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Our HBHS musicians take their talents to Samoa and wow audiences during the July holiday break. We profile their tour on pages 7 and 9 of this edition.



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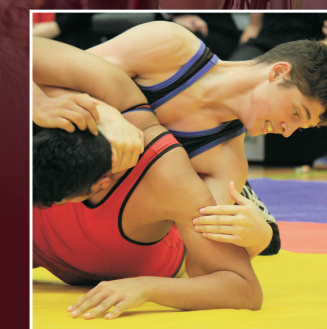
High Achiever

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

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Our Champions: Main photo Te Maurea Whiritoi led by Lucas Baker. Also pictured are Jack Ellis, Kiaan Watts, Ryan Marshall, Jared Gray, Isaiah Priddey and Rickson Hill.



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In this issue: 2016 is proving to be a year where HBHS students past and present make their marks on the global stage, and we have much to celebrate in our Term 3 High Achiever. Our brilliant Kapa Haka Group **Te Maurea Whiritoi** returned from the National Kapa Haka Championships with their best ever set of results and we congratulate our latest world beater, Under 19 Cycling Gold Medalist **Jared Gray** on his incredible accomplishments. **Ms Naaz Shah** takes us behind the scenes at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics where she spent an unforgettable fortnight as a volunteer and we catch up with our cultural groups and sporting teams who have been busy winning titles all over the country. It's been a bumper term and we hope you enjoy our coverage!

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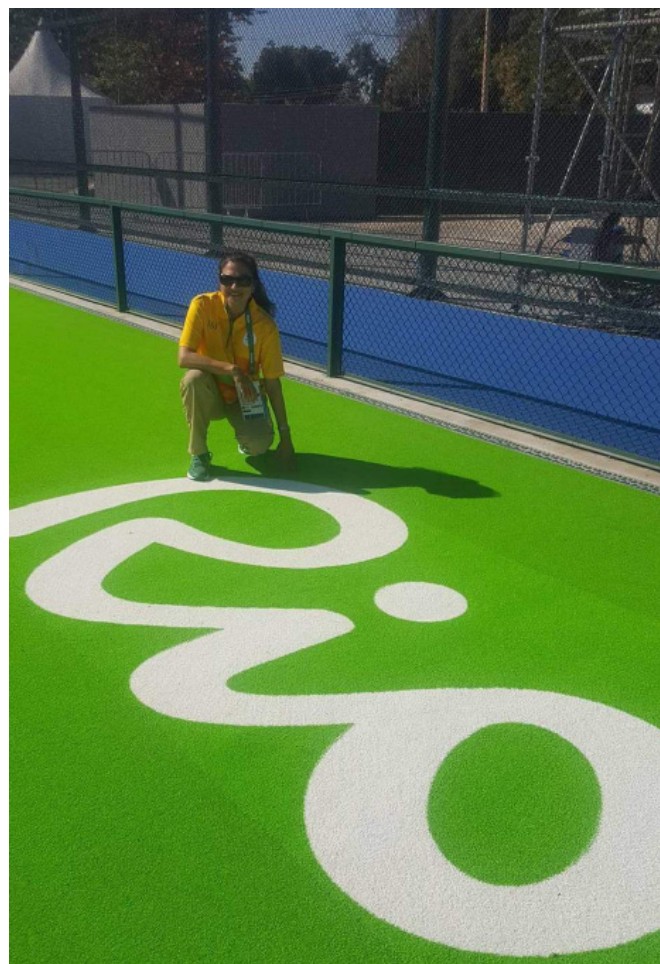
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Top: Check out the combined HBHS and HGHS production of "Grease" on pg 4. Middle: The Dux Brothers, Vidit (2010) and Soumil (2015) Singh visit Headmaster Mrs Hassall. Vidit is off to practise medicine at North Shore Hospital and Soumil has headed off to begin his studies at Harvard University. Bottom: See page 11 for Naaz Shah's account of what she describes as one of the most incredible experiences of her life.



Old Boys

OLYMPICS SPECIAL FEATURE

We couldn't let the Olympics pass by without paying tribute to our own Olympians, both past and present, who represent us so proudly in the arena of competitive world sport.

Staff Olympians

They walk amongst us without drawing attention to their achievements, yet these staff members have competed at Olympic level.

Aaron Scott – Football (Old Boy 2000-2004 and staff)



Played defender in the 2008 Beijing Olympics, playing in all three of New Zealand's group matches against China (1-1), Brazil (0-5) and Belgium (0-1).

Naaz Shah – Hockey (Staff)



Represented India in women's hockey at the 1980 Games in Moscow. In the 1988 Seoul Games she served as an official. She assisted the Women's Black Sticks during the 2010 Commonwealth Games and attended Rio as a volunteer.

Richard Petherick – Hockey (Old Boy 1999-2003 and staff)

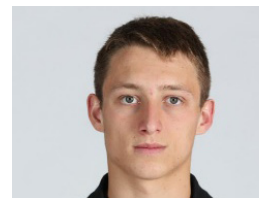


Played in the Black Sticks in the 2012 London Olympic Games. A 98-test defender, he also represented New Zealand at two World Cups.

Old Boys in the 2016 Rio Olympics

We have a number of Old Boys competing in Rio and wish to congratulate them on their achievements in both being selected and setting personal bests.

Bradlee Ashby – Aquatics (Old Boy 2009-11)



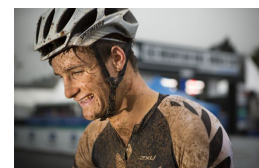
Began his international competitive swimming career in 2013 and also competed at the 2014 Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Hawaii, claiming two bronze medals.

Zane Robertson - Athletics (Old Boy 2003-5)



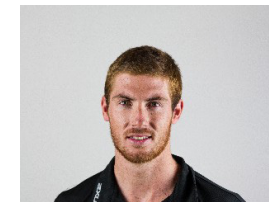
Took 13 seconds off his personal best, beating fellow Old Boy **Dick Quax's** record time in the 10,000m.

Sam Gaze - Mountain Biking (Old Boy 2009 - 2011)



Olympic selection follows on from winning gold in the Under 23 World Championships in 2016 and silver at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Rowing - **Shaun Kirkham** (below left 2006 - 2010) and **Caleb Shepherd** (below right 2006 - 2011)



Shaun and Caleb (as coxswain) qualified with the Eight for Rio at the 2015 World Rowing Championships in Aiguebelette. Both were Under 23 World Champions in the Men's Eight the previous year.

Rugby Sevens - **Joe Webber** (below left 2007 -11) and **Regan Ware** (below right 2008 - 2012)



Joe was named in the New Zealand Sevens Squad for the 2014 Commonwealth Games, and **Regan** made his debut appearance in 2015 at the Dubai Sevens Tournament.

Hockey - **Nic Woods** (below left 2008 - 2012) and **Shane McLeod** (1982 - 1986)



Nic plays for the Men's Black Sticks and is a talented mid-fielder. In Rio he played as a back. **Shane** coached the New Zealand National Team during the 2008 and 2012 Olympics and at the 2016 Olympics is the Head Coach of the Belgium Men's National Field Hockey team.

