trust to make donations to the school via its grants programme. These donations are made following an application by the school and can provide for the many extraordinary activities that are not funded by the Ministry of Education or that will add to our continued success in all areas such as the Academic, Arts, Cultural and the Sporting Arenas. The auction section of the luncheon event was designed by the team of **Harcourts Hamilton** to bring in those funds

and it proved a raging success. Overall the event raised more than \$45,000. Given that the Hamilton Boys' High Foundation Trust seeks to connect Old Boys and at the same time support the financial success of HBHS we can all celebrate this new initiative which is now locked in as an annual event that will continue to grow the fund and increase the impact the HBHS Foundation can have in supporting our school.

Thanks goes to the organising committee, all those present and most especially to the sponsors of the day and notice is given that the next event is already locked in for Friday 9th June 2017... so mark it in your diaries now.

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Top: A sample of the exquisite fare enjoyed by the fortunate guests, Bottom: Success! A happy bidder celebrates the winning of that "must have" auction item.

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School Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Message from the Headmaster

As a school, it is clear that we approach the end of Term Two with the same sense of enthusiasm and purpose as we began, and for this I am grateful to everyone in our community. It has been a most successful ten weeks, in so many ways. The trophy table in our school reception, which houses only recently won prizes, is filled to overflowing, a testament to the achievements of our multi-talented sportsmen, musicians, dramatists, orators, debaters, kapa haka and scholars, to name only a few. And last week as I showed visitors through the school, it is striking to see every class engaged, committed, and intent on doing the best possible for themselves, and for the group. This level of sustained positive behaviour and high achievement does not happen by chance. It occurs through the dedication and care of many, staff and many parents and families.



Hamilton Boys' High School is a special and amazing community. As we approach the 2016 cycle of Information Evenings, Open Days, and enrolments, I am able to step back and consider the strengths of our world. As it always is, my response relates to people - it is the people who make the difference. And it is the way in which our students commit to maximising their fullest potential, in so many ways, which makes this a wonderful world to share. Last week in Assembly I spoke of the significance to us all, of the Parable of the Talents. When defining the concept of 'gifted and talented', we accept that it means having a gift or a talent. Yet in the parable, the underlying message relates, not to the gift, but what we do with the talent we have. The story of the 'talents' comes from Matthew, Chapter 25, in the Bible, where the original meaning of the word 'talent' is a gold coin, worth a great deal of money. It involves a wealthy man, who is about to travel a long distance from home. He leaves his three servants an amount of money to care for while he is away, giving "each according to his abilities". To the first servant, he gives five talents, to the second, two, and to the third he gives one talent. The first servant takes his five talents, and increases it, accumulating ten. The second servant also uses his wisely, and gained four talents from the original two. The final servant takes his single talent, and buries it deep in the ground. When the master returns, he praises the first two servants, for the way in which they have used their 'talents'. However, for the third servant, who still has only the single talent he began with, he expresses his disappointment, and displeasure, and he "cast him out".

Why is this story significant? Because the message, the lesson it instils in us, is so closely linked to why we are so strong as a family, and to why we are so successful. Because we understand, and our students are, an example of the first two servants. The young men of Hamilton Boys' are aspirational in their vision for themselves and for their school, and they recognise the meaning of the story. We know that success comes from hard work, that it is essential to use the 'talents' we have, rather than just to be satisfied with the starting point. We recognise that we are not all the same, that we all have different levels of talent, and that we judge ourselves, and each other, on the difference we make, and what we do with our talents, in ensuring that we give of our very best in all that we undertake. And we are driven by the imperative that we have to use our abilities and talents for the benefit of others as well as for ourselves, and in doing so, to feel the satisfaction and joy in using and developing our strengths. Schools are often judged on their results and their successes, and on the quality of experience students experience in each community. These benchmarks come not only from the talents of the students who enter our world, but most importantly, from the way in which these young men use their strengths to make our world even better and stronger than before. The meaning of the parable is so important, and it is truth which we cherish.

Thank you for a wonderful term. Enjoy the holiday break as a family, and the opportunity to spend time with your son. As we begin the journey of welcoming our 2017 enrolments to our community, I express my very real gratitude once again to the very special young men and their families who ensure that it is an amazing world which they are joining.

Susan Hassall
HEADMASTER

Term 3 Events

School Starts
Monday 25 July

NZ Kapa Haka
25 July - 29 July

Curriculum Evening
Tuesday 2 August

Hall of Fame
Wednesday 3 August

HBHS/HGHS Production
6 - 8 August

Open Day
Tuesday 9 August

Mufti Day - Cancer
Thursday 11 August

Senior Exams
15 August - 23 August

Tournament Week
29 August - 2 September

2017 Yr 9 Applications Close
Wednesday 31 August

Mufti Day
Thursday 8 September

NZ Blood Service
Friday 9 September

House Singing
Tuesday 20 September

End of Term 3
Friday 23 September



CAREERS



CAREERS INFORMATION

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

How can I find out about scholarships?

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

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



then click on the logo then login (no password required)

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

Procedure

- Scholarship applications are done on-line .
- Students use their testimonials as the school reference.
- Students are required to register at Student Services Reception if they are applying for a scholarship and require their testimonial. They must provide the name of the scholarship and the closing date.
- Some scholarships may require a CV or have an essay component.

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University enrolments

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

Halls of Residence Applications

Applications for university accommodation open on August 1st and close on October 1st. Students are advised to apply early as it is a very competitive market.

Exception - AUT applications open on Oct 1st

Procedure

This is a two part procedure.

- Students need to apply on line, to each of their chosen Halls of Residence.
- Once the application has been received by the university they will email **Mr Summerfield** (Year 13 Dean). He will then complete a confidential report on line which the universities use as part of their selection process.

Making Subject Choices Yr 10 – 12



Early in term three, students will be required to make subject choices for 2017. Students are strongly encouraged to do research on the careers NZ website www.careers.govt.nz .

