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Our Top Six celebrate 2016 with Mrs Hassall. From left, Casey Messent, Douglas Shephard, Matthew Handford, Lucas Clarke, Christopher Goodwin and Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney

High Achiever

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

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Our celebration issue: Congratulations to the 2016 Dux Christopher Mayo



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It's time to celebrate 2016 and all of the wonderful things that our students have achieved over this year. It is also time to say thank you to each and every person who has contributed to our publications over the year. So much has happened, so many fantastic things have been accomplished, and coverage of it all would not be possible without the people who sent in photographs and story ideas and who kept us up-to-date and informed whenever an HBHS student, past or present, was doing something special. Please keep the ideas, images and feedback coming, we welcome and appreciate all suggestions. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas break and hope to see you all back here again ready to welcome all that 2017 will bring!

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Top: Harrison & Stafford Dowling at the Maori & Pasifika Awards evening. Next: Proud mums Mrs Denise Weren and Mrs Susan Shephard, with Hamish Weren and Douglas Shephard. Next: Ciaran Lannan collects the House Cup for Argyle. Bottom Left: Proud dad Mr Stuart Hakeney with Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney. Bottom Right: Poutama Silva completes the Mentoring Programme Fire Service Course.



The HBHS Foundation was established to support HBHS to further develop and strengthen its position as an educational leader by providing funds to enhance the school's programmes and facilities in all areas including the Academic, Arts, Cultural and Sporting areas.

This year the HBHS Foundation will contribute \$5000 back to the school through its Foundation Grants Programme. This grant and the many more that will follow are only achievable with the help and support of our Old Boys' and the wider community.

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The HBHS Foundation Trust is made up of up to ten individuals who have chosen to support the school by offering their skills and time to foster the connection of Old Boys back to the school and to contribute to generating an endowment fund which will underpin our on-going success.

The HBHS Foundation Trust is currently seeking expressions of interest from Old Boys who are interested in becoming Trustees. If you would like more information on the role please contact **Ali Mallett** at the Foundation office.

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HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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HIGH ACHIEVER



School Newsletter

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents



We are rapidly moving towards Christmas, and the conclusion of another wonderful year for the school. As our thoughts turn to the holiday break, and the joy of the season, we are provided with the opportunity to reflect upon the past ten months, and to consider what has made it a special and positive time for us to share.

At our recent Senior Prize Giving and Graduation, I spoke of the pride we feel in the successes and achievements of our young men, and our gratitude to our families for their very real care and support. When I consider the strength of our school, it always centres on the importance of a sense of family.

We are a community, a community of clear values, where we recognise the truth that the heart of the school is the care we feel for each other, and the self-respect we feel for ourselves. Each of us can feel self-respect, because we can recognise the goodness which exists within each other, can see the efforts each young man makes, and the support he is given by the staff, and fellow students.

As we complete another year, we must recognise the truth of the famous American writer **Saul Bellow's** words, when he stated that

"Goodness is achieved not in a vacuum, but in the company of others, attended by love"

The world of Boys' High is a special one. Each student, and each family, must feel proud of the school, and feel proud of the year which we have shared.

As we conclude another cycle in the life of the school, it is important to remember that we are indeed, crafting a world of goodness. That life at Hamilton Boys' High School is one "attended by love". As the family of the school, as we farewell those wonderful young men who graduate this year, and as we prepare to welcome the Year 9 of 2017, we must stand firmly for what we believe in. We must remember the truth of Bellow's words; we can achieve goodness, not alone, but in the company of those around us.

As we approach Christmas, and the opportunity to relax and spend precious time with family, remember always, that we have shared a very special year. Have a holiday break which is filled with hope, filled with faith, and filled with happiness. I wish you all the very best. To those leaving, our love and best wishes go with you.

And to those returning, I look forward very much to sharing the year ahead.

Thank you all very much for a wonderful 2016.

Susan Hassall
HEADMASTER

Term 1 2017 Events

Auckland Anniversary
Monday 30 January

School Starts
Tuesday 31 January Yr 9, Yr 13
Wednesday 1 February Yr 10
Thursday 2 February Yr 11
Friday 3 February Yr 12

Yr 13 Leadership Camp
1 - 2 February

Waitangi Day
Monday 6 February

Swimming Sports
Thursday 16 February

Mufti Day Starship
Thursday 23 February

Athletic Sports
Thursday 2 March

Blood Donors
Friday 24 March

Summer Tournament Week
27 - 31 March

Yr 9 Parents Evening
Tuesday 4 April

Mufti Day Diabetes Youth
Thursday 6 April

Yr 10 - 13 Report Evening
Monday 10 April

Westlake Exchange
Tuesday 11 April

Run for Life
Thursday 13 April

Good Friday
End of Term 1
Friday 14 April



Awards Evenings



2016 ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS EVENING

On Tuesday 18 October, HBHS celebrated the achievements of our most talented artists, musicians, performers, speakers, debaters, film-makers and all-round creative individuals and groups. As our Director of Culture and evening MC, **Mr James Sutherland** told the audience, these artists often go on to define their generation and it is impossible to overstate just how important the arts are in society. The talent on display, as always, was genuinely outstanding, and it was a privilege to watch and listen to these artists. The full list of award winners is as follows, and we congratulate each and every one of them.

DEBATING

MCW Cup for Best All-round Debater to **Alexander Le Comte**
Norton-Brown Cup for Most Promising Debater to **Timothy Ng**
HBHS Cup for Most Improved Senior Debater to **Nicholas Goodman**
Kolah Cup for Most Promising Year 10 Debater to **Ashe Wainui-Mackle**
Thomas Simpson Cup for Best Junior Debater to **Henry Yao**
Sarbutt Cup for Staff versus Student Debating to **the Students**

CREATIVE WRITING

HBHS Regal Insurance Cup for Junior Prose to **Eddie Morgan**
HBHS Regal Insurance Cup for Senior Prose to **Hamish Weren**

DRAMA

Achievement Certificate for Greatest Contribution to the School Production to **Spencer Littlewood**
Taylor Cup for Outstanding Performance in the School Production to **Reid Benseman**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior to **Dylan Poihipi**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior to **Spencer Littlewood**

Achievement Certificate for Services to Drama to **Aron Gounder**
Achievement Certificate for Contribution to Shakespeare to **Samisoni Baledrokadroka**
Leach Cup for Outstanding Dramatic Performer to **Spencer Littlewood**

