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Tane Te Aho leads the 1st XV team in their pre-match haka as they prepare to meet Rotorua Boys' High School. The team won through to the New Zealand Secondary Schools final, eventually going down to Hastings Boys' High School 25 - 17.



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# High Achiever

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



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Champions! It's a historic first for our 1st XI Football team, winning the New Zealand Secondary Schools title for the first time ever



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Welcome to our spring edition of the High Achiever, the newsletter that celebrates everything excellent at HBHS in 2017. We have so much to celebrate, and we must begin by congratulating our **Football 1st XI** team on a historic National title win, backed up by a win in their own National Tournament by the **Football 2nd XI**. We celebrate our National and Regional titles, along with our stunning sell-out production of "Dracula" the Musical, which was performed by HGHS and us for the first time in New Zealand. We catch up on some of our academic high-flyers this term and we report on how our teams fared during the Winter Sports Tournament Week. It's a bumper crop of news, and we hope you enjoy our coverage.

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Above: Joel McMullan looks on as Luke Woolerton goes high in the final against Sacred Heart. For more on our Football 1st XI see page 6. Next: Captain Quinn Tupaea looks for the offload against Rotorua Boys' High School in the Chiefs Regional final. Next: Our Waikato Champion Debaters Nicholas Goodman, Tim Ng and Sameer Mandhan show off their silverware. Bottom: The (mighty) Colts Rugby team, fresh from their finals victory over the 2nd XV Black team are the Waikato Division One 1st XV Champions!



# Our HBHS Old Boys

## OLD BOYS



HBHS Class of 2016 Old Boys (above, from left) **Douglas Shephard**, **Raymon Zhou**, **Ellis Pike** and **Jordyn Coxhead** received their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards in the first weekend of the July holidays from Her Excellency the **Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy**. This was in recognition of their participation in the scheme during their time at HBHS and their completion of services and tasks in the following five categories: Service, Skills, Adventurous Journey, Physical Recreation and a Residential Project. We congratulate our high achieving Old Boys once again on such an outstanding achievement which is the culmination of years of work in the service of others, and thank all of the HBHS staff for their countless hours in support of our recipients.



Some of our Old Boys, in **Matua Mita Graham** (above, left) and **Matua Toti West** (above, right) were on hand recently, along with Headmaster **Mrs Hassall** and **Matua Manuel Monga** to present our school Kaumatua **Koroneihana Cooper** (above, centre) in recognition of his years of service to our school a taonga carved by **Warren McGrath**. This stunning Kotiate has been given the name **Te Mauri Tū** and is carved out of rimu, a timber much sought after for weaponry due to its hardness. The design element adorning the **Panepane** (head of the Kotiate) is known as **Pākura** (Pūkeko or swamp hen) which commemorates the demi-god **Tāwhaki** marking the head of the Pākura with his blood, which can be seen to this day in the red crown of the Pūkeko. The design at the centre is known as the **Tuara-Kuri** (Tuara meaning back and Kuri meaning dog) which commemorates when the demi-god **Māui Tikitiki a Taranga** disagreed with his brother-in-law **Irawaru** over the uneven distribution of a day's fishing haul with the end result being **Māui** transformed **Irawaru** into a Kuri Māori, or Māori dog. This taonga is a token of our gratitude to, and esteem for, **Koroneihana Cooper** and we wish him every happiness in his retirement. Kia ora rawa atu.

## FOUNDATION

There is nothing more powerful than a full school assembly at HBHS so it was with great pleasure that the Hall of Fame Assembly this year joined the full school celebrations of Tournament Week successes. Combining the opportunity to reflect on Old Boys and their achievements with the magnificent results our 2017 boys achieved at a National level made for a brilliant and very memorable event.

We were delighted to receive a video acceptance speech from **Professor Ron Prinn**, Old Boy of HBHS 1959-1963, who resides in Boston USA, as he was welcomed to the HBHS Hall of Fame for his work in Atmospheric Science and Climate Change. **Prinn** has testified to the US Congress on climate science and leads the way in his thinking on government policy and implementation strategies to avert and respond to change in our environment. **Prinn's** award was collected on his behalf by classmate **Adrian Paterson**.

We went from Climate Science to Motor Racing as we recognised the great many achievements of **Craig Baird MNZM** Old Boy of HBHS from 1984-1985 in the same assembly. No New Zealander has won more Motor Sport National titles than **Baird** who has fashioned a superb racing resume across a number of categories after almost three decades at the top.

Represented by his father **Stan Baird**, **Craig** is recognised for notching up the most wins in a Porsche worldwide, has driven touring cars for major teams and was awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2010 for services to Motor Racing. **Stan** spoke eloquently of **Craig's** long and rich career and took a moment to remind the boys present that a strong education should be their focus but that they should, like **Baird**, remain courageous and excited about the prospect of following their dreams.

The HBHS Foundation Trust is delighted to welcome two such worthy recipients to our Hall of Fame.

For any information on the work of the HBHS Foundation please see the HBHS website. Or, contact **Ali Mallett** at [amallett@hbhs.school.nz](mailto:amallett@hbhs.school.nz), Tel: 021 909 981



Above: Professor Ron Prinn (left) and Craig Baird, MNZM (right).