This has really useful interactive activities and excellent information for all students.

For students intending going to university, this site is very useful. www.nomajordrama.co.nz

For students looking at further study, including trades:

www.schoolconnect.co.nz

For information regarding all trades www.gotatrade.co.nz

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

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CROSS COUNTRY



CROSS COUNTRY 2016

The 2016 House Cross Country Competition was raced on Tuesday 10 May, and despite the run of warm and dry conditions, there was still plenty of mud available in the gully section of the track. When asked to rate the level of mud, one intrepid Year 9 runner called it a "solid 7 out of 10" with solid perhaps not being the best descriptor in light of the fate of the tractor at right. The usual suspects were represented in the Championship races with **Isaiah Priddey** winning the Senior event in a time of 18.27 minutes, **Samuel Montgomerie** the Intermediate race in 12.21 minutes, and **Blake Wisnewski** finishing as Junior Champion in a time of 8.59 minutes.

Despite being the smallest house in terms of numbers, Argyle House's superior participation levels saw them take out the overall House competition and gain a very welcome 12 points, which along with their inevitable win in the Tug O' War was enough to put them in outright first place after six events. Wilson and Taylor remain steady in second and third place, but Baigent have fallen away a little and are now in fourth place. Tait did Steel a big favour by finishing last in both the Cross Country and Tug O' War and even though we are not at all biased, we can only hope that the Red House continues in this fine fashion, giving the Men of Steel a chance to keep closing that gap.

The full list of champions and House points follow, and we congratulate the Champions once again, along with **Mr Alby Ellis** and the HPW Faculty for such a well-organised event.

Senior Champion:

1st	Isaiah Priddey	Taylor
2nd	Bradley Cullen	Baigent
3rd	Coby Miln	Argyle

Intermediate Champion:

1st	Samuel Montgomerie	Wilson
2nd	Connor Tristram	Wilson
3rd	Patrick Dowd	Baigent

Junior Champion:

1st	Blake Wisnewski	Taylor
2nd	Oliver Foote	Wilson
3rd	Bede Mitchell	Argyle

House Points:

1st	Argyle	12 points
2nd	Wilson	10 points
3rd	Taylor	8 points
4th	Steel	6 points
5th	Baigent	4 points
6th	Tait	2 points

Overall House Standings (after six events):

1st	Argyle	41 points
2nd	Wilson	38 points
3rd	Taylor	36 points
4th	Baigent	32 points
5th	Tait	23 points
6th	Steel	18 points





CULTURAL

CULTURE UPDATE

This term we check in on our cultural stars of the present and future and see what our most talented musicians, artists and performers have been up to and what is on the horizon.

In recent news, HBHS Old Boy and Head Prefect in 2013 **Sam Franicevic** was named as New Zealand's Best Young Guitarist at the Mercury Bay Music Festival and will head to New York to work with world-renowned guitarist **Tommy Emmanuel**. Our Smokefree Rockquest performers were recognised at the recent Waikato competition, with **Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney** and his band Sweet Amour finishing third and **Ethan Aish** winning the APRA Lyric award.

HBHS Year 13 students **Max Gray** and **Matthew Graham** were selected for the 2016 Paterson Burn Excellence in Art Competition. The competition, now in its fourth year, inspires, encourages and rewards the creative visions of emerging artists. The theme for 2016 was An Eye to the Future. Part of the proceeds of the online auction went to Diabetes New Zealand. Both **Max** and **Matthew** were successful in selling their work.

Our Barbershop quartet of **Reid Bensemen**, **Nicci Rich**, **Samisoni Baledrokadroka** and **Fynn Bodley-Davies** went to the Waikato Young People in Harmony competition and finished second, and our Music Tour jets off in the last week of this term for their tour of Samoa, (which will be profiled in next term's High Achiever) for what will be a much-needed dose of sunshine. We wish them all safe travel and happy performing, along with last year's Deputy Head Prefect **Alex Kennedy** who will head to the Globe Theatre in London in July for a chance to perform in a Shakespearean play at the home of all things Shakespearean.

This Year's Super 8 Cultural Festival was hosted by Tauranga Boys' College and on Friday 27 May a contingent of our most talented artists, musicians, orators and performers crossed the Kaimais to contest what can sometimes be a contentious fixture. As is so often the case, the overall result depended on the very last event, which in this instance was the ability of the Senior Debating Team to argue the possible merits of a **Donald Trump** presidency. Fortunately (or worryingly, because it would

mean our debaters actually found some credible potential benefits!) the team were able to do this, and HBHS took out the festival and brought back a very impressive collection of trophies. The full list of results is as follows, and we congratulate these boys on their efforts.

SUPER 8 CULTURAL FESTIVAL RESULTS

- Junior Debating: Third equal (with hosts Tauranga Boys' College)**
- Senior Debating: First**
- Drama: First**
- Kapa Haka: First**
- Senior Solo Music: First**
- Group Music: Second**
- Junior Oratory: Second**
- Senior Oratory: First**
- Junior TheatreSports: Second**
- Senior Art: First**

We give thanks and congratulations to our Head of Languages, Arts and Music **Mr Adrian Botting**, our Director of Culture **Mr James Sutherland**, and all of their hard-working staff for their support of our talented cultural performers.