THEATRE SPORTS

Theatre Sports Cup for Outstanding Performer in Theatre Sports to **Joshua Devlin**
Achievement Certificate for Outstanding Performer in Junior Theatre Sports to **Aidan Scott-Nanthasack**



Arts & Cultural



MUSIC

Harbone and Arthur Cup for Services to Co-Curricular Music to **Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney**
Botting Cup for Best Performing Soloist to **Krishn Naicker-Duggal**
One Fat Man Trophy for Outstanding Live Performance to the **Gypsy Pickers** at Band Fest
Skandera Cup for Best Performing Group to the **Gypsy Pickers**
Nic Jeffs Memorial Cup for Excellence in Music to **Casey Messent**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior Musician to **Reid Benseman**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Middle-School Musician to **Lennox Reynolds**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior Musician to **Alexander Matthews**



VISUAL ARTS

Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior to **Connor Welch**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior to **Cameron Bull**
Community Arts Award for Most Improved Year 12 Visual Arts to **Ethan Perrin**
Community Arts Award for Most Improved Year 13 Visual Arts to **Keegan Downey**
Achievement Certificate for Outstanding Senior Photographer to **Nayan Patel**
Achievement Certificate for Outstanding Senior Designer to **Nayan Patel**
Visual Arts Award for Best Visual Artist in more than one Discipline to **Nayan Patel**
Neville Grinter Cup for Outstanding Commitment to Visual Arts to **Nayan Patel**



AUDIO VISUAL

Achievement Certificate for Service to Arts Award to **Mitchell Clement**

CULTURAL PERFORMER OF THE YEAR

Nominees:

Spencer Littlewood

- Best Male Actor Waikato Sheilah Winn Competition
- Best Actor Super 8
- Key role in the winning Drama group

Casey Messent

- Finalist National Secondary Schools Song Writing Competition
- Okarorie Blues Festival (Performer)
- Pirongia Blues Festival (Performer)
- Rockquest (Performer)
- Recorded with Neil Finn's Roundhead Studios
- Play It Strange
- Sponsored by MusicMan



Cultural Performer of the Year: **Casey Messent**

Top: Alex Le Comte, Middle: Nayan Patel with his parents Naranda and Nalini, Bottom: The Barbershop Quartet sing up a storm.



Awards Evenings

2016 MĀORI AND PASIFIKA AWARDS EVENING

The 2016 celebration of all things Māori and Pasifika at HBHS was always going to be particularly special, courtesy of the unprecedented success of the combined HBHS and HGHS Kapa Haka group **Te Maurea Whiritoi** at this year's National Kapa Haka Competition. The audience was treated to a stunning performance by the group in combination with the Māori Performing Arts class, and it got the evening off to a stirring and powerful start. The Pasifika performance group dazzled the audience with colour, melodies and athleticism and it was a privilege to hear the reflections of guest speaker and Member of Parliament for Hauraki-Waikato **Nanaia Mahuta**. We celebrated all that our Māori and Pasifika students had achieved in their Academic, Cultural, Service and Sporting endeavours, and present, here, the award winners with pride.

Academic Awards Junior Finalists:

Manasseh Cowley (Year 10)	Ngāpuhi, Samoa
Ollig Frank (Year 10)	Samoa
Riley Katipa (Year 9)	Tainui, Ngāti Maniapoto
Manaia Marsden (Year 9)	Ngai Te Rangi
Mason Tupaea (Year 9)	Waikato-Tainui

Academic Awards Junior Winner:

Ollig Frank (Year 10)	Samoa
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Academic Awards Senior Finalists:

Blake Akapita (Year 13)	Ngāti Rangi
Ryan Campbell (Year 11)	Tainui
Sikolasipi Faka'osilea (Year 11)	Tonga
Immo Frank (Year 11)	Samoa
Ben Hemara (Year 13)	Ngāti Tūwharetoa
Caleb Muntz (Year 12)	Tainui
Kelvin Oosten (Year 12)	Ngāti Pikiao, Ngāti Kahungunu

Academic Awards Senior Winner:

Blake Akapita (Year 13)	Ngāti Rangi
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Service Awards Junior Finalists:

Caleb Akapita (Year 10)	Ngāti Rangi
Hiriwa Johnson (Year 10)	Ngāti Wai
Ashe Wainui-Mackle (Year 10)	Ngāti Porou

Service Awards Junior Winner:

Caleb Akapita (Year 10)	Ngāti Rangi
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Service Awards Senior Finalists:

Harrison Dowling (Year 13)	Ngāpuhi
Xavier Glass (Year 13)	Ngāpuhi
Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney (Year 13)	Te Aupouri, Ngāpuhi
Sheridan Tuimaseve (Year 13)	Samoa
Tori Van Straalen (Year 13)	Ngāti Maniapoto

Service Awards Senior Winner:

Tori Van Straalen (Year 13)	Ngāti Maniapoto
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Top: The Pasifika Group, Next: Te Maurea Whiritoi, Next: Blake & Caleb Akapita with their proud mum Teresa, Bottom: Xavier Glass with Sheridan Tuimaseve

Maori & Pasifika



Cultural Awards Junior Finalists:

Ezra Gudgeon (Year 9)	Ngāti Porou, Ngāpuhi
Leon Leefe (Year 10)	Te Aupouri
Zac Paterson (Year 9)	Tainui
Dylan Poihipi (Year 10)	Tainui
Zan Southon (Year 9)	Tuhoe

Cultural Awards Junior Winner:

Zan Southon (Year 9)	Tuhoe
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Cultural Awards Senior Finalists:

JJ Havea (Year 13)	Tonga
Jeremii Lavasi'i (Year 11)	Samoa
AJ Mulipola (Year 13)	Samoa
Te Wakaiti Southon (Year 13)	Tuhoe, Ngāti Kahungunu
Sheridan Tuimaseve (Year 13)	Samoa

Cultural Awards Senior Winner:

Te Wakaiti Southon (Year 13)	Tuhoe, Ngāti Kahungunu
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Kapa Haka Awards:

Tama Kaha Certificate for greatest improvement to **Wikiriwhi Rangiawha**
 Tama Manaaki Certificate for most supportive to **Leon Leefe**
 Kaitātaki Tāne Certificate for leadership and skill to **Lucas Baker**
 Tama Manaaki Certificate for service to **Te Wakaiti Southon**

Leadership Awards Junior Finalists:

Hakaraia Richards-Coxhead (Year 10)	Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Te Arawa, Waikato
Ashe Wainui-Mackle (Year 10)	Ngāti Porou