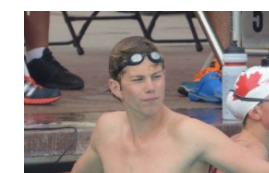
Old Boys in the 2016 Rio Paralympics

Jacob Phillips - Track (Old Boy 2010 - 2014)



Will compete in the 100 and 200m Sprints and was a last minute addition to the Paralympic Team after an additional space was made available.

Jesse Reynolds - Aquatics (Old Boy 2010 -2014)



Was selected as part of the seven strong New Zealand Para Swim Team on the back of strong showings in International competitions over the past few years.

HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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HIGH ACHIEVER



School Newsletter

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of Term, and the end of Winter, we look forward to the wonders of Spring, and the holiday break, before the very important challenges of Term Four. It has been a special Term Three, filled with some superb sporting activities and achievements, an entertaining and fun-filled production of 'Grease', the successes of many talented cultural music, arts and drama students, and, most importantly, the participation of such a huge number of young men, and staff, in these many and varied opportunities. And the term has been significant in the settled, dedicated approach to study by all levels of the school – nine weeks of commitment and hard work. The Winter has indeed, been a very busy time.

And so we move to Spring, the season in which we feel the joy of new beginnings, as nature provides the miracle of growth, and the evidence of all of the preparation which occurs through the Winter months. The changes in the year, as we move toward Term Four, are, clearly, a metaphor for the changes of focus and challenge for us all. We move to that time of the year when all of the days, weeks and months of hard work come to fruition, in the time of examinations, and the time, for our leavers, of graduation and new beginnings.

A quote very relevant to us, in the secondary school world, refers to the heralding of Spring not in the crocus flowers appearing, but in the sound of "bat on the ball." Before we know it, we will enjoy the new sports season, with all of the excitement and anticipation the new challenges always provide. Our year is, truly, a cycle, and this is reflected very clearly in our setting of goals at the start, the journey and work required to make them possible, and, finally, their achievement. The weeks ahead are critical for us, as a community, and as individuals, as we reach the final stages of our academic year, and as we share the sense of "Spring" - the time where the dominant preparation comes to fruition. Over the break ahead, we must reflect upon these goals, and make the commitment to their realisation.

I thank you all, once again, for our very special Winter. I congratulate all of our talented, amazing young men, who have achieved in so many areas. I offer my sincere appreciation to all who have worked so hard to support us all – staff, parents and students who make our community the wonderful world we share.

As we move into our Spring term, with the celebration of the year, the opportunities to recognise success in our Awards evenings, and the culmination of our academic year in the Prizegiving and Graduation ceremonies, I look forward to the sense of joy and hope that the weeks ahead will bring, and I feel very grateful that I am able, once again, to share this time with such very special people.

Enjoy the September holiday break with your sons; I wish you a happy and safe time together.

Susan Hassall
HEADMASTER



Term 4 Events

School Starts

Monday 10 October

Music and Arts Awards Evening

Tuesday 18 October

Maori and Pasifika Awards Evening

Thursday 20 October

Mufti Day - Air Ambulance

Thursday 20 October

Sports Awards Evening

Wednesday 26 October

Year 13 Leavers Dinner

Thursday 27 October

Argyle Leavers Dinner

Friday 28 October

Argyle Prizegiving

Sunday 30 October

Senior Prizegiving

Wednesday 2 November

Year 9 and 10 Examinations

Begin Thursday 3 November

Year 8 Testing

Friday 4 November

NCEA Examinations

Begin Wednesday 9 November

Service Work Day

Monday 14 November

Grandparents Morning

Tuesday 22 November

Year 8 Whanau Evening

Tuesday 22 November

Charity Day

Thursday 24 November

Year 9 and 10 Programmes

Begin Monday 5 December

Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving

Thursday 8 December



SAM FRANICEVIC

Earlier this year we reported on our Head Prefect from 2013, **Sam Franicevic**, being recognised as New Zealand’s Best Young Guitarist at the Mercury Bay Music Festival held in June. As a result of the win, **Sam** headed to Saratoga Springs in New York to spend four days at the **Tommy Emmanuel** Guitar camp.

Tommy Emmanuel is recognised as one of the foremost fingerstyle guitarists in the world and has been nominated for two Grammy Awards.

We caught up with **Sam** to see how his trip went and to tell us about this incredible opportunity to work with a world-renowned musician and he was happy to share his experiences. Here he is in his own words.

The trip was something I never imagined I would be able to do.

Three years ago I was able to see **Tommy Emmanuel** play at Founders Theatre, and from that day on I have been convinced that he is the best player in the world. Being able to attend a guitar camp with him, and ultimately being able to play alongside him on the final night are things I’ll never forget, and things I never imagined I would be able to do, let alone so soon!

The camp was 4 days of guitar workshops with 4 of **Tommy’s** friends and fellow expert guitarists. A lot of the lessons and workshops were in music genres I had never really delved into before. I quite enjoyed that, as it gave me opportunities to ask questions of the experts and figure out how to get better much faster than I would have ever been able to on my own.

Highlights for me were learning more about improvisation from some of the best improvisers there are, and being able to interact with **Tommy Emmanuel** on a personal level – whether that be a chat whilst sitting down eating breakfast or listening to him perform and then break down pieces of his own to help teach us as a cohort.

I would like to give a huge thank you to the “you travel” team, to **Len Salt**, and to the Mercury Bay Music Festival for giving me the opportunity to go on this trip.



Top and middle: Sam and his fellow guitarists hard at work. Bottom: Sam with the man himself, Tommy Emmanuel.

CYCLING SUCCESS STORIES

HBHS is developing a real strength in cycling, with **Jared Gray** (pictured at right with his medal) joining **Cailen Calkin** as our second World Championships title winner this year, winning gold in the Under 19 Team Pursuit race in Switzerland in July. What makes the team's result even more impressive is that the time they won the event in would have qualified them for the Bronze Medal race at the 2012 London Olympics! As it was, they smashed the World Record for their event by nearly two seconds, which, in a sport where races are won or lost by hundredths of a second, is an extraordinary accomplishment.

On the local front, we check in with **Timothy Ng** and our Cycling Team as they competed recently in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships.