Top: Award winning art by Matthew Graham and by Max Gray, below



Above: Captain of Arts Casey Messent, and this image, Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney



THE 2016 MAADI CUP REGATTA

We might not have brought home the big trophies from the Maadi Cup at Lake Ruataniwha, but we are very proud of our medallists and competitors who did so well at what is the largest secondary schools sporting competition in New Zealand. HBHS finished with five gold medals, three silver medals and two bronze medals, and what is distinctive about the gold medals is that all five of them were at Under 15 level, and it is the first time in the competition's history that one school has won all of the events in an age group. Of the crews, **Luke Taylor** and **William Thompson** won gold in all five events they contested, which is an extraordinary feat. The full list of medallists and crews who made the National Finals follows:



Under 15 Double: Gold for **William Thompson** and **Luke Taylor**, along with the Mark Meates Cup

Under 15 Four: Gold for **William Thompson, Luke Taylor, Lachlan Robertson, Nate Healey** and **Tom Karaitiana** (Coxswain), along with the Eric Craies Cup

Under 15 Quad: Gold for **William Thompson, Luke Taylor, Lachlan Robertson, Nate Healey** and **Jakob Stent** (Coxswain) along with the Bill Eaddy Memorial Cup

Under 15 Quad: Bronze for **Ali Henderson, Harry Yates, Hayden Smith, Ben Blaikie** and **Keegan Rea** (Coxswain)

Under 15 Octuple: Gold for **William Thompson, Luke Taylor, Lachlan Robertson, Nate Healey, Ali Henderson, Harry Yates, Hayden Smith, Ben Blaikie** and **Matt Deller** (Coxswain) along with the Leslie J Saywood Cup

Under 15 Octuple: Fourth place for **Jacob Houghton, Tom McCaffrey, Max Nasmith, Caleb Akapita, Joshua Hilton, Cody Limbrick, Sam Cook, Ned Pene** and **Jakob Stent** (Coxswain)

Under 15 Eight: Gold for **William Thompson, Luke Taylor, Lachlan Robertson, Nate Healey, Ali Henderson, Harry Yates, Hayden Smith, Ben Blaikie** and **Matt Deller** (Coxswain) along with the Walmsley Cup

Under 15 Eight: Sixth place for **Jacob Houghton, Tom McCaffrey, Max Nasmith, Caleb Akapita, Joshua Hilton, Cody Limbrick, Sam Cook, Ned Pene** and **Jakob Stent** (Coxswain)

Under 16 Quad: Sixth place for **Ben Haworth, Cameron Mailer, Nate Raffan, Harry Dawson** and **Jordan Tengu** (Coxswain)



Under 16 Four: Silver for **Flynn Watson, Mark Christopher, Campbell Crouch, Ryan Campbell** and **Mitchell Kay** (Coxswain)

Under 16 Eight: Silver for **Flynn Watson, Cameron Mailer, Campbell Crouch, Mark Christopher, Matthew Lochore, Ryan Campbell, Ben Haworth, Harry Dawson** and **Mitchell Kay** (Coxswain)

Under 18 Pair: Fourth place for **Lucas Clarke** and **Reuben Houghton**

Under 18 Quad: Sixth place for **Johan Pio, Jack Clough, Cameron Steedman, James Keeling** and **Tom Karaitiana** (Coxswain)

Under 18 Four: Bronze for **Kobi Abrahamson, Lucas Clarke, Reuben Houghton, Matthew Handford** and **Tom Karaitiana** (Coxswain)

Under 18 Eight: Silver for **Kobi Abrahamson, James Keeling, Lucas Clarke, Reuben Houghton, Cameron Steedman, Matthew Handford, Johan Pio, Finley Deller** and **Matt Deller** (Coxswain)

HBHS were the runners up in the Executive Trophy awarded for the most points in sweep oar events, the runners up for the Star Trophy awarded for the most points in all events, and were third in the President's Scull for the most points in sculling events.

We congratulate all of our rowers on their efforts, and thank all of the parents and supporters for everything they do to help our rowers achieve at this level.



SPORTS

SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK 2016

Our HBHS Summer Sports teams ranged far and wide in April to compete for Regional and National glory in their various competitions, and we bring you a round-up of all of the competition highlights.

The Junior Colts Cricket team notched up two wins in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament at Palmerston North, beating Hutt International College by 39 runs. HBHS were bowled out for 90 and then went on to dismiss the Hutt International team for 51 runs. They followed this up with a win over St Andrews Christchurch, bowling the St Andrews team out for 118 and then scoring 119 for the loss of 5 wickets. Unfortunately the team then lost by 8 wickets to New Plymouth Boys' High School in a low scoring match with HBHS bowled out for 56. They then suffered another loss to Auckland Grammar who notched up 270 for 4 and then bowled HBHS out for 86. In their last match the HBHS side beat John McGlashan College by 2 wickets to finish in 4th place overall. With three teams equal on 6 points each, the final position was determined on net run rate.

In the Northern Region New Zealand Secondary Schools Qualifying Tournament held in Hamilton, our 1st XI Cricket team began with a very good win over St Peter's Cambridge, setting a total of 286 for 6 and then bowling the St Peter's side out for exactly half that total to win by 143. They then faced Hillcrest High School and bowled them out for 107 before reaching 108 for the loss of 4 wickets. The team had a scare against Tauranga Boys' College in their semi-final with the Tauranga side bowled out for 71 as HBHS made hard work of the chase, getting home with 2 wickets to spare. The final against St John's College was more comprehensive, with HBHS scoring 258 for 7 and then bowling St John's out for 120. The win means HBHS will represent Northern Districts in the Top 6 National Tournament in Christchurch this December.

Our Tennis team found the competition very tough at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament in Auckland, losing 6 - 0 to Auckland Grammar and by the same margin to Scots College Wellington. The team bounced back with a good 4 - 2



From left Tarik Jennings, Zan Southon and World Silver and Bronze medal winning Waka Ama competitor Te Wakaiti Southon

win against Christ's College to end up in the play-off for 7th and 8th against Wakitipu College which they unfortunately lost 6 - 0.

The HBHS Softball team were competing in the NZSS Division 2 Tournament in Papakura. They began with a 5 - 3 loss to Auckland Grammar and then had good wins against Tolaga Bay Area School 19 - 1, Green Bay High School 9 - 2, Tauranga Boys' College 19 - 1, Rutherford College 7 - 2, Gisborne Boys' High School 2 - 0 and Rosehill College 11 - 4. The team finished in 4th place overall, after losing 5 - 0 to St John's College in their final match.