Leadership Awards Junior Winner:

Ashe Wainui-Mackle (Year 10)	Ngāti Porou
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Leadership Awards Senior Finalists:

Christopher Goodwin (Year 13)	Ngāpuhi
JJ Havea (Year 13)	Tonga
Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney (Year 13)	Te Aupouri, Ngāpuhi
Te Wakaiti Southon (Year 13)	Tuhoe, Ngāti Kahungunu
Sheridan Tuimaseve (Year 13)	Samoa
Tori Van Straalen (Year 13)	Ngāti Maniapoto

Leadership Awards Senior Winner:

Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney (Year 13)	Te Aupouri, Ngāpuhi
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Sporting Awards Junior Finalists:

Nathan Healey (Year 10)	Ngāpuhi
Marihi Hohepa-Te Huia (Year 10)	Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Maniapoto
Cobain Richardson (Year 10)	Ngā Ruahine
Kiaan Watts (Year 10)	Ngāti Tūwharetoa

Sporting Awards Junior Winner:

Kiaan Watts (Year 10)	Ngāti Tūwharetoa
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Sporting Awards Senior Finalists:

Stafford Dowling (Year 13)	Ngāpuhi
Christopher Goodwin (Year 13)	Ngāpuhi
Raukawa Jefferies (Year 11)	Ngāti Raukawa

Ifor Jones (Year 12)	Te Arawa
Rameka Poihipi (Year 13)	Te Arawa
Quinn Tupaea (Year 12)	Tainui
Raiki Willison (Year 13)	Tainui

Sporting Awards Senior Winner:

Stafford Dowling (Year 13)	Ngāpuhi
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Special Awards:

He Tohu Manaaki to **Xavier Glass** (Year 13) Ngāpuhi

The Good Samaritan Award to **Sheridan Tuimaseve** (Year 13) Samoa



Top: Lucas Baker, Te Wakaiti Southon, Whaea Miriama Barton, Middle: Te Wakaiti Southon with Mr James Sutherland, Bottom: Tori Van Straalen with Mr Nigel Hotham



Awards Evenings

2016 SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

Individual Sporting Codes:

Archery

Wade and Paddy Trophy for Top Archer of the Year to **Caeden Bright**

Athletics

Taylor Brothers Cup for Intermediate Hurdles to **Tre Poihipi**

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

A D Becks Cup for Senior Sprints (100m) to **Christopher Goodwin**

Fergusson Cup for Senior 400m to **Isaac Milne**

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

K A Hudson Cup for 2000m Steeplechase to **Bradley Cullen**

T Mills Cup for Senior Distance (3000m) to **Isaiah Priddey**

Oettli Cup for Senior 1500m Champion to **Bradley Cullen**

Rockwell Brothers Cup for Junior Champion to **Charles Annals**

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

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

Badminton

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

G De Groen Trophy for Junior Novice to **Erick Jung**

Oriana Cup for Junior Champion to **Daniel Lee**

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

Canada Cup for Senior Champion to **Matthew Graham**

Basketball

Baldwin Trophy for Most Outstanding Junior Player to **Simon Foliaki**

Cameron Cup for Most Improved Senior Player to **Kauri**

Turangi-Joseph

Peter Harvey Memorial Cup for Service to Basketball to **Panashe**

Nyashanu

Lions Cup for the Senior Premier Player who displays Strength, Courage, Creativity and Perseverance to **Kydan Parata**

HBHS Cup for Outstanding Premier Player to **Dylan Ryburn**

Canoe Polo

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Jayden Kaima**

Chess

Wilson Cup for Junior Champion to **Eushin Kang**

Baigent Cup for Senior Champion to **Sivaram Manoharan**

Cricket

John Paul Bat for Best Junior Cricketer to **Kristian Clarke**

Aim Trophy for Aim Development Batting to **William Muldowney**

New Trophy for Development Bowling to **Zac Corban**

Patterson Cup for Fielding in 1st XI Cricket to **Riyan Perera**

Morris Cup for Most Improved Player in 1st XI Cricket to **Ben**

Morris-Brown

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

John Nelson Memorial for Service to Cricket to **Angus Lynch**

1st XI Batting Cup for Batting Aggregate to **Jamie Moore**

Shane Thomson Trophy for Best All-round Senior Cricketer to **Jamie Moore**

Nic Jeffs Memorial Trophy for Commitment and Dedication to the Development XI to **Hamish Mellow**

Cross Country

Junior Steeplechase Cup for Junior Cross Country Champion to **Blake Wisniewski**

Malcolm Cup for Intermediate Cross Country Champion to **Samuel Montgomerie**

Wallace Cup for Senior Cross Country Champion to **Isaiah Priddey**

Cue Sports

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

Cycling

Milremo Shield for Most Improved Cyclist to **Samuel Cook**

Derek Houghton Award for Most Dedicated Cyclist to **Fergus**

Washington-Smith

Norman Shattock Trophy for Most Outstanding Performer to **Jared Gray**

Football

HBHS Cup for Most Promising Year 9 Player to **Allen James**

Jonathan Perry Trophy for Most Promising Colts Player to **Ollig Frank**

Weaver Cup for Most Improved Colts Player to **Jayden Deane**

4A Soccer Cup for Service to Junior Football (Captain of Colts) to

Samuel Sinclair

Jonathan Perry Shirt for Most Improved Senior to **Ciaran Lannon**

English Shirt for the Captain of 1st XI Football to **Lachie McIsaac**

Coaches Cup for Most Valuable in 1st XI Football to **Christopher Goodwin**

Shaun Malthus Trophy for Most Improved Player in a Social Grade to **Jabril Mire**

Westphal Cup for Service to Football to **Stafford Dowling** and **Lachie McIsaac**

Futsal

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Liam Steffert**

Golf

Alker Shield for Service to Golf to **James Fellows-Ford**

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

Bryan Boyes Trophy for Senior Champion to **Tyler Wood**

Hockey

Puna Cup for Most Outstanding Junior Player to **Jacob Soo Choon**

Roberts Cup for Outstanding Player to **Timothy Neild**

Wheeler Cup for Most Improved Player to **Christopher Riddell**

Warwick Hartley Memorial for Dedication and Commitment to **Michael Fu**

Haydn Steel Master Blaster for Most Goals in Hockey 1st XI to **Christopher Ebert**