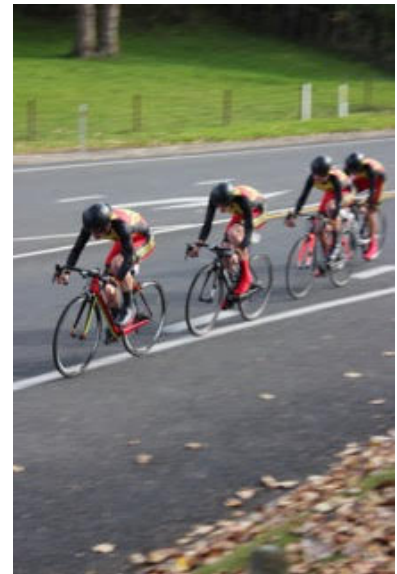
On the 9-11 July this year 15 HBHS students competed in the NISS Road and Track Cycling Championships at Karapiro Domain. The competition started with the Team Time Trial. This race tested a team's power and strength of will on an "out and back" 16km course. The day started terrifically, with the Junior A Team, consisting of **Kiaan Watts**, **Lachlan Robertson**, **Drew Christensen** and **Fergus Washington-Smith** winning the Junior title by 4 seconds. The Senior A Team, consisting of **Cullen Browne** (who we profile on page 13), **Noah Costar**, **Burnie McGrath**, **Timothy Ng** and **Sam Cook**, placed fourth by a tantalising 2 seconds.

In the afternoon, it was onto the Road Race, a long distance, first-across-the-line peloton race. **Noah Costar** broke away from the peloton in the Under 17 race to cross the line first and claim the gold medal. Other notable performances included a 4th place from **Lachlan Robertson** in the Under 16 race and a 4th place from **Timothy Ng** in the Under 17 race. Unfortunately, crashes in the Under 16 and Under 17 races dashed the chances of three of our riders.

The next day, the Criterium took place around the tight and twisty Karapiro Domain. **Kiaan Watts** started the success by sprinting off a Takapuna Grammar rider to claim the Under 16 title. Other notable performances included a 4th place from **Timothy Ng** in the Under 17 race. **Lucas Murphy** and **Sam Cook** won gold medals in the Under 15 and

Under 17 B finals respectively. On the final day a smaller group of riders 'treaded the boards' at the Avantidrome. The team did extremely well, with **Kiaan Watts** (pictured below) winning gold medals in the Under 16 Points and Elimination races, and a silver medal in the Scratch race. **Lachlan Robertson** was 2nd in the Under 16 Points and Elimination races, and claimed bronze in the Scratch race. The Under 17 A team sprint team of **Timothy Ng**, **Lachlan Robertson** and **Kiaan Watts** claimed silver in the team sprint, while the B team of **Fergus Washington-Smith**, **Noah Costar** and **Burnie McGrath** won the bronze. Finally, the Under 17 Team Pursuit team, consisting of **Kiaan Watts**, **Lachlan Robertson**, **Burnie McGrath** and **Timothy Ng** won the Teams Pursuit by 3 seconds. For overall points gained for the track events, the team were ranked third. The team raced hard and we all had a great time. We'd like to thank our team manager, **Stephen Ng**, our coaches **Dean Peterken** and **Tony Fitzwater** and, of course, our dutiful parents for all their hard work in getting us prepared and ready for the event. We look forward to more great results in the season ahead.

By Timothy Ng





WINTER TOURNAMENT WEEK 2016



Above: Our 2nd XI Hockey team with their silver medals after their finals match against Palmerston North Boys' High School 2nd XI. Our Under 15 A Hockey side finished third.

J slightly misquote our intrepid teacher in Charge of Golf, **Mr Brendon Cooley**, when reporting on his team's efforts over the page... "so close, yet so far", and for many of our HBHS teams Winter Tournament Week was a case of nearly but not quite this year. Not so with our individual athletes, with Year 10 student **Jack Ellis** returning from Upper Hutt a New Zealand National Secondary Schools title winner in 8-ball, and cyclist **Kiaan Watts** winning the New Zealand Under 16 Boys Time Trial title in Auckland. Another success story in cycling, which is proving to be a code to watch at HBHS, was **Samuel Cook** who finished third in the Under 17 Boys Time Trial. **Callum Hopkins** backed **Jack Ellis** up with a second place in Division 2 at the 8-ball competition which was enough to give HBHS first place overall.

In rugby, our Under 15A team started well enough in pool play with a 7 – 0 win over Wellington College, a 14 – 3 win over Wesley College and a tight 5 – 3 win over Tauranga Boys' College. Heading into playoffs, they took out their quarter-final convincingly with a 31 – 5 win over St Bedes and then played a high-scoring semi-final match against Christchurch Boys' High School which they won 39 – 32. However, Auckland Grammar were simply too strong in the final, handing out a 38 – 12 defeat. In Hamilton our Under 16 team played in a Quadrangular Tournament and came away with two

wins over St Paul's Collegiate 17 – 0 and Palmerston North Boys' High School 17 – 15. Sacred Heart College put paid to their title hopes, beating our side 26 – 3 and securing another second place for an HBHS side. Our Under 14A side headed south to Palmerston North to compete in a Super 8 Competition and notched up good wins over Gisborne Boys' High School 22 – 10 and Palmerston North Boys' High School 12 – 7. A 3 – 3 draw against New Plymouth Boys' High School proved costly and put the HBHS side into the playoffs for third and fourth against Hastings Boys' High School which they won 26 – 19.

Our HBHS 1st XV faced a very stern challenge in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Top Four Competition, also held in Palmerston North, coming up against a highly favoured and previously unbeaten Hastings Boys' High School team. HBHS were very much in the match, and a penalty attempt close to half time could have drawn the sides level with HBHS gaining some momentum, but in the end Hastings were simply too strong. The team rebounded very well with a 36 – 10 win over Southland Boys' High School in the play-off for third and fourth to finish their season as the third best side in New Zealand Secondary Schools Rugby.

Our 1st XI Hockey side went into the Rankin Cup tournament in Wellington feeling confident after some impressive

results this season, and this showed in a series of good pool play wins over Hastings Boys' High School 3 – 1, Christchurch Boys' High School 2 – 1 and Napier Boys' High School 5 – 0. However, a shock 5 – 3 loss to Whangarei Boys' High School put them into a playoff for 9th to 16th place against Pukekohe High School, which they also lost 2 – 1. To their credit the team came back with a 3 – 1 win over Kings College in the 13th to 16th place playoff and finished with a very good 5 – 3 win over Westlake Boys' High School to finish in 13th place overall. The HBHS 2nd XI and Under 15A Hockey side continued their rivalry where they left off last year, and any match where these two sides come up against each other is always going to be one to watch. The 2nd XI beat Whangarei Boys' High School 3rd XI 3 – 1, Tauranga Boys' College 2nd XI 3 – 0, Timaru Boys' High School 2nd XI 7 – 0 and Westlake Boys' High School 2nd XI 2 – 1 which was a very satisfying result after Westlake took the title last year. The Under 15A also won through to play-offs only dropping one game against Palmerston North Boys' High School 2nd XI 3 – 0, and notching up big wins over Whangarei Boys' High School 3rd XI 6 – 1, St Bedes 2nd XI 13 – 0 and Wellington College 2nd XI 4 – 1 to set up the all-HBHS semi-final. The match absolutely lived up to expectations, going to double extra time and finally being decided on penalties. This time seniority won through, and the 2nd XI went on to face Galletly Cup winners Palmerston North Boys' High School who beat them 5 – 0. Once again, HBHS finished second and third, with the Under 15A team winning their play-off in another double-extra-time penalty-shootout over Whangarei Boys' High School.