In the NZSS Waka Ama Regatta in Rotorua, **Te Wakaiti Southon** finished in 5th place in the Under 19 250m Singles event. **Zan Southon** and **Tarik Jennings** both made the Plate Division in the Under 16 250m Singles event. **Te Wakaiti Southon** went on to win silver and bronze medals at the World Waka Ama Regatta which was an outstanding achievement, and we congratulate him on this.

Our Waterpolo A and B teams competed in the NISS Championships in Auckland with the A team beginning with an 18 - 1 loss to Sacred Heart College, then beating Palmerston North Boys' High School 6 - 2. Losses to St Patrick's College 8 - 5 and St

Peter's College 10 - 3 put them in the play-off for 15th and 16th against Green Bay College which they lost 9 - 5. The B team lost 10 - 3 to Auckland Grammar B, then beat Rosmini College B 9 - 2 and Green Bay College B 19 - 1, only to lose to St Kentigern College 8 - 3 and Cambridge High School 7 - 6. They ended up in the play-off for 7th and 8th against Rangitoto College B, which they won.

The Senior and Junior Futsal teams had very different tournaments in Wellington, with the Junior team losing 6 - 4 to Hastings Boys' High School, then losing to Waimea College from Nelson 4 - 3, St Patrick's from Wellington 4 - 2 and Shirley Boys' High School from Christchurch 6 - 4. The Senior team won all of their matches, beating Nayland College from Wellington College 15 - 1, Rongotai College from Wellington 4 - 1 and Havelock North High School 12 - 0. The Junior team finished their tournament with two wins, over Scots College Wellington 5 - 0 and St Peter's College Auckland 5 - 4 to finish in 10th place overall, and our Senior Futsal team lost to Mount Albert Grammar School 6 - 4 then beat St Bede's College Christchurch 10 - 2 to finish in 9th place overall.

The Under 15 Sevens team began their competition with a 24 - 12 loss to Rotorua Boys' High School but bounced back



(Summer tournament week 2016 continued)

to beat New Plymouth Boys' High School 24 - 5. They beat Manukura School 25 - 7 but lost their quarter-final against Tauranga Boys' College 24 - 5 and ended up facing Manukura again in the Plate Semi-final. They won this match 33 - 7 and then beat Palmerston North Boys' High School 22 - 14 in the Plate Final to finish in 5th place overall.

The Ultimate Frisbee team finished third in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Competition held in Taupo. They started out with a 13 - 5 loss to Wellington College and lost again to Takapuna Grammar 12 - 11. They came back against Wellington High School with a 13 - 11 win and notched up a very good win over the Auckland Grammar Number 2 team 13 - 8. In the quarter final they went down to Westlake Boys' High School 13 - 5 but followed this up with another win over the Auckland Grammar Number 2 team 11 - 3 in the play-off for 5th to 8th. They finished their tournament off with a win over Hutt Valley High School.

Our Triathlon teams had arguably the pick of the tournament venues in Queenstown, with our Under 14 team finishing 9th and our Under 19 team finishing 5th in the NZSS event. Congratulations to **Bradley Cullen** on his third places in the Under 19 Individual race and the Under 19 Aquathon (1km swim, 5km run) and to **Danyon Hardie** on winning gold in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Under 16 Open Water event. We ended Tournament Week 2016 with a Waikato title in Lawn Bowls, as **Christopher Goodwin** and **Alex Le Comte** won the Pairs event. Congratulations to all of our athletes on their fine efforts representing our school, and thanks to all of the teachers, parents, coaches, managers, supporters and friends who helped them to get there.

KI-O-RAHI TEAM WIN NATIONAL TITLE

Matua Mita Graham reports on the National Championship winning Ki-O-Rahi team who added to HBHS's collection of titles in the week following **Summer Tournament Week**:

On the last Friday of Term 1 the combined HBHS and HGHS Ki-O-Rahi team departed for Tokoroa to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools National Ki-O-Rahi tournament. After finishing third last year, the team was very excited to have



another opportunity at going one better this year, leaving Hamilton aiming to reach the final, and ultimately winning the tournament. On the first day of competition the team clearly dominated their pool and performed well.

The results are as follows:

- Beat Tolaga Bay Area School 26-13
 - Beat Kawakawa 48-4
 - Beat Nga Uri a Maui 49-4
 - Beat Western Heights High School 45-5
 - Beat Hastings Boys/Girls High School 47-10
- After topping our pool, we then progressed to the knockout stages of the tournament where in our quarter final we beat Forest View High School 34-10. We then faced previous National champions Te Wharekura o Rakaumanga and although it was a close encounter, the team held their composure winning 22-15. The team was ecstatic to reach the final for the first time and was well aware of the challenge ahead against the form team of the tournament -

Gisborne Boys' and Girls' High School. In a close encounter, the team left their best performance for this game. Capitalising on the opposition mistakes, playing as a team to each individual's strengths and with a keen focus on defense, the final saw us winning 15-7 and crowned us National Champions for 2016. The team would like to thank the coaching staff and management **Raynard Haggie, Hollie Gray, Anahera Hunapo, Diamond Henry** and **Koroheke Moana-Taniwha** and all the parents for their efforts and support over the season. Congratulations to the team of **Lucas Baker, Koare Hudson, Ifor Jones, Taipohu Oliver-Samuels, Tyler Riki-Pahewa, Anthony Sinclair, Te Oranga Tairakena, Joshua Wirihana-Tawake** and **Shaquille Sue-Waara** (Captain).

A special mention must go to **Ifor Jones** and **Shaquille Sue-Waara** who were selected in the New Zealand Secondary School's tournament team.