Inline Hockey

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

Lacrosse

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Zane Steffert**



Rowing

H and T Loe Trophy for Most Improved Oarsman to **Ryan Campbell**
Richard Palmer Trophy for Most Improved Coxswain to **Jakob Stent**
Satherley Cup for Junior Leadership to **William Thompson**
Gudsell Cup for Senior Leadership to **Reuben Houghton** and **Lucas Clarke**
Senior Cup for Most Outstanding Senior Oarsman to **Reuben Houghton** and **Lucas Clarke**
Ross Wilson Cup for Service to Rowing to **Ben Woolerton**
Cameron Cup for Commitment to Excellence to **Lucas Clarke**
The Healey Cup for the fourth year boy who began his rowing at school without much success but persevered to finish near or at the top to **Matthew Handford**

Rugby

Lawson Cup for Best Supporter of HBHS Rugby to **Megan Mahaffey**
Carwyn James Trophy for Most Promising Junior to **Solomona Tyrell**
James Hook Trophy for Outstanding Goal Kicking to **Joshua Moorby**
Ballymore Ball for Leadership to **Rameka Poihipi**
Noel Murphy Award for Sportsmanship to **Samuel Asemgeest**
L B Sandford Cup for Most Improved Player to **Sosaia Fale**
1st XV Trophy for Most Games for the 1st XV to **Patrick McCurran**
1st XV Cup for Best Back to **Quinn Tupaea**
1st XV Trophy for Best Forward to **Patrick McCurran**
Lodge Real Estate Award for 1st XV Player of the Year to **Kieran Lee**

Rugby Sevens

Clark Award for Outstanding Sevens Player to **Sevuloni Reece**

Shooting

Penrose Cup for Junior Shotgun Champion to **Macleod Livingstone**
Shotgun for Senior Champion to **Blake Murray**
22 Shooting Junior Champion to **Thomas Daly**
22 Shooting Senior Champion to **Samisoni Baledrokadroka**

Snowsports – Skiing

School Trophy for Junior Champion to **Bradley Gibson**
Hamilton Trophy for Senior Champion to **William Ferrar**

Snowsports – Snowboarding

Trophy World Trophy for Contribution to Boarding to **Max Gabolinscy**

Softball

Kamloops Bat for Top Junior Batter to **Te Kirika Cooper Nichols**
HBHS Cup for Top Senior Batter to **Maioha Tawha**
HBHS Cup for Top Junior Pitcher to **Tawhiri King**
Softball Club Trophy for Top Senior Pitcher to **Aidan Leppien**
HBHS Cup for Best Junior Fielder to **Jaden Wilson**
Top Glove for Best Fielder to **Hekemaru Neha**
HBHS Cup for Most Valued Junior Player to **Te Kirika Cooper Nichols**
School Trophy for Best Senior Player to **Maioha Tawha**

Squash

Johnson Cup for Service to Squash to **Angus MacDonald**

Swimming

Norman Ross Cup for House Swimming Sports to **Wilson House**
R English Cup for Junior Champion to **Jeremy Doig**

I W Ready Cup for Intermediate Champion to **Danyon Hardie**
Old Boys' Challenge Cup for Senior Champion to **Andrew Jeffcoat**
The Missen Cup to **Andrew Jeffcoat**

Table Tennis

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

Tennis

Meyer Cup for Junior Champion to **Anton Shepp**
Ian Crookenden Cup for Senior Champion to **Joshua Moorby**

Triathlon

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

Touch

Senior Cup for Best Senior Player to **Raiki Willison**
Junior Cup for Best Junior Player to **Liam Wilson**

Ultimate

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Alexander Deo**

Volleyball

Junior Trophy for Most Improved Player to **Solomona Tyrell**
Senior Trophy for Player of the Year to **Nathaniel Namua**

Waka Ama

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

Waterpolo

Steven Rolfe Trophy for Most Outstanding Player to **Sam Shepherd**
McKnight Trophy for Service to Waterpolo to **Tom Farrar**

Wrestling

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Athlete to **Rickson Hill**

2016 HBHS Sports Awards Evening: School Awards Winners:

Fairplay Individual of the Year: **Angus Lynch** (Cricket)
Fairplay Team of the Year: **Hockey Development A** (Under 15)
Student Umpire/Referee of the Year: **Ben Woolerton** (Rugby)
Student Coach of the Year: **Jeremy Ashdown** (Inline Hockey)
Junior Team of the Year: **Rowing Under 15 Eight**
Junior Sportsman of the Year: **Cailen Calken** (BMX Racing)
Junior All Rounder of the Year: **Liam Wilson** (Touch, Rugby, Athletics, Sevens)
Senior All Rounder of the Year: **Christopher Goodwin** (Football, Athletics, Lawn Bowls)
Sportsman of the Year: **Jared Gray** (Track Cycling)
Team of the Year: **Rugby Sevens** (December 2015)



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Senior Sportsman of the Year, Jared Gray, and his proud parents Adelle and Darryl



Senior Prize Giving

The Senior Prizegiving is the biggest and most important event in our school year, as we acknowledge and celebrate the academic achievements of our senior school. We present the full list of subject prize-winners, along with the special prizes, and congratulate our Dux for 2016, **Christopher Mayo**.

Year 11 Subject Prize-Winners:

Accounting	Sameer Mandhan
Agriculture	Noah White
Art	Thomas Martin
Business Studies	Mungo Bates
Carpentry	Mark Christopher
Design and Visual Communication	Joseph Johnstone
Drama	Cameron MacCarthy
Economics	Alex Chen
Electronics	Morgan Gibbons
English	Nicholas Goodman
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Pirabhat Ammatmanee
Film and Television	Mungo Bates
Food Technology	Hyrum Lork
Geography	Declan O'Brien
German	George Edmonds
History	Keeley Sexton
Horticulture	Vince Lee David
Information Technology	Immo Frank
Japanese	Mahboobullah Nouri
Mandarin for Native Speakers	Junhao Wan
Maori Performing Arts	Te Oranga Tai-Rakena
Mathematics	Daniel Li
Mechanical Engineering	Danny Poiva
Music	Euan Safey
Outdoor Education	Anthony Sinclair
Photo-Design	Kristin Ngapo
Physical Education	Matthew Deller
Psychology	Jack Pruden
Science	Patrick Dowd
Spanish	Patrick Dowd
Sports Studies	Hauraki Sewell
Te Reo Maori	Dion Keogh
Technology Metal	Morgan Gibbons
Technology Wood	Manaaki Hemi
Wellbeing and Recreation	Lukavi Treat