Tree of our basketball teams were in tournaments, and all three came away with very good win-loss ratios. Our Senior A team headed to Rotorua hoping to qualify for the New Zealand Secondary Schools tournament to be held in the September holidays and it was mission accomplished. They began with a monster win over St Paul's Collegiate 114 – 31 and followed this with a 111 – 48 demolition of Trident High School. The St John's B team was dispatched to the tune of 101 – 28 and they finished qualifying by beating Te Awamutu College 101 – 81 and Gisborne Boys' High School 93 – 34.



The quarter-final match against Tauranga Boys' College was closer but still comfortable with a 81 – 62 win, as was the 87 – 51 win in the semi-final against Melville High School. In the final HBHS faced an always-strong St John's A team so to come away with a 94 – 69 win was an excellent result, meaning HBHS qualified for Nationals as the Regional champion. Our Senior B team played at the same tournament, winning against Tauhara College 85 – 28 and Bethlehem College 68 – 53. Losses to Hillcrest High School 77 – 67, Cambridge High School 65 – 61 and St John's College A 117 – 55 put them into the play-offs for 9th – 16th against Rotorua Boys' High School which they won 88 – 68. They then beat Western Heights High School by a solitary point 104 – 103 to win through to the play-off for 9th and 10th where they lost to John Paul College 75 – 68 to finish 10th in the region. Our Junior team won their way through pool play at the Zonal Regionals also in Rotorua, beating Rotorua Boys' High School 64 – 56, Gisborne Boys' High School 86 – 54, Melville High School 89 – 56 and Avondale College 83 – 66. They won their quarter-final by one point in a 96 – 95 thriller against Northcote College, but went down to Liston College in the semi-final 80 – 56. In the play-off for 3rd and 4th, Rangitoto College were too strong, beating the HBHS side 86 – 60 leaving our team fourth in the region.

Our HBHS Bowlers and Golfers competed in Waikato Competitions, with our Indoor Bowling pair finishing in 16th place and our Number 1 and 2 Golf teams (separate from the Elite team) finishing first and third in the "Lunden Links" competition in Hamilton.

Finally to our footballers, and our 1st Football team started their National Tournament in Papamoa with a 4 – 2 win over Tawa College and a 1 – 1 draw against Westlake Boys' High School. Unfortunately they went down to Auckland Grammar 2 – 0, but to their credit the team finished pool play with two wins, against Middleton Grange 3 – 1 and Tauranga Boys' College 1 – 0. In the play-off for 9th and 12th the team lost 2 – 1 to Lincoln High School and then finished with a win against Nelson College to finish 11th in New Zealand. Our 2nd XI Football team competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Trident Tournament in

Wanganui and they blasted through pool play, beating Waiuku College 3 – 0, Fielding High School 2 – 0, Wairarapa College 2 – 1, Hawera College 5 – 0 and Wanganui College 3 – 0. The wins kept coming, with the team beating Ormiston High School 2 – 0 in the quarter-final and Lynfield High School 1 – 0 in the semi-final. The final saw them face Wairarapa College once more and the HBHS team made no mistake and put them away 4 – 0 to finish first and bring the Trident Tournament Trophy back to HBHS.

Once again thanks and congratulations to all of our teams for representing us so well all around New Zealand, and to all of the staff, parents, friends and supporters who put in so many hours to help our teams achieve the results that they did. Kia kaha.

THE GOLF REPORT

So close to the ultimate goal... it has been an outstanding year for the HBHS Elite Golf team. We were undefeated in all exchanges and won the Waikato Intercollegiate champs for the first time in a long time which meant we had the opportunity to represent the district in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Golf Championships. We met in Nelson on Sunday for a practice round and a team dinner which included 8 boys and a parent. Our top team consisted of **Tyler Wood** (the HBHS Senior Champion), **James Fellows-Ford** (Captain of Golf), **Sam Brinkworth** and **Luke Kidd** (the HBHS Junior Champion). The competition was over two rounds with the best three scores counting. The favourites going into the competition were Burnside High School, as they had two of the best girls in the country and they get 2 shots off due to the slope of the course, as well as Nelson College and St Peter's. Round one was solid for our team, with my favourite moment coming on the first hole of the day with **Tyler** losing a ball off the tee, then regrouping and getting an eagle with his second ball thus finishing the hole with a par. He went on to shoot the equal lowest round out of the 52 players of 72 and this combined with **James** on 73 and **Luke's** 75 gave us a team score of 220 which put us in second place behind Burnside. Round two was all about who could hold it together in gale-force conditions. We did not cope well but fought to the very end. **Tyler** showed a

lot of character to score 76 and **Sam** showed why he was in the team with a gutsy 77 after struggling on the morning round. Both **James** and **Luke** struggled with the conditions and both carded 81 so we finished with a total of 234 for the second round. It was then a nervous wait to see how other schools would fare. Having **Tyler Wood** top of the leader board whilst we sat in the clubhouse made the wait a little easier. He was top boy in the field and best overall but because girls get two shots off their actual score we had to settle for second. The final results came in and we were four shots short of winning the National title. For obvious reasons we cannot have girls in our team, but we are even more determined than ever to go back next year and finish that one place better. I would like to say thanks so much to the boys for making me so proud to be the Teacher in Charge of Golf at HBHS. All the boys stay on in Nelson now to compete in the New Zealand Under 19, Under17 and Under 15 stroke play Championships, so stay tuned for what I think will be some more outstanding individual results. I wish all of our boys the very best of luck. Kia kaha.

By Mr Brendon Cooley





“GREASE”

This year’s combined HGHS and HBHS production was “Grease” and with all its catchy music, fabulous 50’s fashion and the high school setting, it was always going to be a box office smash.

Rehearsals began way back in May at Girls’ High. Many, many hours were spent perfecting the songs and dance routines that were such a big part of the unforgettable 1978 film starring **John Travolta** and **Olivia Newton-John**. Sharing the lead roles of Danny and Sandy were **Fynn Bodley-Davies** and **Spencer Littlewood** and **Jaedyn Randell** and **Amelia Penfold**, joined by a very talented cast of “Greasers” and “Pink Ladies”. Add to that a very accomplished boys and girls chorus and it had all the makings of a hit.

Led by the very well known **Bryan Bevege**, the combined HGHS and HBHS band provided all the fabulous sounds and was ably joined by soloist **Campbell Maydon** in the role of Johnny Casino.

Highlights of the show were an unforgettably over-the-top performance by **Eden Bates** in the role of Patty and an amazingly professional and talented rendition of “Grease Lightning” by all the boys.

Special thanks must go to **Miss Wynn-Jones**, **Miss Wenham** and **Miss Dickenson** for all their hard work and the tireless hours spent making sure it all ran smoothly. We wait with baited breath to hear what next year’s HBHS production will be!

by Reid Benseman



Top: Fynn Bodley-Davies struts his stuff at the Rydell High dance. Middle: The Greasers belt out one of the all-time favourite numbers “Grease Lightning”, with a genuine Harley Davidson motorbike as a centre piece. Bottom: Spencer Littlewood shows a softer side. Left: Nicci Rich as the smooth talking DJ Vince Fontaine.