HBHS 1ST XV TOUR OF THE UK AND IRELAND

On 12 April, 28 1st XV boys headed off on a "trip of a lifetime" to the UK and Ireland. After a stopover in Hong Kong and London our first stop was Belfast, in Northern Ireland. There we were billeted out to members of the team we were set to play against in our first game of the tour from the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. They were the winners of the Ulster Schools Cup which is the world's second oldest rugby Cup and has been played for every year since 1876. We learnt a lot about Northern Ireland in the time we were there through tours and sightseeing which included the natural phenomenon the Giant's Causeway and a tour and training session at the Ulster Stadium kindly led by **Jared Payne**, a New Zealander playing professional rugby for Ulster and Ireland. **Jared** is a World Cup Representative for Ireland and an HBHS Old Boy.

RBAI Match Report:

Our tour got underway with our first game against Royal Belfast Academical Institution who had enjoyed a successful year as winners of the Northern Ireland Secondary Schools Cup. We knew it was going to be a

tough tour-opener and after a hard-fought game we edged out the Northern Irish champs 26-7 thus getting the tour off to an exciting start.

Our second game, also in Belfast, was against Ulster Select Schools and the boys were billeted out by associates of the Belfast Harlequins RFC. As a team we led a coaching session with a junior team, which was our opportunity to give something back and a good experience of trying something new. The match saw HBHS take on a large Ulster Select Schools team. It was a close start to the game, but the fitness of the HBHS team proved to be the difference and a flurry of tries in the second half saw us win the game in a comfortable fashion 38-7.

We then travelled by bus down to Dublin. Our four days in the Republic of Ireland's capital city consisted of a city tour and visits to iconic sites such as Trinity College. This college was founded in 1592 by **Queen Elizabeth I** making it Ireland's oldest university and was the Alma Mater of many world-renowned authors including **Oscar Wilde** and **Bram Stoker**. Then it was on to game three against the Blackrock RFC team from an area which has been traditionally

strong for many years with the college producing some of the greatest rugby players in history, including former Irish Captain **Brian O'Driscoll**.

Blackrock RFC Match Report:

Our third game saw HBHS play one of, if not the, greatest clubs in Ireland. The match lived up to expectations with tries scored by both teams and the lead switching back and forth. HBHS took the lead in the dying minutes of the game and a strong defensive effort held out the big Blackrock forwards from our line to finish the match at 26-22.

We then flew to Cardiff, Wales where we travelled to Llanelli, a town just outside of Swansea with a proud rugby tradition and who famously beat the All Blacks 9 – 3 in 1972. Here we played our fourth game against the runners-up in the Welsh College competition, Coleg Sir Gar.

Coleg Sir Gar Match Report:

This match saw us play a hungry Coleg Sir Gar side that were gutted to finish as runners-up in their own competition and were looking for some payback. They were a big, strong side and the score was very tight

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at half time. However, once again the HBHS fitness was the difference and the impact of the reserve players saw a second half momentum shift with the final score a 39-19 victory.

We also experienced many great places and got an insight into Welsh rugby. We toured the Millennium Stadium and performed our school haka on the field, had a training session on the famous Cardiff Arms Park as well as a tour around the Welsh Rugby Union facilities. It was a privilege to visit these places and get a sense of the history and significance of the game in Wales.

Coleg y Cymoedd Match Report:

The tour came to a crashing end with HBHS taking on a massive Coleg y Cymoedd side who were the Welsh Schools Champions. With a dominant first half performance by Coleg y Cymoedd, the score line was soon out of our reach as we were overwhelmed by both the team and the conditions, finishing with a 42-8 defeat.

With all games completed, our tour was coming to an end. But it wasn't over yet as we headed off to London for a bit of rest and recovery. Or so we thought, until we had to run around the whole of Hyde Park! But that aside, we visited some iconic London landmarks such as the London Eye and the Tower of London. It was a great way to finish an action-packed tour, a tour that brought out the best in all of the boys and allowed us to experience new cultures in multiple countries through being billeted out to the host families. It was a great way to kick start our 2016 season and prepare for the challenges ahead back at home.

We thank all of our host families and everyone involved in organising, sponsoring and running our tour. As we said at the beginning, it was truly an experience of a lifetime and one we will always be grateful for.

By Caleb Muntz and Tom Martin





SPECIAL

ISAIAH PRIDDEY

This term we caught up with our middle distance running champion **Isaiah Priddey** to find out how the summer of 2016 has gone for him. We asked him the questions and here he is in his own words...

Describe your 2016 season so far. What have been the highlights? What are you most pleased with?

At the beginning of the year (which was the end of the track season) I ran in the Senior Men's Porritt Classic 1500m and won in a personal best time of 3:52.3 minutes. Also, just before Christmas, I went to Timaru for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Track and Field competition and won both the 3km and the 1500m in a record time of 3:57minutes.

What was your build-up like for the World Championships? What was a typical day or week of training?

The build-up was very short and hard as we just came off track training which is a lot easier than cross country, and the World Champs was basically the first cross country race!

What was it like in Hungary? Where were you staying and what really stood out for you?

Once the race was over we got to do some sightseeing, but unlike the race, every other day was cold and wet. We were staying in one very large hotel with every team (approximately 23). Some of the stand-out things would have been the river cruise where we saw the parliament building and concert hall.

Describe the race itself. What were the conditions like?

The weather was almost perfect for racing, although coming from London the temperature felt far too hot. We were happy with the course because it was very flat but we found 300m of the 1600m course was gravel and we quickly discovered just how that felt to run on, and it wasn't good. There were also a lot of potholes which were poorly covered over.

What was the outcome of the race? How did you feel?

I finished 16th. I was very pleased with the result as it is very different to races in New Zealand where you know what position you will finish in, so being so close to the top ten

in the world was very pleasing.

So, where to now? What's coming up and what's on the horizon?

I have recently qualified for the Australian Cross Country Championships where I will aim to finish in the Top 10. I'm really hoping to get very close to, if not, in the Top 5.

And long term?

I want to make it to the Commonwealth Games and if I compete in them, I want to qualify for the 1500m in the 2024 Olympics.

We thank Isaiah for sharing his experiences with us and wish him every success as he heads to Canberra, Australia in August.