Fifth in Year 11	Nicholas Goodman
Fourth in Year 11	Sameer Mandhan
Third in Year 11	Robert Brodnax
Second in Year 11	Alex Chen
First in Year 11	Patrick Dowd

Year 12 Subject Prize-Winners:

Accounting	Lachlan McLean
Agriculture	Lachlan Turner-Liddell
Architectural Design	Simran Bassan
Art	Jeremy Cleland
Art Design	Scott Jowsey
Biology	James Willoughby

Building and Construction	Dilshad Perwaisy
Business Studies	Dylan Ryburn
Carpentry	Burns McGrath
Chemistry	Elliott Jia
Drama	Liam McGuire
Economics	Liam Haughey
Electronics	Hamish Elliott
Engineering	Jeremy Cleland
English	James Willoughby
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Shuaiqi Xiong
Film and Television	Mitchell Clement
Food Technology	Alex Johns
Geography	Liam Haughey
German	Axel Martinez
History	Timothy Ng
Horticulture	Lachlan Turner-Liddell
Information Technology	Aditya Shah
Japanese	Ja Ryung Cho
Legal Studies	Nicolas Rich
Mandarin for Native Speakers	Shuaiqi Xiong
Maori Performing Arts	Te Matakana Dunn
Mathematics (Bothwell Cup)	Yuno Oh
Media Studies	Joel Geissmann
Music	Ryan Monaghan
Outdoor Education	Jayden Kalma
Photography (Photolife Studio Prize)	Mitchell Clement
Physical Education	Timothy Neild
Physics	Rohan Thomas
Product Design	Dylan Peiris
Psychology	Eric Tang
Science	Dylan Marshall
Services Academy	Raymond Hill
Spanish	Tetava Johnson
Sports Studies	Kenta Komura
Te Reo Maori	Lance Taitoko
Technology Metal	Ethan Aish
Technology Wood	Shadrake Ngungumbili
Wellbeing and Recreation	Campbell Robertson



Dux Christopher Mayo receives his medal from Mrs Hassall as our top academic for 2016



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

Timothy Ng & Benjamin Taylor
James Willoughby
Elliott Jia
Yuno Oh
Rohan Thomas

Altrusa Award to **Rohan Thomas**
 A.G. Steel Trophy to **Timothy Neild**

Special Prizes: Year 13

Year 13 Subject Prize-Winners:

Accounting	Connor Fergusson
Art Design	Nayan Patel
Art Painting	Ciaran Lannon
Biology	Lachlan Cate
Business Studies	Xavier Glass
Carpentry	Cole Given
Chemistry	Cameron Paul
Classical Studies	Christopher Mayo
Classical Studies	Hamish Weren
Design and Visual Communication	Nalin Guleria
Drama	Aron Goundar
Economics (Ward Cup)	Dongyun Lee
Electronics	Samuel Hollis
English	Christopher Mayo
English for Speakers of Other Languages	Su Zhou
Food Technology	Jared Crow
Gateway	Fergus Taynton
Geography	Fouad Mukhtar
German	Alex Frank
History	Jordyn Coxhead
Information Technology	Samuel Hollis
Legal Studies	Toby Lovelock
Mandarin for Native Speakers	Chengyun Zhao
Maori Performing Arts	Te Wakaiti Southon
Mathematics with Calculus	Cameron Paul
Media Studies	Christopher Mayo
Music	Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney
Music Practical (Booth Cup)	Casey Messent
Outdoor Education (WINTEC Adventurer's Cup)	Danyon Snedden
Photography	Nayan Patel
Physical Education	Christopher Goodwin
Physics	Christopher Goodwin
Psychology	James Houghton
Spanish	Hamish McAlley
Sports Studies	Brayden Gaylor
Statistics and Modelling	Lachlan Cate
Te Reo Maori	Te Wakaiti Southon
Technology Metal	Cameron Gribbon
Technology Wood	Hayes Croucher
Wellbeing and Recreation	Nathaniel Namua

Peter Collier Scholarship to **Samuel Hollis**
 Harborne and Arthur Prize to **Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney**
 Hugh Morton Prize to **Hamish Weren**
 Baigent Cup for Public Speaking to **Timothy Ng**
 House Championship Trophy to **Argyle House**
 Old Boys' Cup for Games to **Jared Gray**
 Weirs Arts Prize to **Casey Messent**
 JC (Dufty) Wilson Cup to **Christopher Goodwin**
 Africa Cup to **Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney**
 Cushman Cup to **Sheridan Tuimaseve**
 Fleming Cup to **Jordyn Coxhead**
 McDiarmid Memorial Prize to **Hamish Weren**
 Nicholl Trophy: Presented to the Deputy Head Prefects for Service and Leadership within the school to **Lucas Clarke, Rawiri Kapa-Hakeney and Douglas Shephard**
 Emile and Michael Gudex Prize to **Douglas Shephard**
 A P Nelson Memorial Prize to **Christopher Mayo**
 Old Boys' Prize for Leadership: For outstanding Leadership to **Matthew Handford**

Premier Academic Awards:

Fifth in the school to **Hamish Weren**
 Fourth in the school to **Dongyun (David) Lee**
 Third in the school to **Matthew Handford**
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 Dux of the school to **Christopher Mayo**



Special Prizes: Year 11

Gilmore Prize to Sameer Mandhan
 Jason Tearle Memorial Trophy to **Nicholas Goodman**

Special Prizes: Year 12

Hamutana Lodge Trophy to **Reuben Hurliman**
 Jack Delaney Prize to **Timothy Ng**



