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HBHS Dux of 2016 Christopher Mayo (front row, second from right) at the Top Scholar Awards Ceremony where he received the Prime Minister's Award for Academic Excellence



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High Achiever

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Our HBHS Shakespearean actors take the Sheilah Winn stage by storm with a scene from "Titus Andronicus"



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Main cover photograph courtesy of The Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival
 Back cover photograph courtesy of the 2017 Top Scholar Awards Ceremony

Welcome to our winter Matariki edition of the High Achiever, the newsletter that celebrates everything excellent at HBHS in 2017. We are incredibly proud of our 2016 Dux, **Christopher Mayo**, and congratulate him on recently being named the winner of the Prime Minister's Award for Academic Excellence for having achieved the best Scholarship results in New Zealand. We also congratulate our Inline Hockey team and Sheilah Winn Shakespeare group on their National successes along with all of our HBHS newsmakers who have achieved so much this term. Enjoy!

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Top: Christopher Mayo receives the Prime Minister's Award for Academic Excellence alongside Headmaster Mrs Hassall from the newly appointed Minister of Education, the Honourable Nikki Kaye. Middle: New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Flautist Bridget Douglas helps polish our school orchestra's performance skills. See page 14 for more. Bottom: Our Inline Hockey team celebrate their New Zealand title win on page 6.

Our HBHS Old Boys

ARCHIVES

The subject of girls attending HBHS has come up a few times recently. Old Boy **Garth Willey** mentioned a girl being in his Accounting class whilst he served as Head Boy in 1964. I was also sent a copy of a testimonial, praising the academic achievement of a girl who studied English and professional Accountancy in an advanced seventh form class in 1969. It was customary to list boys' names showing only an initial for their Christian names, but girls' names were always listed in full. The 1969 class list for **Mr Allen's** 7B class appears a little mysterious in showing **Macnamara, Colleen, E**, unless you know the story!



Check out the 1969 Hamiltonian, which is now on the school server under 'Student Pickup > ARCHIVES.' Or search the other copies of our year books from 1919 onwards to find more anomalies from Hamilton Boys' High School archives.

FOUNDATION

The Wintec Atrium came alive on Friday 9th June 2017 with the buzz and excitement of the second annual HBHS Foundation Luncheon. 220 Old Boys' and their partners, local business people and out of town guests joined in to enjoy a fabulous day full of laughter.

The sun warmed the courtyard as the combined HBHS and HGHS Kapa Haka group **Te Mauera Whiritoi** performed a rousing welcome followed by what would be a spectacular four course lunch by the team from **Kerr & Ladbrook**.

James McOnie was once again on fire in his role as MC and we were delighted to have the presence of legendary kiwi bloke **Dick Tayler** who shared stories of that famous Commonwealth Games Gold Victory in 1974 and the training and life experiences that got him there. **Dick** is a must-meet New Zealander, his genuine warmth and humour made his contribution all the more stellar and we would love to have him back in the future. It is clear we are offering **Dick** honorary Old Boys' status, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

The auction and fundraising component of the event contributes to the goals the HBHS Foundation Trust has for supporting our wonderful school, and with well over \$40,000 to add to Foundation funds from this event we are delighted and grateful for your support to get us there.

These types of events don't happen without special people putting their hands up to help and sponsorship of this event was wide ranging from the catering to the printed materials to the auction items donated. It couldn't have happened without some great people and their generous support and we thank them all.

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF

THE HBHS FOUNDATION LUNCHEON 2017

Please check out the HBHS Foundation Trust Facebook page for more photos from the event.
www.facebook.com/HBHSFoundationOldBoys/photos

Many thanks
 From Ali Mallett and the HBHS Foundation Trustees



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School Newsletter

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

We began Term Two celebrating the achievement of **Christopher Mayo**, who was announced, in Week One, as the top scholar in New Zealand, winning the Prime Minister's premier award for 2016. I congratulate him on this wonderful achievement, as a school community, we must take genuine pride in his success, the first Premier Scholar **ever** named in the Waikato. And as the term has progressed, our school of 2017 has continued to reflect the same qualities of determination and dedication which led to **Chris's** success. In so many ways, the school demonstrated its commitment to excellence, and I thank and commend all for the shared goal to be the best possible, both as individuals and as a community.

As I reflect on the weeks we have shared, during this settled, focussed time of year, it is important, always to consider the verities, to ensure that we continue to recognise 'what matters most'. As I meet the Year 8 students who will next year become part of our world, and as I speak with their parents and families, I am proud to speak of the academic successes of our students, proud to speak of their motivation to excel and to realise their potential.

But the quality which I feel most humbled by, in my discussions with prospective parents of the school, is that of care and love for the world we share. A lovely quote, which holds much truth for those working in education reads
"The question is not 'How much does the youth know, when he has finished his education, but how much does he care? And therefore, how full is the life he has before him?'"

Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community, and without a sense of community, we cannot take pride in our own success and contribution, nor can we celebrate and feel grateful in the success and contributions of others.

Term Two has indeed, been a term of celebration and success. It has also been a time touched by tragedy, as we shared, with his family, the loss of a former student and friend. And in the sense of community comes our solace in times of challenge and sadness. We must accept that in this world we will share times of joy and times of grieving, as, in that, we will stand strong together.

We have completed a term of which we must feel proud, both of the many, many achievements of our young men, and of the strength of our shared world, in the way in which staff, students and families craft a world in which our young men understand that caring, and love, is indeed, what matters most.

Thank you for your support for our vision, and for the very real contribution to our world. We appreciate it, and value it very much.

Susan Hassall
HEADMASTER



Term 3 Events

Term 3 Begins

Monday 24 July

Year 9 & 10 Report Evening

Thursday 27 July

Year 11 - 13 Report Evening

Monday 31 July

Curriculum Evening

Wednesday 2 August

Mufti Day - Canteen

Thursday 10 August

Open Day

Tuesday 15 August

Senior Examinations

Thursday 17 - Friday 25 August

Koroneihana

Monday 21 August

Winter Tournament Week

Monday 4 - Friday 8 September

Hall of Fame Assembly

Wednesday 13 September

Mufti Day - Waikato Children's Ward

Thursday 14 September

Blood Donors

Friday 15 September

William MacErlich Trophy

Wednesday 20 September

Daylight Saving Begins

Sunday 24 September

Colts Cricket Tour of Australia

Begins Monday 25 September

Returns Wednesday 4 October

House Singing and Haka

Tuesday 26 September

End of Term 3

Friday 29 September



Careers

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

How can I find out about scholarships?

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

Go to <http://generosity.org.nz/giv-me>



Click on 'subscribers login here' (no password required)

Procedure

- Scholarship applications are done on-line.
- Some scholarships may require a CV or have an essay component.
- Students use their testimonials as the school reference.

If a student is applying for a scholarship with an early closing date and requires an early testimonial, they **MUST** register at the Student Services Reception.

They must provide the name of the scholarship and the closing date.

Note: Early testimonials will **NOT** be required for all university scholarships, as the closing dates range from August 15 to September 15. Staff will have completed testimonials by then.

Remember: Applying for scholarships takes time, so begin early and don't leave it until the last minute. If you require additional letters of support from teachers, coaches, community workers or any other referee, give them plenty of time to get them completed.