WORLD CHAMPION CAILEN CALKIN

Year 10 student **Cailein Calkin** recently returned from Colombia as a three time World Champion in BMX Racing. He tells us in his own words about this experience and exactly what he did to win back his World title...

On May 14th we departed New Zealand to start another adventure across the world at the BMX World Championships. We first flew to Houston, Texas and later on moved to New Orleans for a little holiday to start our trip off. We touched down in Medellin, Colombia on the 18th of May feeling a little unsure about what to expect in this country. Over the days leading up to the Worlds we travelled to different BMX tracks to get some riding in and also toured around this amazing country. It was a totally new experience to see the way the Colombians live and how different it is to life back in New Zealand.

When it came to race day, I felt confident and ready to race. We got to the track and we were told there was a four hour delay due to track damage caused by the rain the previous night. While we waited in the pits, track workers (including Dad and four others kiwis who were authorised to help) got to work to try and repair the damage Mother Nature had done to the track. After the track was back to its normal condition, the sun was out and racing was ready to get under way, but this time there were to be only two qualifying motos (qualifying races) instead of three because of the delay.

In my two motos I dominated, coming first followed by another first. I then moved onto the 1/8ths finals and in this you had to finish in the top 4 spaces to move onto the next final. After making a strong start, I finished first qualifier for the quarter finals. In this race I had to face the European Champion and the current World Champion. Not having the best start in the race and banging elbows down the ramp with another competitor set me back to fourth place, a risky position to be in. I ended up finishing fourth which meant I moved onto the semi-finals and sure enough, I faced the World Champion again. This time I was out wide in lane 8 because of my placing in the previous race. I had a better start, still not perfect, but good enough, I came out strong and could have cut him off but chose to play it safe. Also if I stayed behind him, I could see his



lines and where I was faster than him. I finished second which meant I had the fourth lane pick in the final.

I wanted my World Title back more than anything at this stage, it was the only thing that I wanted. I felt safe out in the less-favoured outside lanes. I gambled on being fast enough to overcome the increased distance of lane 8 and on being able to get across in front of all seven riders to claim the all-important inside line into turn one, against being relaxed out wide where the chances of being cut off if you "miss" the gate are virtually zero. So with the fourth pick for lanes, I went to the least favoured lane and took 8. With no pressure out there, I nailed the gate, one of my best starts yet, and then it was a matter of laying down the power I have been working hard to get. I knew I had the fastest first jump technique and once we got over the back of that, I had made my way across to about lane 4 and only had a couple of riders to deal with.

Ross, the reigning World Champion, and I came together over the back of the second jump and he attempted to push out at me and hold the inside but I had made up my mind that I was taking the corner or crashing doing it. You can feel that mindset and attitude from another rider and he felt it from me, he hesitated and the corner was mine. The trick from here, in any big race, is to stay relaxed and focused, to call on all of

your instincts and training to finish without making a mistake and blowing a World Championship title. I did this and held the celebration till the finish line. My legs "locked up" over the line and I couldn't stand up. The feeling I felt was indescribable, words do not explain how I felt. Everything I worked for had just paid off. Three time World Champion...

Thank you to everyone who supported me and backed me the whole way. I could not have done it without this help, so I thank you for everything you have done for me. Without you, I would not have been given this opportunity.

We thank Cailein for sharing this experience, and congratulate him once more on this extraordinary achievement. Kia Kaha.





DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD TRAMP

It was fingers crossed for a 3 day rain break in the week leading up to the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award training tramp. But the weather wasn't looking so great when we arrived at the base of the Wairere Falls on the 17th of April. Accompanied by **Mr Bennett** and the fifteen hikers, we set off to scale the Wairere falls before a further five hours or so of walking to our campsite.

Even though the sightseeing was amazing as we made our way to the top of the falls, the weather remained a constant drizzle. Despite our rain-proof gear, we were soaked to the bone in a matter of hours but after walking along the Kaimai ranges for what felt like a lifetime, we finally reached the site. It made sense to try and wait out the weather at the time but as it got dark, drizzle turned to downpour and we were forced to pitch our tents in the rain. Those with heavier packs and those who tented in pairs reaped the rewards with larger, dryer tents that night, while individuals who were inclined to pack light spent the dark hours waiting for the sun to rise.

Warming up was our motivation the next morning as we moved towards our second campsite. Today would consist of a shorter walk, and happily the drizzle eased off as the day progressed. After slips, slides and stings, we arrived at the next site after a long uphill trek. We were preparing for another night of rivers forming in the middle of our campsite when, much to our relief, the sun came out. Soaking jackets came out and boots came off as we made the most of the sun. Day turned to night with cards, stories and a good night's sleep as the clouds were swept from the sky.

On our third and final day, our walk would be significantly shorter. Despite our packs seemingly getting heavier, we were all in high spirits as the weather held out. After stream crossings, a continuous cycle of uphill to downhill walking and a muddy face-plant, we arrived at our destination. Before we knew it, we were homeward bound.

As always, thanks to the vital transportation crew of **Mr and Mrs Neuman** and **Mrs Bennett** who gave up their time to make this happen. Also a big thanks to **Mr Bennett** for making sure we all stayed on track (quite literally). And congratulations to **Connor**

Roulston, Michael Neuman, Andrew O'Malley-Shand, Tai Lohrer, Kieran Mokai, Blake Martin, Blake Akapita, Amol Prasad, Cameron Wilson, James Morgan, Kyle Edge, Reuben Hattingh, Alex Le Comte, Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney and William Robertson for completing the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award training tramp.

By **Michael Neuman**

GIFTED AND TALENTED WEEK

Gifted and talented week is a National event that celebrates the special talents and abilities of students in New Zealand. In honour of this week, the Academic Committee organised different events and competitions every day from the 13th to the 16th of June. Each event highlighted the skills and academic talents of students in the school and provided enjoyment for participants from all year levels.