Cover Story

DUX OF 2016 - CHRISTOPHER MAYO

Recent events may just have proven that **Christopher Mayo**, our Dux of 2016, as well being in the words of classmate and Head Prefect **Matthew Handford**, “ridiculously intelligent”, is possibly psychic as well. This came as little surprise to another of his classmates, **David Lee**, who when we put this to him said in a very matter-of-fact tone “Oh I didn’t know about that one, that sounds about right.” We have concrete evidence of this claim, in the form of a newspaper spread for his media project completed at the end of Term 3 which proclaimed a comprehensive Donald Trump victory. What seemed hysterically funny a month ago is now just hysterical, and **Christopher**, as he so often is, was proven right once again. It was hugely gratifying to hear how loud the cheer was in Gym 1 when **Christopher** was announced as our top academic student for 2016, as it was very clear that this was both well-deserved and a very popular choice. His very happy Prefect Committee Leader **Douglas Shephard** memorably described **Christopher** as a “meme”, which considering the Academic Committee dubbed themselves the “Meme Team” this year is the highest praise that can be bestowed. **Christopher** was the creative force behind the Academic Committee’s recent Murder Mystery evening, which meant he created the characters, devised the storyline, provided the entire back story, scenarios, plot twists and the eventual killer (turns out that this time it wasn’t the butler, and seeing as how that was the character **Christopher** played, he made very sure of it). **Christopher** started on the path to academic success very early on. As a Year 10 student he sat the Cambridge IGCSE examinations and achieved a Top in the World Award for Science, as well as getting 99% in the Mathematics examination. An avalanche of Excellence level grades in NCEA and A and A* passes in Cambridge examinations followed as he moved through the senior school, and **Christopher** is hoping to cap his academic career at HBHS with a healthy collection of Scholarship passes to add to the four (with two at Outstanding level) that he already achieved as a Year 12 student. It will come as no surprise that he is a voracious reader and viewer, and also an accomplished musician, a talented debater and a gifted writer and satirist. Next year **Christopher** heads to the

University of Auckland in pursuit of a degree in medicine. His motivation for doing so is perhaps the best indicator of the kind of person he is. He feels that he needs to use the brain he has been given to make a real difference for people, and hopes that he can

use his intelligence to find cures for diseases or new treatment options. The prospects for medicine in this country, and beyond, are looking very good indeed and we wish **Christopher** every success in all of his future endeavours.



Grandparents Morning



Tuesday the 22nd of November at HBHS was Grandparents Morning, and we welcomed over 350 of our Year 9 and 10 students' grandmas, grandpas, nanas and poppas to our school. The morning began with a personal tour of the school led by the grandsons and finished in the Hall with a morning tea, music and a welcome from our Headmaster (a very proud grandmother herself) Mrs Hassall. We hope you all enjoy the accompanying images of this very special day.





Junior Leaders

Early in Term 4, the 2016 Junior Leaders were announced and congratulated at their Assembly. The Junior Leader role is an ideal opportunity for any student who wishes to become more involved in leadership roles once they head into the senior school. They began by attending the regular Monday interval Prefects meeting and were then paired up with a Prefect and followed them for a week in order to get a sense as to what the role involves. Once the Year 13 students depart on study leave, our Junior Leaders take up where they left off, assisting staff with duties and helping organise events for the junior school in the final few weeks of the year. One of these events is the HBHS Charity Day which took place on the 24th of November, where staff and students brought canned goods or (sometimes as well as) money to help those in need over the Christmas break. The goods are then gifted to the Combined Christmas Foodbank to be distributed to deserving families in our region, and we thank all of the HBHS families for their generosity. We present the list of Junior Leaders, and congratulate these students on their appointment and on the good job they are doing.

Jonty Abrahamson, Caleb Akapita, Nihal Billing, Alex Carter, Manasseh Cowley, Jared Cox, Harjot Dhillon, Ahumai Edwards, Marshall Forrester, Ollig Frank, Liam Jamieson, Siveshearn Jaynessh, Noah Kerbers, Joseph Licht, Lachlan Mallett, Blake Morgan, Richard Neale, Luke Peters, Dylan Poihipi, Hakaraia Richards-Coxhead, Sam Sinclair, Carl Stephens, Luke Taylor, Daniel Turner, Ashe Wainui-Mackle, Henry Yao





CRICKET NEWS

The HBHS 1st XI will travel to the First XI Cup Secondary Schools Finals to be held at Lincoln University as the Northern Districts representatives. This tournament is played in the first week of December, between the top six teams, one from each major cricket association. We wish the team all the very best of luck in their campaign.

The Year 9 Colts XI defeated St Paul's Collegiate in the Hamilton Association Final of the NZCT Tournament and will play the next round in February.

The Development XI have won the Hamilton Secondary Schools 1st XI Division 1 final beating St Peter's School, Cambridge by 7 wickets and the Emerging XI have qualified for the Division 2 A Final. HBHS teams have also enjoyed success in the Division 2B, Colts and Year 10 and Year 9 combined competition.

A huge thank you to all parents and staff who have given so generously of their time to coach, umpire, manage, transport and support our HBHS Cricketers.

An Umpiring course for Parents and Senior boys is to be run by HCA at HBHS in the New Year. If you are interested in this, or have any cricket questions, please email taughton@hbhs.school.nz

DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARDS

On the evening of the 23rd November, eight HBHS students were presented with their Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award by His Worship the Mayor **Andrew King** (see above photo).

This was a formal occasion with seven Hamilton City Councillors present as well as family and friends and the new National Director of the Award, **Karen Ross**.

The students were **Blake Akapita, Caleb Akapita, Ben Blaikie, Jackson Caffyn, Patrick Dowd, Martin Johnson, Alex Le Comte** and **Nathan Wilson**.

CIAN SUTHERLAND MAKES THE CUT IN THE SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION

The School for Young Writers and HBHS would like to congratulate **Cian Sutherland**, Year 11, for being selected for publication in *Re Draft 16 The Dog Upstairs*. Out of over 800 entries, 74 young writers had their competition entries chosen by our



judges, **Tessa Duder** and **James Norcliffe**.

Cian wrote one piece that was judged to be among the best of teenage writing for 2016.

This is an outstanding achievement.

More about the competition and the publication can be found at: <http://www.schoolforyoungwriters.org>

Once again, congratulations to **Cian**.

With thanks to **Cian**, we present the introductory passage from his soon-to-be published piece...

Candles And A Lesson In Boredom

Why do demons love candles? Not just demons I suppose. Just any sort of interdimensional evil beings. Always candles. Always. Have you ever read a grimoire? The older and dirtier the better with these things. Don't trust the regular store bought grimoires, you've gotta go looking for the authenticity in niche places for these sorts of things. Which is why I found mine on Craigslist. Either way, as I was saying: forbidden tomes, dark scriptures, unholy writings. Almost no matter what you're looking to summon, whether it be something with a name so unspeakable that if you were to manage to overcome physical impossibility by feat of will alone, you would be flayed and boiled where you stand by incomprehensible forces, or your more traditional demon - as I am in the process of summoning now - there will be candles. Does the colour matter? Typically yes. Yes it does. The scent? Not usually, unless these things are partial to particular Bed Bath and

Beyond fragrances that we are not aware of. Just to be sure I melted down some pine and vanilla candles and dyed the wax black before I reset them. Maybe the pleasant smells will improve the chances of a positive encounter. You know what else they like? Herbs. Not even obscure herbs. Layman, garden herbs. Herbs you could find in a suburban middle-aged white-woman soccer-mom herb box.