TE MAUREA WHIRITOI

Sx months of hard work, blood, sweat and tears culminated in a week long haka journey in Hastings for the National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition 2016. We were one of four teams representing Tainui.

The eve of our preliminary performance was upon us. We did some last minute practice to improve on our dress rehearsal, and then readied ourselves for the powhiri. An entire nation of kapa haka groups descended upon the Pettigrew Green Arena and anxiously anticipated the battle to come.

The next day, the tutors gave the team a generous sleep-in as our performance time was 6:00pm. Breakfast was served, followed by some practice to shake the nerves and then preparations ensued. Boys went through dozens of vivid pens to get their pūhoro drawn. We had a relaxed approach that put us in a great head space for our Tuesday performance.

Before we knew it, the performance had come and gone. **Jaedyn Randell's** silky smooth solos wooed the crowd and **Lucas Baker** looked possessed as he commanded the boys and the attention of the audience. We returned to the marae where we watched it on the internet as a team. The whare erupted in cheers and applause as everyone became overwhelmed with pride over what we had achieved. But now, we anxiously awaited announcements. Who would be rewarded a finals day performance?

The agonising wait took two long days. Then, the time came. Third in Pool A – Te Piringa. Second – Te Manuka Tutahi... At this point the spirits of some were deflated as they thought it too unlikely to qualify first in our pool. Then, the announcement we were after was made. First in Pool A – Te Maurea Whiritoi! The entire whare burst into pure jubilation. We couldn't believe it! Our tutors quickly brought the team's feet back to earth so that we could prepare for the final performance to come.

Finals day... We could feel an extra touch of nervousness and excitement in the air. The idea that we were now competing to win the entire competition seemed surreal. We boarded the bus and anxieties were running high. So **Matua West** challenged **Ezra Ngakuru** to a beat box battle to break the

tension! Back stage we warmed up with our usual routine and before we knew it we were taking the stage. The main message our tutors gave us was to release the chains of inhibition, free our minds and set our spirits soaring so that each item could touch the hearts of those watching. Without a doubt, we took our performance up another level and did our whanau, iwi and schools proud.

At prizegiving we were overwhelmed to be awarded with first equal in the categories Te Reo (The Language), Waiata-a-ringa (Action Song), Haka and **Lucas Baker** received the honour of being named Best Kaitataki Tane (Male Leader) in the country. Our tutors later

announced that we achieved a 5th placing on finals day.

Our goal for this campaign was to achieve the highest result we could. With pride we can say we have achieved that goal for 2016. Without the support of all our reserves, tutors, staff and parents, this would not have been possible. We would like to thank everyone involved as these accolades belong to you as much as they belong to the group that performed. With the steady improvement in years gone by, the future of Te Maurea Whiritoi is certainly exciting!

By Matua Toti West





MUSIC TOUR OF SAMOA

On the 5th to 14th of July, the HBHS music department departed to Samoa for their bi-annual music tour of one of the Pacific Islands. The tour consisted of both school bands, the Big Jazz Express and the Gypsy Pickers, and a variety of small groups and solo acts. Our first stop was on the main island of Upolu; here we performed at a variety of schools, resorts, cafes, restaurants and bars. We were also part of the Samoan Jazz festival at The Home Cafe and The Mariner Bar, where both of our bands and the **Messent Family Trio** played to great international and Samoan crowds. The Gypsy Pickers played at a High Commission Meeting between Samoa and New Zealand on an island resort as background entertainment.

We then traveled to the island of Savaii, where we spent most of our nights in beach faleas, which are raised platforms on the sand with a roof and woven coconut leaf walls. Pasttimes on the island included a large amount of swimming on the beautiful beach we were staying at, snorkeling, and swimming with turtles.

After our performance at a high school on Savaii, we returned to the island of

Upolu to perform at The Sinalei Resort, our final performance of the tour. It was a great experience overall with many great performances, and the students learned vital lessons about touring and performing music. The students would like to thank **Mr Botting, Mr Rickard, Mr Skandera, Mr Booth, Mr Cleaver, John Messent, the Brown family** and our many helpers from both New Zealand and Samoa for making this tour possible.

By Casey Messent







WINTER SPORTS RESULTS

This term has been a very busy one for our individual athletes and our teams, and we take a look at how they have been faring in their competitions and events.

First up is **Isaiah Priddey** who travelled to an appropriately wintery Canberra to compete in the Australian Cross Country Championships which were held at Stromlo forest park, Canberra, a purpose built cross country course for the Australian Institute of Sport. At best the top temperature hit 8 degrees with wind and rain as an extra. The course was very tough with steep hill climbs and long straights into the wind. The Australians have to qualify for their state to be there, so the field of 75 boys for the Under 18 Men is the best in the country, and this was seen with a very large lead group of 30 boys staying together until the last 2km of the race. **Isaiah** and most of the NZ team sat back in the front half of the lead bunch, and stayed there until the pace picked up over the last 2km. **Isaiah** ran very well to place 7th, only 10 seconds off 2nd place, with **Brad Cullen** placing a very creditable 30th in an elite field of runners. **Isaiah** was the second 16 year old in the race, with the opportunity to run in the Under 18 grade again next year.

In Squash **Jaynessh Sivershearn** a Year 10 student was selected as part of a 5 man NZ Junior side to represent the country against an Australian team at the end of the month. He played off against a boy yesterday who was ranked above him who was also in contention. He beat this other player convincingly 3-0. The selectors watched his game and selected him as the fifth-ranked player.

Next we head indoors as two HBHS teams competed in the Waikato Secondary Schools Chess Championship. Six teams of four players participated in the Round Robin tournament with the winning team qualifying to represent the Waikato in the NZ National Secondary Championships during the September vacation. Our Second Team of **Brandon Cuellar**, **Shilong Yang** (captain), **Jacky Jin** and **Cooper Quinn** performed very well to be placed third. Our First Team of **Krishan Deo**, **Sivaram Manoharan** (captain), **Eushin Kang** and **Alister Teow** won the tournament with a 100% score, beating each of the other

5 teams 4-0. This is a very rare result in Tournament Chess and our players can be justifiably proud of their achievements. We

congratulate our players on being crowned Waikato Champions and wish them well for the Nationals in September.



Top: **Isaiah** in action in Canberra. Middle: Our top Chess team of **Krishan Deo**, **Sivaram Manoharan** (captain), **Eushin Kang** and **Alister Teow**. Bottom: Our 1st XV in Palmerston North. See pages 4 and 5.

NAAZ SHAH IN RIO

At the beginning of this term HBHS staff member **Naaz Shah** had the opportunity to go to Rio De Janeiro to work as a volunteer at the Hockey venue. We asked her to share her memories of this experience and this is what she told us.