The week was kicked off with a 'teachers versus students' debate on Monday, the moot being: 'plagiarism should be allowed in internal assessments.' A strong teacher's team was formed by **Mr Sutherland, Ms Moffitt** and **Mr Kearney** who were affirming the moot. Up against them was the top debating team in the school consisting of **Matthew Handford, Alex Le Comte** and **Jacob Cheatley**. The audience was vocal and the competition was fierce but, in the aftermath of the tension and controversy, the student team emerged as victors. Next up was the highly anticipated Rubik's cube competition where students with the fastest times to solve the cube progressed to the finals. In this stage the student with the fastest average time over three solves would claim the title. The winner of the entire competition was **Jason Gong**, a year 11 who managed an average of 14 seconds. He further displayed his skills by solving the cube in 20 seconds one-handed!

International Flag Day was also during this week on the 14th of June. In acknowledgement of this, an International flag quiz was held on Wednesday in which teams of three were pitted against one another over three rounds consisting of geography and general knowledge. Over 15 teams were entered from across all year levels, allowing students to compete against their friends and connect with other students while also demonstrating their geographical knowledge.

To conclude the week, an ALP quiz was

held. This involved a competition between students in the Advanced Learning Programme in Years 9 and 10, where 5 team members were chosen to represent each class. Teams were particularly competitive knowing that this quiz was a chance to redefine their academic rankings and challenge rival classes. Questions were organised into 8 rounds which included science, history, maths, music, English, film/TV, and bonus questions. 1011 emerged as clear winners, defending their title as the top ALP class, and finishing in second was the top Year 9 class, 911.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants in all of the week's events and to all the students who have worked hard to develop their talents and academic abilities. Thanks must be given to the academic committee and **Mrs Jenkins** for organising the events.

By **Reuben Hattingh**

HBHS WIN NATIONAL WRESTLING TITLES

During Queen's Birthday weekend the HBHS Wrestling team competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Wrestling Tournament and came away with an impressive medal haul. The following results were good enough for the team to retain the title of being New Zealand's best secondary school boys wrestling team. Congratulations to all of these boys on their superb efforts, and thanks and congratulations to Teacher in Charge of Wrestling **Mr Dan Bair** for all of his work in support of HBHS wrestling.

- Ryan Marshall** - Gold 69kg Junior
- Rickson Hill** - Gold 85kg Senior
- Raymond Hill** - Silver 69kg Senior
- Tama Manuirangi** - Silver 63kg Junior
- Sebastian Diedricks** - Bronze 75kg Senior
- Simeon Hennebert** - Bronze 85kg Senior
- Thomas Sexton** - Bronze 69kg Junior
- Jaden Lupperts** - Bronze 63kg Junior





NZIC WAIKATO BRANCH ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY COMPETITION 2016

This annual event was held on Wednesday 15th June. Invitations were sent to schools in the wider Waikato/Bay of Plenty region to send teams of four students to the University for the day to carry out an analysis.

A total of 22 teams competed in the event.

The task was to analyse a sample of $\text{BaCl}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ using a gravimetric procedure for Ba^{2+} and a volumetric method for Cl^- . This allowed the value of n to be calculated in the empirical formula by difference. This was a demanding task in the time available but some excellent results were achieved.

The competition allowed enthusiastic Year 13 chemists to spend a day in the University laboratories working on an experiment that would be beyond the resources of their schools.

Rivalry was fierce but the main emphasis was on enjoying the experience and meeting students from other schools.

For the fourth year in a row, a team from Hamilton Boys' High School won the competition and another team from the school also gained third place.

Overall results were:

First Prize: Hamilton Boys' High School 1
Lachlan Cate, Ben Lambourne, Cameron Paul, Cameron Salisbury (in action, top right)

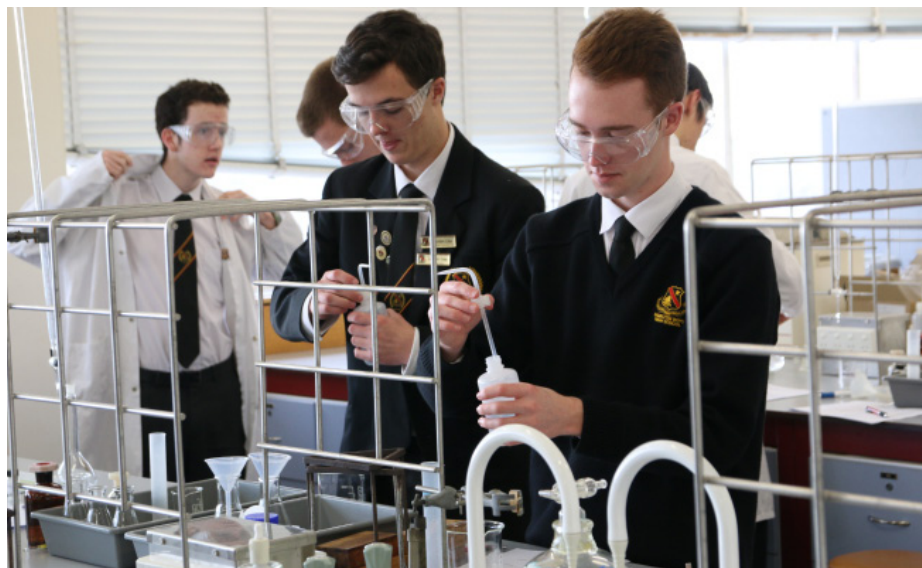
Second Prize: Tauranga Girls' College

Third Prize: Hamilton Boys' High School 2
Lucas Clarke, Matthew Handford, Tai Lohrer, Isaac Poole

Fourth Prize: Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Fifth Prize: Putaruru College

The day involved many of the Chemistry Department staff in setting up the competition and supervising the labs. Bryant Hall and Student Village provided excellent lunches (sponsored by the Waikato Branch of the NZIC) and Hill Laboratories generously donated the prizes.