University enrolments

All universities will send representatives into school during September to assist students with enrolments. Students will be invited to book a time. It should take about 30 minutes. If a student is applying for a scholarship at a university, they will most likely be expected to enrol there at the same time. Students can withdraw that application if they choose to go to a different university.

Halls of Residence Applications

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

Exception - AUT applications open on Oct 1.

Procedure

This is a two part procedure:

First, students need to apply on line, to each of their chosen Halls of Residence. There is a box that must be ticked for the school to complete a confidential report.

Once the application has been received, the university will email **Mr Wood** (Year 13 Dean). He will then complete a confidential report online which the universities use as part of their selection process.

Making Subject Choices in Year 10 – 12

Early in term three, students will be required to make subject choices for 2018. Students are strongly encouraged to do research on the careers NZ website www.careers.govt.nz



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

For students intending going to university, this site is very useful.

www.nomajordrama.co.nz



For students looking at further study, including trades:

www.schoolconnect.co.nz



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

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

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CROSS COUNTRY 2017

The 2017 Cross Country was run on the kind of grey-damp morning that passed for much of autumn in Hamilton this year, and even though the mud factor in the gully was described by several students as disappointing, it didn't stop them energetically jumping in it or enjoying the chance to get out of class and burn up some energy. As this is a major House Competition event, serious points were on the line, and another strong performance by Argyle House helped them to stretch out their lead just that bit further. Taylor is yapping at their heels in second place, whilst there is a Wilson-Baigent-Steel log-jam vying for third, fourth and fifth. Tait is currently languishing in sixth, but we all know how quickly things can change at this early stage in the year. Congratulations to our age group champions, and thanks to **Mr Alby Ellis** and the HPW Faculty for organising this event. Sterling work on the motorbike too, **Mr Cooley!**

Junior Champion

1st	Oliver Gordon	Taylor
2nd	Thomas Marchant	Argyle
3rd	Bede Mitchell	Argyle

Intermediate Champion

1st	Oliver Foote	Wilson
2nd	Blake Wisnewski	Taylor
3rd	Marshall Forrester	Wilson

Senior Champion

1st	Isaiah Priddey	Taylor
2nd	Bradley Cullen	Baigent
3rd	Sean Trowern	Baigent

House Points

Place:	House:	Totals:	Points:
1st	Argyle	1462	12
2nd	Baigent	1395	10
3rd	Taylor	1389	8
4th	Steel	1364	6
5th	Wilson	1337	4
6th	Tait	846	2





Production

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“DRACULA” THE MUSICAL

Drink deep...and live forever! HBHS and HGHS present the New Zealand premiere of... DRACULA: THE MUSICAL! A thrilling drama of suspense and a Gothic romance of dream-like temptation from the extraordinary team of **Christopher Hampton, Don Black** and **Frank Wildhorn**. Set in Europe at the end of the Victorian Age, the production follows Dracula's lust for new blood and a small band of mortal men and women who must face his overwhelming seductive and mesmeric supernatural powers.

This is the **first** time that this show will feature on a New Zealand stage and we are hugely excited that the stage will be in the HBHS School Hall. There will be 8 shows in total and we have provided the dates and time so you can mark them in your calendar and get tickets when they go on sale at our School Shop.

Show Times and Dates:

Opening Night Gala performance: Saturday August 5th at 7pm
Sunday August 6th at 2pm (Matinee)
Tuesday August 8th at 2pm (Matinee)
Wednesday August 9th at 2pm (Matinee) and 7pm
Thursday August 10th at 7pm
Friday August 11th at 7pm
Closing Night: Saturday, August 12th at 7pm

Ticket Price: \$15
(Price is applicable to pre-show purchase from the School Shop).

Ticket Price on the Door: \$20

“Dracula: The Musical” will feature some of HBHS and HGHS’s talented actors and musicians and is directed by **Mr Dwight Ashton**, with **Mr Adrian Botting** as Musical Director.

For up-to-date information and ticket sales, check our school website www.hbhs.school.nz and the HBHS Facebook page. The cast and crew are hard at work and our combined school orchestra is already sounding fantastic. This is one show you definitely don't want to miss!



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“TITUS ANDRONICUS”

The Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival is an annual event that involves more than half the secondary schools in the country. Over 8000 students compete at Regional Festivals and engage with Shakespeare’s plays by performing five minute and 15 minute excerpts in order to qualify for the National Festival. One short scene and one longer scene from each region are selected to go to Wellington to perform in the National Festival during Queen’s Birthday weekend. HBHS won their extended scene regional competition and headed south to perform their interpretation of a 15 minute scene from “Titus Andronicus”.

“Titus Andronicus” is known as Shakespeare’s most violent play, and with very good reason! It tells the story of Titus coming home after winning the war against the Goths. After killing the eldest son of Tamora who is Queen of the Goths, Tamora seeks her revenge and in doing so, gets her two younger sons to rape Titus’s daughter then cut off her hands and remove her tongue. Titus then seeks an even more savage revenge by killing the sons and baking their heads in a pie for Tamora to unknowingly feast on. That pretty much sums up the scene we performed. The judges commended us on our inventive and imaginative staging and the maturity of our treatment of the play, which avoided being gratuitous without losing the shock and power of the challenging material.

I am extremely proud of our entire cast who took part. It’s not an easy thing to get up on stage and perform in front of a huge crowd, especially when delivering Shakespearean dialogue, and all of the actors represented our school with pride. There were 46 entries at the National Festival, and whilst there is never an overall winner, with the onus being on celebrating all things Shakespearean, our scene did win four awards. These awards were: Outstanding Imagination and Commitment to the Text, Outstanding Make-up, Most Imaginative and Innovative Production, and Most Thought Provoking Performance. The success of our performance is also a credit to the staff and their efforts. A huge thank you must go to **Ms Hudson** and **Mrs Varma** for their costumes, and to **Mr Ashton** and **Mrs Jenkins**

for their incredibly hard work, dedication, outstanding creativity and artistic vision along with their commitment to countless hours of rehearsal and blocking.

The full list of cast members is:

Fynn Bodley-Davis
Bradley Dodd
Aryan Gupta
Spencer Littlewood

Ryan Choy
Cole Gorringe
Ed Howell
Liam McGuire

Liam Ormsby
Aidan Scott-Nanthasack
Arshdeep Sidhu
Hamish Singh
Harry White

Dylan Poihipi
Nicci Rich
Oliver Simpson
Troy Welch

Congratulations to **Dylan Poihipi** on being named in the National Performance Group.

By **Spencer Littlewood**



Top: The stunning opening tableau that goes on to depict the triumph of the Roman Army over the Goths, and Titus’s fateful decision to sacrifice the eldest son of Tamora as a tribute to his victory. Below: the Chorus avert their eyes from the terrible consequences of Titus’s actions and the horrific revenge taken by Tamora and her sons.