The most important thing for me is just how unfounded the fears were that had played out across the world's media prior to this event. I went in with an open mind, knowing it would be different and knowing that Brazil is a combination of First world and Third world characteristics. The best thing to do was to be street-smart and go with the flow. At no time did I ever feel that my life was in danger or that I was threatened. The best thing to do was to just get stuck in and enjoy the experience. Nothing actually went so wrong that it couldn't be sorted or worked through, and in fact the things that did go wrong were as a result of individual decisions rather than any kind of organisational issue. The locals were determined to showcase their country in the best possible light so they would go out of their way to make the experience positive. The rapid bus transport system and network that was set up was fabulous – there were no traffic jams because we were never really in traffic and we went from venue to venue easily.

As a volunteer I thought the experience was absolutely worth it and other people who had travelled from all over the world felt the same way. The hype around Zika actually felt ridiculous and I felt sorry for those people who missed out on this unique experience because I don't know when or if the Olympics will be back in South America. The place was so full of energy, of colour, the music and dance, the fabulous food – it was fabulous on all levels. On a personal level it was wonderful to be working with people who were so passionate about sport and about the sport (hockey) that I loved so much. For me, as an athlete, it felt really good to be giving back to the sport which contributed to the kind of person that I am. I was pleased my previous Olympic experiences and my personal success at this elite level meant that I knew what to do in order to help the athletes perform at the level they needed to. The Brazilian crowds were fantastic – they threw themselves into all of the sports, and one of the things that was done really well is that the Rio Committee



Above: Ms Naaz Shah and one half of New Zealand's double Olympic Champion Rowing Pair, Eric Murray.

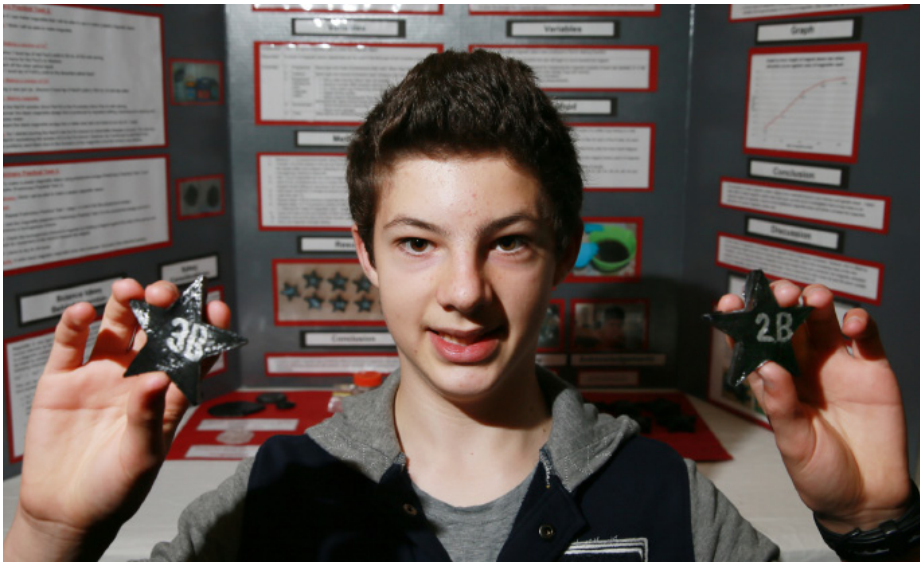
would give the crowds what they needed to know in order to follow the game – who the champions and star performers were and aspects of the game that they needed to know in order to fully enjoy the experience. The Committee were also hugely appreciative of the work done by the volunteers. Every few days we were given gifts, such as a watch, as tokens of appreciation and this really helped keep volunteer morale high. One of the main things that I took from this experience was that people are basically good, and that when people come together with this shared passion for sport then the experience will

always be a happy one. The competitors were also really humble – even these world-famous 'names' would talk to people, pose for photos and act like everyone else. It was an honour to work with the world's best and to share their experiences. I have been to four Olympics now. Each of them have been different because of the people, the cultures and the countries, but they are all the same in that we all shared that love for sport and the passion for excellence. Basic human qualities don't change. Each Olympic Games people come together, treat each other with kindness and share this passion for sporting excellence.



Our students

LIAM HENDERSON



At last month's NIWA Waikato Science and Technology Fair, HBHS's **Liam Henderson** (above) was one of the standout

presenters with his plans to use a mineral found in the black sands of Raglan beaches to clean up our increasingly polluted oceans.

Liam's idea was to use the magnetite, which is a naturally occurring mineral, in the manufacturing of polystyrene beads and other plastics which would make these potential pollutants magnetic. They could then be extracted from the seas and oceans using an industrial magnet before they could harm wildlife. **Liam's** plans went well beyond the concept stage, as he demonstrated how this could be done by creating a range of magnetic plastic objects in star-shaped moulds and proposed the marketing of black plastic bags by our major supermarket chains. The precedent had been set with Weetbix and Anchor Milk using black packaging as a tie-in with the All Blacks. **Liam** hopes that our National colour could be used as a means to potentially save millions of marine animals and put a halt on one of the scourges of our oceans.

Thanks to Donna-Lee Biddle and the Waikato Times for their coverage of Liam.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In an edition with more than a little Latin flair, it seems only fitting that our trip this term to the International Students Centre in S Block takes us to Chile. We caught up with **Martin Illanes Vindzanova** (right) who is spending a term with us fresh from Rancagua, a city with roughly the same population as Hamilton. **Martin** thinks Hamilton is a "lovely" city and immediately felt quite comfortable here, appreciating the friendliness of the people and the similarities in terms of size. His school in Chile, the Instituto Ingles, is quite different from HBHS, with approximately 1100 students in attendance, ranging from Years 1 to 13. Students stay in the same class all day, and it is the teachers who move around in order to deliver the curriculum. There is no choice in terms of that curriculum, and in his time here **Martin** has very much appreciated the opportunity to choose his own subjects. He has also appreciated the larger numbers at HBHS with 400 students in his year group here and only 90 back home.

Martin learned about HBHS as so many do via a family member. His Aunt moved to Hamilton in 2005 and two of his cousins attended the school prior to his arrival. He has thrown himself into school life at HBHS and says that he already feels like a Kiwi. He



has taken in that most Kiwi of experiences, a rugby match, and was at the Hamilton test match between the All Blacks and Argentina played this month. **Martin** joined one of the HBHS Football teams and has been involved in Service activities. He describes HBHS and New Zealand as being very orderly and well-organised and is appreciative of how respectful people are. His academic endeavours at HBHS are noteworthy, and it was **Ms Heeps** who pointed out that **Martin** has gone ahead a

year and achieved Merit and Excellence level grades in an unfamiliar system as **Martin** was far too modest. He appreciates being able to go much faster in terms of his studies here. The 15 hour time difference has made keeping up with friends a challenge, and he was very much looking forward to some genuine Chilean food (they are very big on barbeques) to mark Chile's National day which is celebrated in mid-September. We thank **Martin** for so happily sharing his story with us and wish him a safe trip back home.