HBHS WATERPOLO

HBHS Waterpolo is very strong in the Waikato region winning the Shark Attack Trophy more than any other school at both Senior and Junior team levels. Our Head Coach is **Callum Maxwell** who is an Old Boy at the school, having left in 2013. He has represented New Zealand as well as Waikato and is also coaching the Waikato Under 18 squad in preparation for the Pan Pacific games to be held in the upcoming holidays. In the first term of this year, we had four teams, three of which were in the A Division as well as a junior development team in the B Division. We hope to further increase our numbers for the Waikato junior competition which starts in Term Three.

Our success as a school is reflected in our domination of the Waikato competition as well as our medalling at the Division 2 Nationals for two years in a row. Every year

the North Island Secondary Schools competition is hosted in Auckland and our boys have never taken this title out; however a strong top 12 placing is usually where we stand. We have recently introduced a Management Board for our sport. Our strategic plan is now firmly focussed toward the goal of winning our first National title.

HBHS Waterpolo would love for anyone interested to come and to give it a go, especially junior boys (Years 9 & 10). The Teacher in Charge of Waterpolo is **Ms Oliver** (located in S6) who does an amazing job supporting and organising the boys for their games and tournaments. Any boys interested in taking up waterpolo should stop by S6 to register their details in order to begin training for the upcoming Waikato Secondary Schools Junior Competition.



IMAGES

Due to time constraints we will catch up with **Tony Pavich** and his experiences with racing driver **Hayden Paddon** at a later date. Until then, we hope you enjoy images from a very busy term.




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Top left: *Douglas Shephard (left) and Ellis Pike practice their aspirational poses after successfully completing their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Congratulations to them both on this achievement. Below left: Our Maadi rowers cool off in Lake Ruataniwha after a hard day of rowing on it. Below right: Dr Michele Princep with our winning Analytical Chemistry Team of Lachlan Cate, Ben Lambourne, Cameron Salisbury and Cameron Paul*



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



In a special feature this term we check in with the HBHS Parents' Association, and find out about all of their fine work in supporting our school.

Great support for school shoe appeal

Generous school families donated more than 70 pairs of shoes when the Parents' Association launched an appeal at the beginning of this term, and most of these were brand new. School Counsellor **Mrs Janice Vermeulen** (top right) was delighted, and immediately started distributing them to some very appreciative students. This year the PA allocated \$400 from its budget to kick-start the appeal for shoes and sandals for students in need. We are still keen to supplement this with further donations of school shoes and sandals. Please deliver any donated items to reception at the Student Services Centre.

Design competition winner

Congratulations to Year 11 student **Alex Chen** (middle right) who won \$50 by designing a wonderful banner to promote the Parents' Association. The PA committee had a hard time judging which of the excellent design entries should win, and in the end all entrants received a box of chocolates by way of thanks for their hard work. **Alex** spent an afternoon with a graphic designer refining his original artwork. We are delighted with the result.

Emergency Food Parcels

The PA has donated \$800 to supply emergency food parcels to school families in need and next term we'll be looking for food donations from the community to keep this initiative going. Many families struggle to make ends meet and unexpected expenses create chaos. To help out in a crisis, the PA has stocked a store cupboard with basic food items that is already in use by the counsellors and is helping make a difference for families in need. Each \$25 pack contains the making of a couple of meals plus a few other essentials and is given on a one-off basis.

Pre-loved uniforms find good homes

Before school on Tuesday June 14 the PA ran a stall at the SSC for parents and students to drop in and find everything from school jackets to sports shoes, free of charge. We

plan to run further stalls over the coming months and will promote the dates and times through school link notices and the students' daily notices. Families in need of uniform items can pick them up for free by contacting our school counsellors at the Student Services Centre.

Thanks for the great morning tea!

Once again school families have blown us away with the wonderful array of food sent in for the annual staff morning tea (bottom right). This is a wildly popular event and is eagerly anticipated by staff. Thank you to everyone who sent in food items. PA Chairman **Trevor Blackburn** spoke on behalf of all school families and thanked the Headmaster and staff for all they do for our boys. **Mrs Hassall** spoke on behalf of all the school staff in thanking everyone who found time to show their appreciation by sending in food. Our thanks to Mamasdonuts and Kiwi Pies for their support of this event.

In Brief

Enjoy the teen years more with the help of our 'Parenting Evenings'. Keep an eye out next term for information about Parenting Evenings; a series of one hour seminars. These sessions are designed by our counsellors to help us navigate the teenage issues we all face as caregivers, but don't always know how best to handle.

Meal Roster

The PA is supplying meals and baking for school families suffering bereavement, serious illness or other tragedies. If you would like to be part of this service please supply your details to: parents@hbhs.school.nz

Our gully is our taonga

This year the PA has donated \$500 for native plants in the school gully. We are raising awareness of this special area of the school by designing a sign to be installed opposite the Student Services Centre.

2016 Leavers Dinner

This year the PA is hosting this celebration at school, which means we have the space to include extended family and also Year 12 leavers. We're planning a great evening with guest speakers, plus musical performances

and an A/V show courtesy of our students.

New faces welcome

As always we are keen to see new faces at our meetings and hear your ideas. Please get in touch via parents@hbhs.school.nz





SERVICE

L.I.O.N MENTORING IN ACTION

Our Year 13 L.I.O.N Mentoring students were invited to take part in Arbor Day planting at Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park, on Baverstock Road on Friday 3rd June. The day was organised by the Hamilton City Council, with hundreds of primary, secondary and tertiary students taking part. Twenty thousand native trees were planted!

Our boys worked hard to complete this mammoth task. They were a credit to our school in the way they worked and interacted with the public, both young and old alike. I was very proud of our boys.

Mr Steve Horne



Above: Tired, happy and successful planters. Below left, from left: Spencer Moore, Nathan Grant and Dylan Mahaffey, below middle: Joshua Allen, below right: Oliver Sledger