Sports Special

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INLINE HOCKEY TEAM WIN NATIONAL TITLE

On Friday, 19th of May, the Inline Hockey team flew to Nelson, to compete in the 2017 New Zealand Secondary Schools Inline Hockey National Championships. We arrived as defending champions, having won the event last year, also held in Nelson. But there were some significant differences this year. New Plymouth Boys' High School re-entered the competition after a short break. It is traditionally one of our fiercest rivals, with a proud record of many National titles, and possessing players from the strong Ravens Club in the lower North Island. We also had to move forward this year without our New Zealand Representative Goalkeeper of the past few years. A team cannot compete in the National Tournament without a goalkeeper. And hockey goalkeepers are precious. It takes a great deal of courage to throw your body into the firing line as pucks can reach speeds of up to 160kms an hour. I think for most of us, our natural instinct would be to duck out of the way.

Three months ago **Bailey Symonds** (Year 11) was an outfield player but he was brave and slightly bonkers enough to volunteer to play in goal. Before the first game on Saturday morning, he was actually green. But **Bailey** produced some fantastic saves and with every game, he grew in confidence. In addition to the goalkeeper, Inline Hockey involves the continuous rotation of lines – a combination of 4 players who are used to working together, giving everything, in defence and offence. We were travelling down with 2 lines. The local teams had the luxury of fielding 3 lines. In the week before the competition we lost 2 senior players, New Zealand age-group representatives, who made themselves unavailable to travel. The consequence of that was that our team comprised of a line and a half – 6 players – against the other schools with 12. I hope you can appreciate the exhaustive effort and commitment that those boys displayed throughout the tournament.

Like last year, all the teams contained club and New Zealand age-group representatives, whether at inline or ice. Once again the nature of the commitment required to travel to Nelson meant that all teams genuinely believed that they could compete and maybe

even emerge as champions. On a clear and icy Saturday morning, we arrived at the rink early and over the course of the day, played four pool games, totalling almost 3 hours of hockey, winning all four. The next day, after a well-deserved night's rest, we entered the semi-finals as top qualifiers. We played against a fresh Shirley Boys' High School from Christchurch and won 4-2, putting us into the final. A much closer second semi-final saw hosts Nelson College, cheered on by a noisy local crowd cause an upset, beating fancied New Plymouth Boys' High School, in a bad-tempered and physical game. Which left the final. We had already beaten both teams in pool play, but as in all finals, earlier form counted for nothing. We led from the beginning but each time we scored, Nelson equalised. Then, heartbreakingly for us, ecstatically for the crowd, they drew ahead 5-6. Our boys were flat out on the rink. All **Hayden** and I could do was yell encouragement to get up and go again, and with one minute to go, we equalised 6-6. Now it was all on. We were shaking. But then, with 11 seconds left on the clock, the Nelson captain, a New Zealand Junior Mens representative did what, to his credit, he had done all game. He used his strength and aggression and smashed the puck into the net.

The noise in the rink was deafening. We were devastated. The title was gone. But, wait.....the referees consulted. It seemed to go on for ever. Then came the call. There had been interference on our captain, **Wynn**, who had been taken out so he couldn't defend the shot. The goal was disallowed and the player was penalised. 11 seconds later the whistle blew and the teams prepared for golden goal overtime – the first to score would take the title. Immediately we won possession. Thankfully within seconds, **Quinn** put the puck in the back of the net and we were the National Champions again. There was absolute silence apart from our disbelieving hoots. **What a fantastic feeling.** All credit to Nelson for a bitterly fought game and excellent hosting of the competition. But it was the correct call. I would like say a special thank you to our coach, old boy **Hayden Goudswaard** for his time, passion, care of the boys and expertise.

And our supportive parents. Without them, and the support of the school, we would not have been in Nelson to compete at all. For some parents it's the second year in a row. Thank you to my team. **I am so proud of you all.** The team is:

Brad Kivell	Connor Robertson
Quinn Andrew	Jackson Grant
Bailey Symonds	Kahurangi Te Huia
Wynn Craven	

By Mrs Joanne Wallace



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*Above: The team pose minutes after the final whistle.
 Below: Journeying home with the National Trophy.
 Back row: Mrs Wallace, Quinn Andrew, Bailey Symonds, Wynn Craven, Connor Robertson, Hayden Goudswaard. Front row: Jackson Grant, Brad Kivell, Kahurangi Te Huia.*



HBHS ROWING SQUAD WIN EXECUTIVE AND STAR TROPHIES AT 2017 MAADI CUP

It was a wonderful week of results out at Lake Karapiro for the HBHS Rowing Squad and it was capped off in fine style with HBHS winning the **Executive Trophy** as the top sweep oar school and the **Star Trophy** as the best overall rowing school in New Zealand. In addition, an HBHS crew made up of Under 17 and Under 16 rowers won a heroic bronze medal in the Under 18 Maadi Cup race, which was all the more impressive when you consider that these rowers had been racing in multiple events in their own age groups. The medal winning crews on Friday and Saturday were:

Under 16 Double Sculls: Gold
William Thompson, Luke Taylor

Under 15 Coxed Eight: Gold
Hunter Moon, Noah Kerbers, Casey Calver, Ned Pene, Harry Yates, Heath MacEwan, Tomas McCaffrey, Jack Read and Jakeb Stent (cox)

Under 17 Coxed Eight: Gold
William Thompson, Luke Taylor, Campbell Crouch, Matthew Humphrey, Matthew Cranefield, Ryan Campbell, Flynn Watson, Harry Dawson and Mitchell Kay (cox)

Under 15 Coxed Quadruple Sculls: Silver
Jesse Renner, Mason Tupaea, Zac Paterson, Beckham Raffan and Sam McArthur (cox)

Under 17 Coxed Four: Silver
Campbell Crouch, Ryan Campbell, Flynn Watson, Harry Dawson and Mitchell Kay (cox)

Under 16 Coxed Eight: Bronze
Ali Henderson, Jacob Houghton, Keenin Whitcher, Keeley Sexton, Sam Cook, Caleb Houghton, Brooklyn Elliott, Ben Blaikie and Jakeb Stent (cox)

Under 15 Coxed Four: Silver
Hunter Moon, Heath MacEwan, Casey Calver, Jack Read and Sam McArthur (cox)

Under 16 Coxed Four: Gold
William Thompson, Luke Taylor, Ali Henderson, Ben Blaikie and Jakeb Stent (cox)

Under 16 Coxed Four: Bronze
Brooklyn Elliott, Caleb Houghton, Sam Cook,

Jacob Houghton and Keegan Rea (cox)

Under 18 Novice Coxed Four: Silver
Joel Dowden, Keeley Sexton, Keenin Whitcher, Max Wilson and Jakeb Stent (cox)

Under 18 Novice Coxed Eight: Silver
Joel Dowden, Max Wilson, Keenan Whitcher, Keeley Sexton, Luke Peters, Demetrius Crown-Harris, Wynn Craven, Beckham Raffan and Mitchell Kay (cox)

Under 18 Novice Double Sculls: Gold
Max Wilson, Heath MacEwan

Under 15 Coxed Octuple Sculls: Gold
Tomas McCaffrey, Jack Read, Harry Yates, Heath MacEwan, Noah Kerbers, Casey Calver, Ned Pene, Hunter Moon and Keegan Rea (cox)

Under 15 Coxed Octuple Sculls: Silver
Jesse Renner, Beckham Raffan, Zac Paterson, Mason Tupaea, Demetrius Crown-Harris, Travis Cashmore, Blair Ellis, Joshua Gordon and Cameron West (cox)

Under 18 Coxed Eight: Bronze
William Thompson, Luke Taylor, Campbell Crouch, Matthew Humphrey, Matthew Cranefield, Ryan Campbell, Flynn Watson, Harry Dawson and Mitchell Kay (cox)

Congratulations to these crews once again, and thanks to all of the coaches, parents and supporters for the hundreds of hours they put into helping our rowers achieve all that they do. Kia kaha to you all.