Sorry that's not very fair to soccer moms. I have a herb box too, conveniently (so I can't judge).

I couldn't believe it either. Who knew Satan enjoyed rosemary and thyme so much? Of course there's the traditional pentagram, it's kind of quintessential to Satanic summoning. No matter what dusty old book you read for all your summoning needs, pentagrams will be involved in summoning any sort of devil creature. Basic materials are what you need for a good pentagram. The bare minimum. Yep, just the essentials. Chalk and blood. Or so this particular book I have obtained has led me to believe. If it's wrong I cut my hands open for nothing. Incense holders are positioned around the candles at the five points of the pentagram, three per candle. You might be thinking to yourself about now that making special candles, buying variety herb packs, bleeding onto my floor, and buying fifteen sets of incense is a bit excessive. You know what?

To be continued in the Term 1 2017 High Achiever



Gateway

GATEWAY PROGRAMME 2016

The Gateway Programme at HBHS has been a great success for many of our Year 12 and 13 students this year. We had 68 students involved in the programme, all of whom have been placed with an employer in their area of industry-related interest. The Gateway Programme provides 'structured workplace learning' for the students who had an idea of a possible future job or career they wished to explore. The programme offered the senior students 10 days of unpaid work experience (one day per week) to go hand in hand with studying industry-related credits towards NCEA qualifications. The range of industries included: Building, Equine, Arboriculture, Engineering, Automotive, Plumbing, Agriculture, Electrical, Sport and Recreation, Aviation, Retail (The Redshirts & Blue Shirts Programme), Barbering and Hospitality. As well as their work placement the students also attended a two-day Health and Safety course, a First Aid Course and a Workplace Drug Education Seminar. Some students extended their study by attending short courses at Fairview Educational Services, Varda Hairdressing School and the New Zealand Institute of Sport.

14 of our students have successfully gained apprenticeships directly from their work placement through the Gateway Programme this year. We would like to congratulate the following boys on their achievements:

Kash Baird	Troy Brook
Kane Calleson	Jake Cutmore
Jonty Knight	Aidan Leppien
Isaac Litchfield	Jaoquyn Pere
Samuel Redpath	Alex Westgate
Campbell Strachan	Campbell Robertson
Elliot Turner	Levi Wright

The HBHS Gateway Department would like to thank and acknowledge the support of businesses in the local community who provide work placements and mentoring for our students. We look forward to their continued support of the programme:

Richmond Barr Electrical
The Warehouse
Midnight Motors
Cross Fit Waikato
Livingstone Builders
Naylor Builders Ltd
Les Mills Hamilton
Gavin Loye Plumbing Ltd

John Pulford – Farrier
Ulrich Plumbing
Powersmart Waikato
Contact Electrical
Smith & McKenzie
Rathan Farm Ltd
Lochore Electrical
Edge Builders
Homeplus Waikato
The Good Neighbour
Fosters Construction Ltd
A Line Sheetmetals Ltd
Begovich Builders
Steve Mclean Builders
Anglo Painters
Schick Construction
Taktix Sound
Tree Menders
Dr Plumber
ACL Construction
Next Era Electrical
Hamilton City Parks
Waikato Tractors Ltd
Bryant Panel & Paint
Aeromotive Hamilton
Waipa Plumbing
Holah Homes
Advance Joinery



Above: Jake Cutmore GLP Plumbing

If your business would like to support our Gateway Programme in the future by taking on a Gateway student to mentor and support please contact the Gateway Co-ordinator, **Wendy Barry** by phone 853 0440 ext. 2428 or by email, wbarry@hbhs.school.nz



Above Left: Didier Arboleda Midnight Motors, Above Right: Daniel Milner Blue Shirts Programme



Top left: Les Mills students, Top right: Redshirt Prize Giving, Middle left: Alex John Good Neighbour, Middle centre: Cambell Robertson HCC, Middle right: Fergus Taynton Aeromotive Hamilton, Bottom left: Simon Hunia Redshirts Programme, Bottom middle: Thomas Moucher Anglo Painters, Bottom right: Zane King A Line Sheetmetals Ltd



Staff News

During the year a number of our staff members added to their families, with **Mr Hemi & Mrs Nikki Coates** (who we also farewell at the end of this year) welcoming their daughter in the April holidays. **Mr Rodney de Klerk** (who left in Term 3) welcomed a daughter, **Elsie Grace**, as did **Mr Jared Cappendale**, with **Maia** joining his family. It has definitely been the year for the girls, with **Mr Campbell Wood** recently celebrating the birth of his daughter **Violet Elizabeth**. We also congratulate **Mr Aaron Kearney** on his recent engagement to **Kerryn**.

It is a sad reality that we must say goodbye every year to staff who head off on new ventures and take new directions in their lives. This year we lose four of our longest serving staff members in **Mr Paul Evans**, **Mr Graham Hardaker**, **Mr James Hassall** and **Mr Peter Skerman**, as well as a number of staff who have been with us for less time, but who have also been an important and appreciated part of our school. We wish our retiring Teacher Aide **Mrs Alison Waghorn** all the very best and thank her for all of the countless hours of work she has done in support of so many of our boys with so many different learning needs. This year we also say goodbye and best wishes to **Mr John Davidson**, **Ms Natasha Preston**, **Mr Ryan Trass**, **Ms Jennifer Costar**, **Ms Naznin Basha**, **Mr Rodney de Klerk (T3)**, **Mr Shannon Brown (T3)**, **Mr Josh Hay** (on leave), **Dr Diane Thomson**, **Mrs Janice Vermeulen**, **Mrs Sam Walker** and **Ms Lis Wilson**, as well as our Library staff **Ms Chrissie Banfield** and **Ms Cassidy Grace**, and groundsman **Mr Mike Austin**. We wish all of our leaving staff members all the very best in their futures and thank them for being a part of our world. We profile some of our staff and thank them for sharing their thoughts and experiences with us.

Ms Natasha Preston joined HBHS as a newly qualified teacher from the University of Waikato and taught Year 13 Geography along with Social Studies classes. She has been a football team manager, the Master in Charge of Lacrosse and helped out with the Geographers in the Maatangi Whenua competition and Whiritoa field trip. A highlight for her has been seeing students who think they have no ability in a subject succeed and do far better than they thought they were capable of. She is off to the Mount to join her fiancé (they are getting married in January 2017) and will be thoroughly enjoying the Mount Maunganui lifestyle.