CULLEN BROWNE

We asked Year 13 Cyclist **Cullen Browne** to tell us about his incredible experiences riding for an International team in Canada. Here he is in his own words.

My 2016 on the bike – Part 1:

Over the summer I rode what normal people would consider to be ridiculous mileage, covering over 2000km each month and occasionally covering over 700km in a week. Obviously this set me up well for 2016 and I went into the first big race of the year with a new coach and new mind-set. I went into the Central Hawkes Bay Junior Tour wanting to test my form. I came away from the tour with the Yellow Jersey, numerous Top 3 finishes and a 2nd place in the KOM classification. Unfortunately illness struck and meant I under-performed in the two biggest selectors races which showed when I missed out on the New Zealand team set to travel to Canada in July. I knew I was better than that so when the opportunity to race in the Australian Road Nationals came up I jumped at it. The only goal I had in mind was to prove the selectors wrong and on the second day of racing in the Road Race I produced the result I needed. I wasted no time, quickly bullied my way to the front and won the bunch sprint to the finish taking 4th closely behind my team-mate and two others who were only marginally ahead of the bunch.

Upon my return to New Zealand I was told about a spot in a Canadian based team racing in the same event I had missed out on with the New Zealand team. I was quick to show my interest and within a day the selectors put me forward as the New Zealand rider who would race for this team.

Riding like a pro:

Going to Canada I was a little unsure of what to expect and this was a more than a little unnerving. This proved to be unfounded as the team that I was racing for was well established and had been doing this race for the past 3 years. The team was really well set up; from the team car, bus, trailer and mechanics setup through to the way we were looked after as riders. We were told on the first day that our job was to race and recover and everything else would be looked after. This meant laundry was done

for us, bikes were cleaned and checked after every stage, bottles were ready for us at the start of stages and if we needed anything all we had to do was ask.

The sheer size of the field also added to the feeling with a start list of over 150 riders and 25 teams. This meant navigating a convoy of over 30 vehicles if you punctured on your return to the peloton. The organisation of the race was another factor, as being the only the UCI Nations Cup outside Europe it was one of North America's premier stage races for Under 19 riders.

This meant full road closure, live television coverage, professional-style sign on (pre-race) and more.

We thank **Cullen** for sharing his experience and will be keeping a close eye on him as he has a very exciting few months ahead, which includes racing alongside the HBHS cycling team at the most important schools event on the calendar, the New Zealand Secondary Schools Team Nationals in the first week of the Term 3 holidays.



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Above: Photos of his racing in Canada supplied by Cullen Browne



WAIKATO BANDS' FESTIVAL REPORT

The school's music department saw two groups perform at the Waikato Itinerant Music Band and Orchestra Festival on Friday 19th August, an annual event held at the University Of Waikato Gallagher Academy Of Performing Arts. The festival was a full day of performances in three different chambers suited to a variety of different types of groups. Over 20 different schools from around the Waikato Bay of Plenty region contributed their own flavour and style to the day and it materialized into a wonderful opportunity for music to be shared and appreciated by both students and teachers; a virtue of the event sadly missed by some other schools from the region.

Both the HBHS Jazz Band and the HBHS Gypsy Pickers Guitar Orchestra performed exceptionally well and their playing was somewhat removed from a simple regurgitation of the music from their tour of Samoa back in the Term 2 holidays. Pieces featured in the Jazz set were **Robbie Williams'** "Mr. Bojangles" sung by myself, the classic **Herbie Hancock** number "Chameleon" and an entertaining Blues Brothers tune called "She caught the Katy", sung and played by our Captain of Arts, **Casey Messent**.

The Guitar Orchestra pulled out all the stops as they sported burgundy waistcoats along with black bow ties, diverging from the usual formal attire and electing to be entertainers for the moment. Their set had a more modern structure with the likes of **Ed Sheeran's** "I see fire", the intricate groove piece "Uptown Funk" by **Mark Ronson** and a hillbilly crowd favourite called "Duelling Banjos" arranged from the movie soundtrack of the film "Deliverance"; the group's own Banjo player **Lennox "Lenny" Reynolds** earned an equal amount of laughs and respect leading this piece for the orchestra.

The groups were very competent in their respective categories. They were both awarded Gold as well as Merit awards which constitutes the highest honour possible at the event. The festival was a great success for the Music faculty and an excellent musical outlet for the students involved. I'd like to express my appreciation to **Mr Botting** the Head of Music who co-ordinated the opportunity for us to perform at the event and led the Jazz Band, as well as **Mr Skandera** our guitar

mentor and teacher who coached us through the year and ensured we were show ready for the festival.

By **Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney**

THEATRESPORTS

Once upon a time a man went to a hockey game. He noticed the crowd was wildly supporting their favourite team. He also went to a theatre and noticed the audience was dead silent. He thought of the idea to mix the two together. And from this Theatresports was born.

Theatresports is the art of improvised theatre. Teams of four create a scene in three-four minutes about a topic given by the audience also known as an "ask for". The teams improvise these on the spot while playing a particular game with their own set of rules. Each "game" is the usual improvised scene but each game has a unique twist where the team has to integrate the games rules into their scene.

The Waikato Secondary Schools Theatresports competition is divided into two groups, juniors and seniors. The HBHS Senior team known as "The Boy in Flamboyant", with **Edward Howell, Josh Devlin, Nicci Rich** and **Cameron McCarthy** placed second in the group stages collecting a total of 150 points, with the most impressive score of the season

a staggering 44/45. In the 2016 final HBHS placed fourth, however the team has won the Super 8 title convincingly. HBHS is well respected in terms of theatresports, having made the junior and senior finals since 2011. Hillcrest has been dominant for the past three years, however HBHS teams are confident they can defeat the titans next year, as members of the current team will be returning for redemption in 2017.

HBHS WINS WAIKATO DEBATING COMPETITION

It was a one-two finish for the HBHS Senior Debating teams in the Waikato Competition this term, thanks to semi-final wins over the Waikato Diocesan teams the previous week guaranteeing an all-HBHS final. The team of **Timothy Ng, Nicholas Goodman** and **Sameer Mandhan** were beaten by the Number 1 team of **Matthew Handford, Jacob Cheatley** and **Alex Le Comte** who successfully argued that "this house believes that social media companies should have the right to permanently ban users". Our Captain of Debating, **Alex**, also won the Best Speaker prize.

Congratulations to the team on their clean sweep, and thanks and congratulations to Teacher in Charge of Debating, **Mr Kevin Brown**, for his tireless efforts in supporting our debaters, along with **Mrs Natasha Bastion, Ms Leontien van der Beek, Mr Aaron Kearney** and **Dr David Williams**.



STAFF NEWS UPDATE

It is with much sadness that we must say goodbye to two of our star teaching talents, **Mr Shannon Brown** and **Mr Rodney DeKlerk**.