Summer Tournament Week

Matariki 2017

It feels a little strange celebrating our Summer Tournament Week successes in the depths of winter, but print deadlines mean we have to wait until Term 2. So we cast our minds back to the warmth and the sun, and celebrate all that our teams achieved this year. Thanks to **Mr Murray McKenzie** for the following report.

Over Summer Tournament week, HBHS had almost 300 students competing locally and around New Zealand in 13 different sporting events, culminating in nine National titles in the sports of Wrestling, Aquathon and Rowing. We were New Zealand Secondary Schools runners-up in six Rowing A finals, Triathlon, Junior Futsal and Junior Cricket.

Overall, HBHS competed in nine New Zealand Secondary Schools National Tournaments at both junior and senior levels during tournament week, in the sports of Rowing, Triathlon, Aquathon, Futsal, Cricket, Ultimate, Tennis, Waka Ama and Mountain-Biking. Impressively HBHS teams enjoyed Top Ten finishes in all nine National Tournaments. To add to our National successes, we also won three North Island Secondary Schools titles, with our Under 15 Rugby Sevens team and two individual athletes winning their respective events against strong competition.

Although it was not strictly during Tournament Week, our 1st XI Cricket team achieved some excellent results at the very end of Term 1. The team won all three trophies on offer this season for the third time since entering the Premier Men's grade in 2008 - the Howden Cup, Eddie Marr Bowl and Hec Holland Plate, as champions of the one day and two day competitions, and going on to win the Howden Cup in their three day final against Melville's Premier Club team, to end their season on a winning note. We must also thank and congratulate **Mr Kuggeleijn** and **Mr Aughton** for the many hours they put in over the summer as coach and manager of our 1st XI.

Our Junior Colts Cricket team had a very successful week away in Palmerston North with **Mr Stevens** and **Mr Jones**, winning three of their four games against St Bedes (Christchurch), Wellington College and King's High School (Dunedin) to finish second in New Zealand on net run rate,



Above: Teacher in Charge of Futsal, Mr Campbell Wood, gives the Junior team their pre-match instructions. The team finished second in New Zealand.

against the Top 6 Junior teams in the country. **Jacob Parker**, as Captain of our Junior Cricket team, had the honour of being named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

The Junior Futsal team also finished second in New Zealand, after going through pool play undefeated, winning a close semi-final 5 - 4 against Shirley Boys' High School only to go down to St Patrick's Town 3 - 2 in the final. The Senior team had some good results in pool play and the Round of 16 only to lose out in a tense quarter final 4 - 3 to St Patrick's Town. They bounced back with a big win over Rathkeale College to finish in fifth place. A special thanks to **Mr Wood** for getting these teams to these impressive final positions at the Wellington tournament.

Our 16-strong Athletics team travelled to Taranaki with **Ms Heeps** to compete in the North Island Secondary Schools Athletics Championships, with seven of our athletes coming away with 11 medals - two Golds, five Silvers and four Bronze medals. **Tyron Hilton** won the Intermediate 200m, setting a personal best time of 22.96 seconds and beating **Mattheus Pio** by .01 of a second in a photo finish. **Mattheus** went on to win the Intermediate 100m Hurdles in a time of 13.46 seconds, breaking his own school record by .23 of a second.

Our Rugby Under 15 Sevens team travelled to Rotorua with **Mr Steel** and **Mr Killian** at the end of Tournament Week, to compete in the North Island Secondary Schools Rugby Under 15 Sevens Tournament. They went through five games of pool play undefeated, then dispatched Tauranga Boys' College 22 - 7 in the semi-final, and finished off New Plymouth Boys' High School 26 - 19 in the final. This is the first time HBHS has won this tournament and we congratulate the team and their coaches on achieving this milestone.

Six HBHS students travelled with **Mrs Hickman** to compete in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Mountain-Biking championships in Rotorua, with Year 9 student **James MacDermid** finishing third in New Zealand in the Under 15 Downhill event, which was a time trial over 2½ km against 22 other competitors in his age group. Other Downhill results included **Levi White** finishing in sixth place in the Under 14 race, **Flynn Russ** finishing fourth in the Under 16 event and **William MacDermid** finishing in sixth place in the Under 20 race. In the Cross Country **James Havill** finished in 8th place in the Under 14 race, and **Kypher McMorrnan** finished in 13th place in the Under 17 event.

Brad Cullen was one of three HBHS athletes who competed at the New



Above: They are the best in the country once again - our title and medal-winning HBHS Wrestling team

Zealand Secondary Schools Triathlon and Aquathon Championships in Whanganui. Brad was runner-up in the Senior Under 19 Individual Triathlon race that required him to swim 500m, cycle 17km then run 5km. The following day Brad was crowned National champion, for winning the Senior Under 19 Boys' Aquathon, swimming 750m in the Whanganui river then running 5km. In recognition of his achievements, **Brad** received a Silver and a Gold HBHS National Championship Honours Award on returning to school at the Celebration Assembly.

HBHS has forged a reputation as a wrestling powerhouse over the past few years and the team retained the National Boys' Schools Wrestling Championship trophy this year, under the direction of New Zealand National Coach **Pete Pouri-Lane** and team Captain **Raymond Hill**. Our Bronze Medalists included **Raymond Hill**, and newcomers **Jarrold Craig**, **Rylee Paekau**, and **Fernando Rios Ferras**. **Rickson Hill**, **Brayden Chapman**, **Hori Manuirangi** and **Harrison Thien** came away with Silver medals, and our National Champion Gold Medalists were **Ryan Marshall** and **Tama Manuirangi**. Also making an excellent contribution, until late injury forced a withdrawal, was returning wrestler **Thomas Sexton**.

Our Waterpolo team headed to

Auckland to compete in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships. The A team competed in Division 1, losing 5 - 4 to Westlake Boys' High School, 13 - 6 to Rangitoto College before winning 14 - 8 over Palmerston North Boys' High School. This was followed by a 10 - 6 win over Mount Albert Grammar School and a 9 - 2 win over Mount Maunganui College, but an 8 - 4 loss to King's College put them in the play-offs for 9th and 10th place where they once again went down to King's College 6 - 3. The B team competed in Division 2 and found the initial going tough, losing 8 - 3 to Long Bay College and 10 - 2 to Green Bay College. They turned the corner with an 11 - 5 win over Liston College, then a 5 - 5 draw with Westlake Boys' High School and a 10 - 9 win over Howick College put them in the play-offs for 9th and 10th, where they beat Northcote College 7 - 3 to finish as the winners of the Plate. The teams would like to thank **Ms Oliver** for all of her efforts in support of HBHS Waterpolo.