The English Faculty says goodbye to **Mrs Sarah Nelson** who joined us in 2011 straight out of University, originally on a part-time fixed position which became permanent and full time at the end of that year. She has really enjoyed getting to know the boys and describes the HBHS teaching staff as very entertaining. A highlight for her was the opportunity to work alongside **Mr Cowley** and **Mr Stowers** with the Poly Group and getting to know these boys and their life experiences. She will be teaching English at Cambridge High School next year.

Mr Hemi & Mrs Nikki Coates are off to Whakatane next year to combine teaching with their business Manaaki Adventures New Zealand which specialises in outdoor adventures and sporting tours. **Mr Coates** arrived at HBHS in 2011 fresh from Teachers College and has taught a mix of Junior and Senior Physical Education classes, Outdoor Education, Economics and Social Studies, whilst

Mrs Coates led the Food Technology Department before departing on maternity leave. **Mr Coates** has been on some extraordinary adventures in his time here which have included hiking the Annapurna range in Nepal and the Northern Andes, and snorkelling with turtles and sea lions in the Galapagos Islands, as well as a myriad of Outdoor Education trips around New Zealand. He freely admits it has been tough teaching this far inland, and we wish him and **Mrs Coates** every success in their exciting new venture.

Our long-time Japanese teacher **Mrs Yuri Laaper** leaves at the end of this year, after teaching the Japanese language on and off at HBHS since 1982. At that time there were only three or four Japanese people in Hamilton, let alone teachers, so **Mrs Laaper** found herself in a role she had never actually planned for. HBHS and HGHS led the way in teaching Japanese, and gradually other schools followed suit. Japanese teachers were very much pioneers in that they had to contend with writing Japanese script on chalkboards, and they spent hundreds of hours at home having to make their own resources, activities and games to help students come to grips with a very different language and culture. Highlights for **Mrs Laaper** have been some of the extraordinarily talented students she has taught in her time here, as well as trips to Japan and the always appreciated Japanese restaurant visits. **Mrs Laaper** is very much looking forward to her retirement, to new challenges and spending time in her garden and with her grandchildren.

Mr Graham Hardaker is one of HBHS's legends, famous for his "true stories", so we felt it was only fitting that his entry here was in his own words. We proudly present **Mr Hardaker's** sign-off in its (mostly) unedited glory.

I started teaching in 1974, having already done various other industrial jobs. I taught for 11 years in the UK. In my first year of teaching, I taught **Mr Nixon**. **Mr Nixon** and I met up accidentally in a pub in Hamilton about 20 years later, and surprisingly, we both recognised each other. I arrived at HBHS in 1990 and have been here ever since. I have enjoyed the stability of teaching in one school for a long period. HBHS enjoyed a good reputation and I thought that being able to teach Physics would be advantageous to my teaching career. In 1998 I was appointed TCR Physics. I have coached various football teams, set up the lighting for various dramatic productions, and have been TCR for Road Cycling for a number of years. Setting up Electronics as a subject in this school has been my most obvious achievement. Initially the Polytechnic provided HBHS with Accreditation to teach Electronics. Eventually HBHS was accredited in its own right and the Electronics department grew in size. Currently, HBHS has the highest number of Electronics students in NZ, and is probably the best equipped. I've thoroughly enjoyed telling jokes and observing the expressions on the faces of students. Also, telling "true stories" and seeing students eyes light up. Next up for me is some pottering around in the garden with my partner, playing with my 2 year old grand-daughter and cycling the French Pyrenees...

Mr Paul Evans started employment in 1979, and have subsequently served as an assistant teacher of English at HBHS with some intervals of departure for personal travel and a period of employment at a private school. He has

served at HBHS under four successive headmasters. We asked him for his thoughts on this time, and are delighted to be able to share these:

Always the pathway has led me back predictably to the Waikato and an inevitable return to HBHS. During this period I have taught English at all levels of the curriculum with some time looking after the junior programme and later the development of the Year 12 course in the "transitional" phase prior to the advent of NCEA. As an English teacher I have been involved in Debating and at one point the frequent excursions with students to major drama productions in Auckland at the Mercury. Beyond the classroom I was involved in gymnastics and looked after Chess at HBHS. I have also assisted with Soccer teams and latterly managing from a distance junior cricket teams. Over the course of the changing landscape of Education in a number of decades I have worked to navigate the nuances of the new approaches and deliver the curriculum in a way that is of some interest and relevance to a changing student clientele. More recently I have made a sideways step as a part time teacher. This then is perhaps a final transition. If life is a series of arrivals and departures on an uncertain and ambiguous journey, this exit demarcates a new beginning and time of fresh adventure and experiences. As the American poet **Charles Bukowski** noted, in the end "What matters is how you walk through the fire."

Mr Peter Skerman arrived at HBHS in 1981 as HOD of History and Social Studies. There were no faculties at that stage. He taught at Papatoetoe High School for four years, from 1972 – 1975 after leaving Teachers College in Auckland. He travelled for a year before returning to Auckland and taught at Kelston Boys' High School for five years as TCR of Geography. He took up the position of TCR History and Social Studies in the second term of 1981, replacing the previous TCR **Neil Swindells** who later became Headmaster of Opatiki College. He has no regrets at having had such a long spell in one school, and says it has been fascinating to watch the growth and evolution of HBHS into one of the best boys' schools in the country. At HBHS he has taught mainly History and Geography to all levels and Social Studies. Outside the classroom he has been involved with rugby coaching up to 1st XV level, surf life-saving in the early years and cricket. Personal highlights have included some excellent examination results in NCEA up to Level 3 and teaching some gifted scholars in the Cambridge examinations. In retirement he is looking forward to playing golf, fishing, and gardening. And finally, in the words of **Mr James Hassall**...

I have taught at HBHS for almost forty years and I thank the school for gifting me the freedom to teach in a way which has allowed words like kindness, care, love, hope, optimism, sincerity, intellectual challenge, thoughtfulness, interest and concern remain central in my life. I thank **Susan**, as my Headmaster, for her constant support, for her absolute unwavering, unafraid commitment to the best of all possible ideals and for her visionary and exceptionally able leadership of us all. I leave content and happily contemplate a future rich in grandchildren, gardens, books and many delightful hours pottering around in artists' studios and gallery stockrooms. Oh... and as my classes know, listening to **Bob Dylan**!