Mr Brown heads off to the new Senior College to head up their Drama Department and Classroom Drama Programme. He is pictured at right with former students **Morgan Hopkins** and **Alex Kennedy** who both won the opportunity to perform at the Globe Theatre in London after their performances in the National Youth Shakespeare Festival. **Mr Brown** was also the Dramatic director of last year's stunning production of "Jesus Christ Superstar" which performed to full houses and rave reviews. He has brought a vitality and energy to the Drama Department at HBHS over the past three years and we will very much miss his presence in both the classroom and staffroom. We wish him every success in his new role.



Above: Our departing Drama teacher Mr Shannon Brown, flanked by 2015 Old Boys and Globe Theatre Alumni Morgan Hopkins (left) and Alex Kennedy (right). Below, Mr Rodney DeKlerk and one of the many classes who will miss his cheerful presence!

Mr DeKlerk joined the English Faculty in 2009 fresh from South Africa after teaching at a private school. He was also employed as a Boarder Master at Kearnsey Boys' College where he had a fulltime coaching job in rugby, football, cricket, paintball and band. He put these sporting talents to good use, coaching the HBHS Under 55kg A Rugby team for four years, two of which saw the team finish as champions and one as runners-up. He has also worked closely with our track and field athletes and has been the Teacher in Charge of Athletics since 2012. In 2014, **Mr DeKlerk** was appointed Teacher in Charge of Year 11 English. He lists as one of his highlights at HBHS the opportunity to travel to Germany with **Dr Natalie Blackburn** and the German language students. An ability to adapt to new cultures and unfamiliar surrounds certainly helped him in this experience. **Mr DeKlerk** heads to Rathkeale College in Masterton at the beginning of next term and is very much looking forward to being close to family for his little girls and the new experiences and opportunities that will come. We wish him and his family all the very best.



in Wellington with a clutch of gold, silver and bronze medals. In the age group events, **Andrew Jeffcoat** competed in the 16 years and above events and won two gold medals in the 200m Backstroke and 200m Individual Medley, as well as bronze medals in the 100m Backstroke and 200m Freestyle events. **Danyon Hardie** competed in the 15 year age group and won gold in the 200m Individual Medley and 100m Butterfly as well as silver medals in the 100m Freestyle, 200m Butterfly, 200m Freestyle and 400m Freestyle.

These results, along with commendable efforts by the rest of the team meant that HBHS finished in 6th place overall for boys'

schools which is all the more impressive when you consider that the HBHS team has fewer swimmers than many other schools. To summarise, the team notched up 20 top eight places, 25 top ten finishes as individuals and 4 top eight relay places. Congratulations to all of these boys on these fantastic results.



STOP THE PRESS!

Just as we were going to print, our Swimming Team came back from the National Secondary Schools Championships



Foundation

World Class Old Boys' Honoured at the August 2016 Hall of Fame Event:

Every year HBHS and the Foundation come together to recognise Old Boys who have reached the greatest of heights in their professions or areas of interest and this year was no different. From medical marvels, to Rhodes Scholars and celebrated athletes, 2016's list makes for great reading and a wonderful celebration of determination and success.

How perfect that in an Olympic Year we were able to celebrate by inducting one of our own Olympians, **Dick Quax**, into the Hall of Fame. **Quax's** successful track efforts began to take shape here at HBHS when he joined a group of boys from the school all running about 160 kilometres per week and the school completely dominated track and cross country races in the Waikato. He went on to win a silver medal in the 1500m at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland and in 1972 along with **Dick Tayler**, **Kevin Ross** and **Tony Polhill**, **Quax** set the world record for the 4x1 mile. In 1976 **Quax** won a silver medal in the 5000 metres and in the following year set the world record for that distance and became one of only three New Zealand runners to set a world record at an Olympic distance.



Above left: Dick Quax, above right: Julian Jack

Professor of Cellular Neuroscience **Julian Jack** (1949-1952) is a Rhodes Scholar and after an extensive career in the UK in the study of how nerve cells, or neurons, communicate with one another in the nervous system, this Old Boy has become influential in his field. **Jack** applies theoretical and experimental approaches to research the process of synaptic transmission and his work on neurotransmission is offering insight into disorders of the nervous system, such as Alzheimer's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.

Keeping with the medical theme **Professor John Hawk** became St John's Photobiology Department's Head and Consultant Dermatologist in 1979, leading research on the sunlight skin effects of ageing, cancer, Vitamin D and rashes, naming one,

classifying all and advancing their treatment. He wrote many scientific articles, chapters and books and speaks at scientific meetings worldwide advising international regulatory authorities. President of the 2014 Edinburgh World Skin Cancer Congress (WCCS), and International President of Sydney WCCS 2018, **Hawk** is also a member of the New Zealand Olympic Committee.



Above left: Prof John Hawk, above right: John Boys

Rounding off our honourees is **John Boys**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Auckland. Having built a strong research facility at Auckland University in Power Electronics with special emphasis on AC motor control, his Power Electronics Team developed a method for (wireless) Inductive Power Transfer (IPT) that combines both power and efficiency. **Boys** is presently working on aspects of driving electric vehicles inductively through wires buried under the road. If the technology can be made to work, it will transform road transport as we know it. Imagine travelling from Hamilton to Wellington in an electric vehicle, without stopping for fuel, and on arrival the battery having more charge in it than when the journey started. It's an exciting technology to work with as it combines so many engineering aspects at the same time and it is quieter, safer and more efficient than any other motorised transport.

New Trustees needed for the Hamilton Boys' High School Foundation:

Expressions of interest are invited from any Old Boy who wishes to contribute some time, expertise and energy back to the school via a role with the HBHS Foundation. For more information on the role, please contact **Ali Mallett** at the Foundation office 07 853 0440 extn 2408 or at foundation@hbhs.school.nz

The Grants Programme kicks off in October 2016, as growing a substantial endowment fund is a core goal of the Foundation Trust with the income from that fund allowing us to make donations to the school via our 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 continued success in all areas such as the Academic, Arts, Cultural and the Sporting Arenas.

The first Foundation Grants will be allocated in October 2016 and the Foundation looks forward to sharing these gifts with the school community.



New Foundation initiative celebrates a life of service and contribution to HBHS:

The inaugural Lifetime Service Award presented to **Mr Greg Ball** in August 2016 recognises the significant contribution that one Old Boy has made to the school and its rowing programme. On a crisp blue day in late August, the school welcomed **Mr Ball** and his family in a celebration which was both warm and moving. The Kapa Haka boys greeted the official party in spectacular style which set the scene for the Assembly ahead and made the hairs stand up on the back of our visitor's arms. A guard of honour, the raised oars of senior rowers lining the walk to the stage, created a beautiful and poignant start to this very special Senior Assembly.

As one of the early financial supporters of our rowing programme, **Greg Ball's** donations created an environment that led to further individual and corporate support. It is this support that every boy in the HBHS Rowing Programme and his parents appreciates. The rowing programme we offer today could not have provided the opportunities, the experiences and the successes it has without the passionate support and financial generosity of **Greg Ball**. The HBHS families thanked **Greg Ball** for his love of and commitment to our school when it honoured him with this Lifetime Service Award in recognition of his outstanding and continued contributions.

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