After qualifying for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Top 8 in Auckland our Senior Tennis team found the level of competition very challenging. Losses to Auckland Grammar and Tauranga Boys' College meant that the team finished in 8th place in New Zealand. Thanks to **Mr Erceg** for his support of HBHS Tennis.

The sport of Waka Ama is relatively new at HBHS but it is one that a number of our boys have found success in. A group headed to the Blue Lakes in Rotorua for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships with **Tarik Jennings** finishing in second place in the W1 Under 16 250m Plate final. **Kade Jennings** finished in 8th place in the same final, and **Zan Southon** also finished in 8th place in the Championship semi-final of the W1 Under 16 250m event. The team competed in the W6 Under 250 and 500m event and finished second in each event in the Plate semi-finals.

Ultimate, as in frisbee, is another new code for HBHS and our team headed to Taupo for the New Zealand Secondary Schools event.

A 7 - 6 loss to Hutt Valley High was followed with an 11 - 5 win over Lytton High. Losses to Wellington High School (9 - 7), Auckland Grammar (13 - 2) and Westlake Boys' High School (9 - 4) put the team into a 5th to 8th play-off against Hutt Valley. Another loss saw them face Takapuna Grammar for 7th and 8th which they won 10 - 8.

The HBHS Golf team headed to the Waikato Secondary Schools Golf Matchplay Championships in Te Awamutu. In Division 1 **Luke Kidd** and **James Fellows-Ford** lost their semi-finals, whilst in Division 2 **Logan Madden** finished in first place with **Deco Pharanhok** behind him in third place. In Division 3 it was a HBHS clean sweep, with **Kydan Parata** in first place, **Todd Higgs** finishing second and **Nicolas Pierry** in at third. Finally, **Ben Wright** finished in fourth place in Division 4. Overall, the team finished in third place. Thanks once again to our Teacher in Charge of Golf, **Mr Cooley**.

Finally, in the hybrid sport of Golf Croquet, three HBHS teams headed to Matamata for the Waikato Secondary Schools Pairs competition and finished in fourth, eighth and tenth place. The fourth placed team of **Cameron Main** and **Jonty Knight** qualified for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Tournament.

Congratulations once more to all of these teams, and thank you to all of the parents, teachers, coaches and supporters who helped them to succeed. **Nga mihi nui**.



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ZINEFEST 2017

At the start of Term 2, the 911 band was visited by the Hamilton City Library and we were introduced to Zines. Zines are mini magazines which you self publish, and we were lucky enough to unleash our creative juices and make some. The publications varied but everyone had fun crafting our zines to perfection. The 911 band had a great time creating our zines and we are extremely thankful to the Hamilton Library for introducing us to them.

Once we had made all of our zines we decided we should sell them at Zinefest. Zinefest is an event run by Creative Waikato in Hamilton every year. Self publishers from all over the country come to sell their Zines, buy other zines and participate in the cultural event. 911 were lucky enough to attend and share a stall with Rototuna High School. A group of HBHS students ran the stall, myself included, and we had an absolute blast. It was amazing to see so many other zines, sell our zines, and just participate in this massive event. We brought all of our zines we made to sell at the event and made a small profit of \$89. All profits went to Starship and we also gifted the Zines we didn't sell to Starship as well.

We plan to attend future Zinefests and also do a Zine exchange with Rototuna High. We hope that next time the whole school can get involved after learning what a great experience it was. I know I had a fantastic time creating the zines, selling the zines and seeing other people's zines. I also know 911 had a good time and that many of us will get involved with Zinefest next year.

By Travis Palmer

CANDLES AND A LESSON IN BOREDOM

Things are getting interesting in Year 12 student Cian Sutherland's award winning writing which was selected for publication in Re Draft 16 The Dog Upstairs. We hope you enjoy part three...

Honestly, they almost look instructional. After viewing them I feel as if I too could heartily punish any wrongdoers I should

come across just as badly as they could expect to be treated down here. At this rate I should make my objective applying for an internship as opposed to escaping a la Mission Impossible with my lingua serpentis argenti - that means snake tongue of silver, but in Latin. Or at least, I think it is... (they love romantic languages too, not just big words. I'll get out of here for sure).

I never mentioned that when I lit the candles, large arms reached up from the floor and dragged me to Hell, did I? Reverse summoning I suppose. When I get back I suppose I'll give a 3 star review for misinformation because otherwise I was satisfied with the trade. Does Craigslist have a review system? I'm not too sure. I don't use the service much. Not after the strange man with the elaborate mime paint showed up in the neon purple pickup truck with the cabaret dancers dressed in chicken masks when I asked for some help shifting some things... Here's a real Aesop level moral for you ladies (and gents, you're not all exempt): don't always trust a man with an attractive picture standing next to a good hauling truck on the internet. He might be a gigolo.

Anyway so here I am, wandering these castle grounds, trying to find somebody who could help me out here. Frankly, I'm quite proud of myself. Most people (or so I should think) would quiver with fear should they find themselves in such a place, skulking and cowering behind pillars as they wet themselves. I'm just walking quite casually. This isn't particularly due to any form of bravery or courage, just a subtle blasé nihilism. Besides, dying in Hell would be quite exciting! Death is usually more pedestrian on Earth, no? I would much rather go out in a fantastical and dubious blaze of glory in a terrible otherworld realm than by age, disease, or unlucky accident. Wrong place at the wrong time? Not for me. I'll go out in style, thanks. I am, in fact, still relatively nonchalant about this whole 'help I'm trapped in Hell and my sorry existence might end at frankly any moment now' when I reach the large throne room containing the devil himself. Poking my head around the entrance, I look around before I see him reclining on his fancy gold and bone chair and wave. He raises a devilishly handsome eyebrow at me as I enter. Understandably so too. How many average mortals end up in his

house alive, let alone willingly? Not many, I should imagine. Also yes, I did make a pun there. Proud of myself I am. Chuffed, even. As if he can read my internal and incessant narrative, he snorts, and rises to his cloven feet as I walk towards him calmly with my own regular human ones. Sharp fangs, cartoonish tail, large curving horns, red skin, a bright fire in the eyes. This is definitely the Satan I am looking for.

"Who are you and what do you want?"

"Well that's a bit of a rude way to start a conversation don't you think?" I retort.

"Isn't it risky to talk to the devil in such a manner?"

"Are you able to speak in anything but questions?"

"Touché?" Well isn't he a cheeky one.

"Yes, yes it is touché."

"So who are you and why are you here?"

"Still rude."

"Still don't care. Answer my questions or die. Such is the fate of foolish mortals who tamper with forces beyond both their understanding and control." He crosses his arms in front of his muscular chest.

"Well why don't you wear clothes?"

"I have no need. I can do as I please in my own home. Surely you enjoy being naked in the privacy of your own home, and I don't judge you for that."

"Yes but your home isn't private, I got here by drawing up a fancy circle and setting some smelly plants on fire because a silly book I found on a seedy website told me to."

"Why are you so concerned about seeing me naked?"

"Well I don't know, maybe you have freaky bits that would scar me for life if I were to gaze upon them. Besides, I have a healthy respect for virtues like dignity and saving face."

He laughs.

"Mhm, and this is why you're in Hell, right?"

What next, I'm Jesus? Well I'll tell you now, I do not have 'freaky bits,' I am not an alien.

I might have goat legs but everything of me, even my slightly unusual lower half, is modelled after the human physiology. Or more aptly, the human physiology is modelled after me. Besides, you humans like to sexualize weird demihumans and their weird bits anyway. Mermaids much?"

To be continued in Term 3



TERM 2 SPORTS RESULTS

It's been all go for our winter codes and as always, there's much to talk about. Individuals achieving National selection this term include **Sam Digglemann** (Athletics), **Isaiah Priddey** (Athletics), **Stanford Pogai** (Waterpolo) and **Junnosuke Nishiro** (Japan Mixed Touch).

In our annual winter codes exchanges, HBHS has beaten Westlake Boys' High School 6 - 4, New Plymouth Boys' High School 9 - 2 and Tauranga Boys' College 9 - 2, but fell to Auckland Grammar 10 - 8.

Our **1st XV Rugby team** has made a solid start to their season with a big pre-season win over Westlake Boys' High School. The team won through Chiefs Cup pool games over Manurewa High School (53 - 7), Tauranga Boys' College (42 - 5) and St Paul's Collegiate (35 - 14) but narrowly lost to Rotorua Boys' High School (27 - 29) in the Chiefs Cup final. This was avenged in a recent re-match with a 34 - 7 win, and other Super 8 matches have gone to plan, with big wins over New Plymouth Boys' High School (69 - 3) and Palmerston North Boys' High School (76 - 7). In other rugby news, at the time of going to print, our 2nd XV Black Rugby team are the holders of the Tricolor Trophy, although I know the Colts would love to have something to say about that in the future!

It was an all HBHS affair in the Waikato Referees Association **Football** final at the start of this term, with the 1st XI team taking on the 2nd XI, after that team had upset St Peter's Cambridge earlier. The 1st XI did win through, and the team remains in contention to qualify for the National Championships despite a narrow loss to St Peter's Cambridge (3 - 4), with wins over Trident High School (5 - 0) and Tauranga Boys' College (1 - 0).

The **Hockey 1st XI** team has made sure that the always fiercely contested Matt Allen Memorial Trophy was taken back from St Paul's Collegiate. The match was a low-scoring affair and was locked at 1 - 1 until 10 minutes from the end of the match when HBHS were able to score. HBHS then held firm despite an all-out attack from St Paul's.

The **HBHS Golf team** faced the formidable task off knocking off St

Peter's Cambridge to qualify for Nationals, and the team didn't disappoint, with **James Fellows-Ford**, **Tyler Wood** and Year 11 student **Luke Kidd** shooting a total of 219 which was five shots ahead of their rivals. The team now faces the challenge of getting that elusive National title in September and for much of the team, it will be their last shot at it.

Prior to beginning Term 2 our **Motocross** riders were making their mark on the National stage in the New Zealand Junior Motocross Championships held in New Plymouth. The top HBHS students achieved the following results: **James Scott** 2nd in the 15-16 years 125cc, **Jack Dunlop** 4th in the 12-14 years 125cc, **Seton Head** 6th in the 14-16 250cc and 5th in the 15-16 125cc and **Joshua Clausen** 11th in the 14-16 250cc. There were approximately 40 riders per race and five races over the weekend. The good form continued into June at Patetonga with the team finishing first overall.

Also competing prior to Term 2 in Auckland was our combined HBHS and HGHS **Ki-O-Rahi** team who were defending their National title. They won through pool play and their quarter-final, however, things came unstuck in the semi-final and they lost to Te Wharekura O Rakaumangamanga 14 - 21, which put them in the playoff for third and fourth. Unfortunately they went down to a Gisborne team in a tight match 14 - 17, meaning a fourth place finish overall.

In May our **Cross Country** team headed to Tauranga to compete in the Super 8 competition and finished in third place overall, with **Oliver Gordon** finishing first in the Year 9 event and **Bradley Cullen** finishing in second place in the Senior race. The team fared well at the Waikato Bay of Plenty Championships, with our Junior 3-man team of **Blake Wisnewski**, **Kalyan Gujju** and **Ollie Foote** finishing first, our Senior 3-man team of **Isaiah Priddey**, **Connor Tristram** and **Sean Trowern** also finishing first, and the Year 9 3-man team of **Oliver Gordon**, **Gus Nelson** and **Tom Marchant** finishing second. The National Championships were next, held in Christchurch, where **Isaiah Priddey** finished second in the Senior Boys race. This result, along with those achieved by **Patrick Dowd** and **Connor Tristram**, secured a third place for our three man Senior team. Our Junior Boys 3-man team of **Blake Wisnewski**,

Kalyan Gujju and **Ollie Foote** finished in fifth place overall.

Earlier in May our **Cycling** team competed in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Road Cycling Championships and came away with impressive results which included two first places, to **Noah Costar** (Year 12) in the Under 19 race and **Lachlan Robertson** (Year 12) in the Under 17 event. In addition to this, **Samuel Cook** (Year 12) finished second in the Under 19 race and **Fergus Washington-Smith** finished third in the Under 17 race. Late in May our **Duathlon** team competed in the Waikato Bay of Plenty Team Championships, with **Max Walshe** (Year 10) and **Harry Russ** (Year 10) finishing in third place in the Under 16 Division, and **James Havill** (Year 9) and **Reuben Lawrence** (Year 9) also finishing third in the Under 14 Division. Our Swim team dominated at the Waikato Secondary Schools Championships, achieving 18 wins, 18 second places and five third places, meaning HBHS was the top boys school in the Waikato for the thirteenth year running.

Our **Clay Target Shooting** team have achieved some impressive results this year. In March, in the Auckland shoot, the A squad of **Patrick Turner**, **Mac Livingstone**, **Andrew Wilson**, **Xavier Kimpton** and **Ethan Rendall** finished second as a team from a field of 30 teams. In May the team headed to Taupo where **Mac Livingstone** won the HOA (highest overall) with A score of 89/90 from a field of 135 shooters. The A squad finished 3rd as a team. In Thames the A squad finished second and the B squad came 3rd. **Andrew Wilson** won the individual event HOA (highest overall) shooting a perfect score of 90/90. In Matamata the teams finished third and fourth out of a field of 28 from Auckland, Waikato and the Bay of Plenty.

Most recently, our **Squash** side were successful in the Tauranga Quadrangular Tournament. Led by A grade player **Angus MacDonald**, the team narrowly beat Palmerston North Boys' High School 3 - 2 and achieved the same result against Tauranga Boys' College. In the final against Tauranga, the team headed into their final two matches down 2 - 1. **Cole Robinson** managed to win in 5 sets and **Rory McKinnon** came from 2-0 down to end up winning 3-2.



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HISTORIC FIRST FOR CHINESE AND HBHS RUGBY

The shortest day of the year was a day of firsts at HBHS, with the Chinese Under 18 Rugby team playing their country's first International fixture outside of China against a New Zealand side on the school's number one field. The entire school was on the side-lines to welcome the visitors and to share anthems and demonstrations from both cultures that were live-streamed to an estimated Chinese audience of six million viewers. HBHS fielded a Barbarians team, captained by **Zac Pene**, selected from a number of senior sides entering the business end of their competitions this season, and this match-fitness showed through, with on-field haka leader and winger **Joshua Wirihana-Tawake** scoring in the corner within the first five minutes. Japanese International Student **Kenta Komura** scored the first of his hat-trick of tries soon after and getting over the line clearly helped kicker **Max Wilson** to get his eye in, as he converted his own try and the two that followed. HBHS speed and defensive pressure proved hard to handle for the Chinese side as forced errors allowed **Wirihana-Tawake** and **Komura** to score again, putting the half time score at 31 – 0. A rousing full school haka at the beginning of the second half fired HBHS replacement forward **Albert Nadan** over the line and he was followed by **Arie Gordon** who converted his own try to push the score out to 43 – 0. Despite looking promising on a number of occasions, and showcasing some impressive bursts of speed, the Chinese side were unable to string together enough moves to penetrate the HBHS defence, and handling and passing errors proved costly. **Komura's** third try was the final scoring act in the match, with HBHS securing a historic 48 – 0 win. Congratulations to all of the players who participated in this very special match, and who played in a fashion that indicated an understanding of how important it was for both sides and both countries.



OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

There is certainly a rugby flavour to our International Students page this term, as we caught up with **Takeomi Nishiura** who joined us as a Year 11 student this year from Japan. **Takeomi** hails from Fukuoka, the largest city on the southern island of Kyushu, and with a population of 2.5 million, it's fair to say that living in Hamilton is a very different experience. He is a talented rugby player and made the Under 15A side where he plays fullback and wing, and is thoroughly enjoying the calibre of the matches and the level of competition in New Zealand. Living in Argyle House has enabled him to make many new friends from in and around Hamilton, and he has made the most of the

opportunities to get to Waikato Stadium for the full rugby experience. Prior to living in New Zealand, **Takeomi** lived in Jakarta Indonesia for three and a half years, where he attended international schools and learned English. His favourite subject at HBHS is Food Tech and he is appreciative of the range of subject choices available to him, not to mention the fact that he gets to move around the school, rather than staying in one classroom all day. He very much has his eyes on making the 1st XV team in his years at HBHS, and he will be staying with us through into Year 13. We thank **Takeomi** for sharing his experiences with us, and we wish him every success in achieving his goals.





JUNIOR LEADERS

Earlier this term, the Year 10 Leaders were announced for 2017. Over 80 students applied for the position and the calibre of the applicants was extremely high. We thank those who applied and congratulate the 20 students named. They will now work closely with the Prefects to assist in the organisation of school events and will contribute to the smooth running of the school. Our Junior Leaders are:

Demetrius Crown-Harris	Zyeen Cutler
Oliver Foote	Samuel Fraser
Aryan Gupta	Tyron Hilton
Noah Hotham	Kieran Joyce
Alexander Matthews	Eushin Kang
Samuel McArthur	Hunter Moon
Eddie Morgan	Jack Myles
Zack Paterson	Caleb Thomas
James-Hardy Rorimpandey	Harry Russ
Blake Wisnewski	Harrison Thien



HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATE

Event		Argyle	Baigent	Steel	Tait	Taylor	Wilson
Swimming Sports		6	2	4	8	10	12
Haka Competition							
Athletic Sports	Track Events	6	4	4	1	5	2
	Field Events	6	3	3	2	5	1
Touch							
Volleyball		5 ½	4	2	5 ½	3	1
Cross Country		12	10	6	2	8	4
Tug-O-War		6	2 ½	2 ½	1	4	5
Basketball							
Indoor Football							
General Knowledge							
Chess							
Singing							
Indoor Rowing							
Service							
Cricket 6-a-side		6	2	5	1	3	4
	Current Place	1st	3rd =	5th	6th	2nd	3rd =
	Total Points	47 ½	27 ½	26	20 ½	38	27 ½

With nearly two terms of school gone, it is clear to see that there is still plenty to play for in the House Competition of 2017. Admittedly, **Argyle** has taken a substantial lead at this stage, but when there is still a Major event (in the form of House Singing) to contest, along with six Minor events, all is not

lost for the remaining Houses. **Taylor** House is sitting clear in second place, but they have been finishing further down the pack after their initial strong showing in the early Major events. It's in the remaining positions where things suddenly start to get very interesting. **Baigent** helped their chances with some good

points gained in the Cross Country, but as with **Taylor**, their performance since then in the Minor events has not been strong. Watch out for **Wilson**. It's always the quiet ones... **Steel** is nominally in fifth, but they are only a point and a half behind the Houses tied for third equal, and what is particularly encouraging at this point for the mighty House in silver is that they have achieved some solid results (i.e. not last) in recent events which has meant that they have stayed in touch with the other Houses whereas in previous years we (yes, I'm not even going to pretend to be neutral at this point) have been all but gone at this stage in the year. Speaking of all but gone, **Tait** is looking to lock away the wooden spoon at this point, but this week's valiant hashtag **#TaitAreBack!** could be the beginning of a mighty turnaround.

So, where to from here? By the time you read this we will know whether or not **Steel** performed well in one of our favoured events, the General Knowledge quizzes, which could be enough to leap into outright third. A last place by **Argyle** would allow the chasing Houses to gain some ground before Term 3, which kicks off in House terms with Chess. Most important of all, the House Competition is all about participation. The smallest House in the school is leading because they get involved. **So get involved!**



Top: Flautist Bridget Douglas gets the strings and percussion to work together. Middle at right: Cellist Brigid O'Meeghan looks for that all-important spark. Bottom: Master conductor Mr Botting in action!

SUPER 8 CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Earlier this term our best and brightest performers, musicians, artists and actors headed south to Rotorua to compete in the annual Super 8 Cultural Festival. As always the events were keenly contested, and we congratulate our cultural ambassadors on their efforts. The results were as follows:

Music Group: **HBHS third equal** with Napier (won by Tauranga Boys' College)

Music Solo Junior: **HBHS first**

Music Solo Senior: **HBHS third equal** with New Plymouth (won by Tauranga Boys' College)

Junior Theatre Sports: **HBHS first**

Senior Theatre Sports: **HBHS second** (won by Tauranga Boys' College)

Junior Debating: **HBHS first**

Senior Debating: **HBHS first**

Kapa Haka: **HBHS second** (won by Raukura)

Pasifika: **HBHS second**

Senior Oratory: **HBHS third** (won by New

Plymouth Boys' High School)

Drama: **HBHS first**

Junior Art: **HBHS first**

Senior Art: **HBHS third** (won by Napier Boys' High School).

In other cultural news, our Barbershop Quartet of **Reid Benseman, Fynn Bodley-Davies, Ryan Monaghan and Nicci Rich** is off to the National Finals after winning their section of the Waikato Bay of Plenty Singing Competition, as is the Chorus. The HBHS Orchestra had the pleasure and the absolute privilege of working with two performers from the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, cellist **Brigid O' Meeghan** and flautist **Bridget Douglas**. The two musicians ran an afternoon workshop before performing with the NZSO that evening, and gave our performers the benefit of their insight, experience and expertise. The orchestra, which is new at HBHS this year, play an absolutely stunning version of the "Game of Thrones" theme. Winter is here...





KAPA HAKA

Earlier this term our combined HBHS and HGHS Kapa Haka group **Te Maurea Whiritoi** competed in the Tainui Regional Kapa Haka competition, which doubles as an opportunity to qualify for the National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka event, and our team finished second, thus guaranteeing them a spot in the National Competition later this year. The group also won a number of sub-categories, including **Whakawatea** (the exit), **Kaitataki Wahine** (female leader) and the **Waiata Tira** (choral song). We congratulate our group once more on performing so well in what is always one of the most fiercely contested regions in Kapa Haka, and we very much look forward to covering their progress as they build towards the Nationals in a later edition of the High Achiever. **Kia kaha!**

PASIFIKA

At the beginning of Term 2, our Guidance Counsellor, **Mrs Kate Bower**, gifted a number of items to the Pasifika Tutor Groups that had belonged to her family. This is her address to the groups:

Talofa lava to you all, and a very big fa'afetai for this invitation to speak with you today.

I was recently offered some items by my parents. These items are important to us as a family and so I approached **Mr Stowers** to see if they could be used by the students and staff here at HBHS. He graciously accepted our family's offer and asked me here today to tell you something of the story of how these items became part of our family's treasures. In 1997 my parents, **Peter** and **Jenny West** left New Zealand to go and work in the education sector in Samoa. For the next 9 years they moved around the Pacific with assignments in Tokelau, Tuvalu and Kiribati, but it was during the 7 years they spent in Samoa that they lost their hearts to that beautiful country. Their assignments were under the auspices of the New Zealand Government and were managed by VSA and the United Nations. The aim of the UN was to challenge countries to strive to improve the lot of the most vulnerable people in their lands. The Samoan Government approached New Zealand to ask for help in beginning the process of training



Top: Te Maurea Whiritoi welcome the guests at the recent Foundation Lunch. Bottom: Mrs Bower and our Pasifika Tutor Group members with the items she has gifted the school.

teachers in the area of specialist teaching and to help to begin to integrate students with disabilities and learning needs into the schooling system - this is where my parents' skills came in.

In the seven years my parents were in Samoa, my brother and I visited, and I was lucky enough to spend a month on the island of Savaii where I lived with them in the village of Vaito'amuli. It was simple living for my parents - no hot water, no washing machine, no oven and often no fridge, but they did live almost on the beach, surrounded by hibiscus, banana and coconut trees and watched the most wonderful sunsets!!!

You will know that Samoa is a country with well-established ceremonies and protocols and my parents had to learn these and did their very best to always take part and not to in any way offend. With most of their work being done in the rural areas this was extremely important and they had a steep learning curve to climb. My father found it almost impossible to sit cross legged for hours and always carried a lavalava to cover his feet and legs when he could sit properly

no longer. My mother went to *siva*, or dance lessons, as there was a lot of dancing done!! When the time came to leave they became the recipients of many lovely farewell occasions and they travelled around both islands to these. My mother received 17 hand woven handbags and 9 woven hats and many beautiful pieces of carving and mats, both sleeping mats and fine mats. Leaving was hard for my parents; in fact several people including one MP actually offered to sponsor them as Samoan citizens. My parents loved the country so much that this was tempting, but they realised that their job was over. These gifts were presents from parents and organisations with which my parents worked and were mealofa for the work done for the disabled communities of Savaii and Upolu. Therefore, **Mr Stowers**, and all staff and students, on behalf of my parents, **Peter** and **Jenny West** and my brother, I would like you to receive these gifts. They are a very small fa'afetai, that is a small thank-you to you who represent the people of Samoa here at HBHS. A thank you for seven wonderful years my parents spent in the lovely country of Samoa.



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Around the School

“READING FOR OUR LIVES”

A regular column by **Dr David Williams**

What We Talk about When We Talk about Reading

The origins of the baffling dictum, “talking about music is like dancing about architecture,” are, to say the least, opaque, and its meaning only slightly less so. It would make sense if the music in question was instrumental music, because without words to guide us, explaining what a piece of music means probably is about as difficult as doing a little dance to explain a work of architecture. In this respect, music without words is like abstract art—it’s hard to say what it represents and it’s hard to decipher the story behind it, or even if there is a story. We shouldn’t have the same problem when talking about books, because books, after all, are made up of words. But strangely enough, we do. How tongue-tied we find ourselves when someone asks us about a book we’ve just read! Awkward and embarrassed, most of us fall back on one of two alternatives: if we liked the book, it was “beautifully written,” and if we didn’t, it was “badly written.” Asking a teenage boy about a book he is reading is equally catastrophic: it’s either “good,” or it’s “boring.” But how might we have better conversations about reading with our sons?

Surveys on why people read confirm that most of us read to “find out what happens next.” While humans have always loved storytelling in one form or another, listening to someone retell the plot of a book is, unfortunately, a pretty reliable buzz kill. Another popular response to the question of why people read is that it allows us a kind of time travel. Reading works like a time machine, transporting us back into the past or forwards into imagined futures. Otherwise, for many of us, we read because in encountering the lives and fates of characters with whom we can identify (in spite of our differences), we feel less lonely. With these things in mind, the next time you spot your son reading and want to get more than “good” or “boring” out of him, why not try some of the following questions?

Where did the book transport you to? Was

that place as you imagined it would be? Did you see yourself or something of your own experience in any of the characters and what happened to them? Was there a character that reminded you of anyone you know? If the book had a soundtrack, what songs would be playing in the background? If the book was made into a movie or TV show, which actors would be in it? Would you want to kick a ball around with any of the characters (or even the author)? Has the book changed your mind about anything?

Talking to your son about his reading is always going to be better if it doesn’t seem like an interrogation! One way to avoid this is for you to share your reading with him. Let him ask you similar questions—nothing builds trust and dialogue like reciprocity. Finally, let us remember that it is also fine to not talk about books. Reading is often an intensely private act and sometimes we really can’t find the words to describe what we’ve read or its affect on us. This ineffable quality, the mystery of what reading does to us, is as good a reason to enjoy reading as any other.

TO FINISH... A FAREWELL...



Above: Ms Oliver with her Year 13 Media Studies class and Jim Carrey. Because that’s how we do things in Media Studies...

Sadly, at the end of this term, we have to say goodbye to **Ms Suzanne Oliver**. Ms Oliver is off to lead a not-for-profit charitable organisation based in Hamilton East, so even though she is leaving us, she’s not going too far away, and we will hold her to her promised attendance at future Film Club meetings. Ms Oliver has taught at HBHS for the past few years, although she joined us prior to officially starting her teaching as a student teacher of English, Mathematics and Media Studies. As well as her classroom contributions, Ms Oliver has worked as the Senior Academic Mentor and as the Teacher in Charge of Waterpolo. We

asked her to tell us what some of the highlights have been in her time here and it’s safe to say there have been quite a few! These have included seeing the proverbial penny drop when a new understanding or connection takes place, takes place, watching Year 13s squirm and jump through *Alien*, being enveloped in song at assemblies by hundreds of amazing voices, developing the Waterpolo code, Scholarship Film Club: too much to mention, building relationships with so many incredible students and staff and making the difference here and there for an individual. Hei konā mai.