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# HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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## School Newsletter

### Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents

At the end of a busy, wonderful Term Three, we welcome the beginning of Spring, and the sense of wonder which the new season brings at the end of what has been a long, often very wet Winter. And yet, for us as a community, the Winter term has brought much to celebrate, and there is so much, as we look back on the Winter we have shared, to bring a sense of joy in its own right.



The change of season creates a Janus like moment in our year - looking back with gratitude and awe at the experiences we have shared, and looking forward, with hope and genuine excitement, to the challenges and opportunities ahead. It is a time, also, to build upon the preparation and hard work which have been hallmarks of Terms One to Three.

Two weeks ago, we shared a full School Assembly, to congratulate those outstanding achievements of our students, those which are highlighted through the pages of this newsletter. There are so many sporting successes, which combine to place us as one of the top secondary schools in New Zealand.

Of particular note is the stellar success of the First XI Football Team, who with the support of superb coaching by **Mr Aaron Scott**, have realised their goal of being crowned National Champions for the first time in the 106 year history of the school. A breath-taking achievement, of which we are immensely proud, and grateful to both the young men of the team, their very special coaches and managers, and the care and support of the dedicated Master in Charge of Football, **Mr Stuart Hakeney**.

The players in our First XI, and those in all teams who were placed second and third in New Zealand in Tournament Week, all so passionate in their pursuit of excellence, represent the "good man", which we as a school aspire to craft, through our values and our approach to all that we undertake. And of that, we are inordinately proud as a school.

There is so much to celebrate through the weeks we have shared this term, and as you read through these pages I am sure that you will agree that the Winter has been wonderful, and that the base on which we have established future success is well founded. The community of Hamilton Boys' High School is settled and it is positive, and it is happy. As I stated at our Recent Hall of Fame celebration, "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success".

**John Lennon** told a story of his early school life, which provides a telling comment, and which reflects a very real reason for our success as a community. When he was asked by his teacher what he wanted to be when he grew up, he wrote 'happy'. The teacher told him that he didn't understand the question. **Lennon's** response was that the teacher didn't understand life!

At Hamilton Boys', we understand life. We understand that success comes from a sense of belonging, a sense of commitment and a sense of joy in the activities and the world we are a part of. And through this Winter term, our achievements as a school are founded on happiness, optimism and joy. Qualities we carry from our Winter, into our Spring.

**Victor Hugo**, in the wonderful novel "*Les Miserables*", wrote "If people did not love each other, I really don't see what use there would be in having any Spring". Without love, and a sense of faith and hope, there can be no true happiness. And without happiness, there can be no true success.

As we move from our amazing, special Winter, to the final, busy and very important Term Four, let us always remember the symbolism of Spring, that time when we witness the results of all the labour of sowing the seeds, the time when we see the growth and it brings reward. The examinations of Term Four bring the opportunity for continuing success, and genuine satisfaction, and real reward.

I wish you all a very special holiday break, and a happy, affirming term ahead. Thank you all for our 'wonderful Winter'.

Susan Hassall  
HEADMASTER

### Term 4 Events

#### School Starts

Monday 16 October

#### Labour Day

Monday 23 October

#### Music and Arts Awards

Tuesday 24 October

#### Māori and Pasifika Awards

Thursday 26 October

#### Year 13 Leavers Dinner

Monday 30 October

#### Art Exhibition

Tuesday 31 October

#### Sports Awards

Tuesday 31 October

#### Mufti Day, Air Ambulance

Thursday 2 November

#### Argyle Leavers Dinner

Friday 3 November

#### Senior Prize Giving

Tuesday 7 November

#### Junior Examinations

Wednesday 8 November -

Monday 13 November

#### NCEA Begins

Friday 10 November

#### Service Work Day

Monday 20 November

#### Night of the Notables

Wednesday 22 November

#### Grandparents Morning

Tuesday 28 November

#### Charity Day Mufti Day

Thursday 30 November

#### Junior Prize Giving

Thursday 7 December



# Sports

Spring 2017

## TERM THREE ROUND UP

This is always one of the busiest terms in our sporting calendar, as so many of our teams make play-offs. This has easily been one of our most successful sporting years, and we check out what some of our teams and athletes have achieved.

One of our newest sporting codes recently became Waikato Secondary Schools Champions. Our Lacrosse team made the finals after finishing top of round-robin play and then sealed the deal during Tournament Week, beating Morrinsville College 11 - 8. While this sport may be new to us, it is firmly established in the United States, with exciting opportunities for developing players.

The HBHS Trophy Cabinet is currently bursting at the seams, as in one memorable Senior Assembly the most recent haul was displayed across the front of the stage. The HBHS trophy cabinet now contains the Rugby 2nd XV Super 8 shield, the Rugby 1st XV Super 8 shield (shared with Hastings Boys' High School), the John Boe Cup for Waikato Rugby Under 16 winners, the Andrew Strawbridge Cup for Waikato Rugby Under 15 winners, the Soccer Challenge Cup won by the HBHS 2nd XI, the ABC Football School Cup for the Waikato Secondary Schools Premier competition won by the HBHS 1st XI, the Super 8 Hockey shield and the Tricolor Trophy and Ian Foster Shield for the Waikato Division 1 1st XV Champions won by the (mighty) HBHS Colts team. As you will see later in this newsletter, more have been added!

Another Waikato title winner was our Badminton team who went on to finish third in New Zealand during Tournament Week. Our Ski and Snowboard team won titles at the Waikato Secondary School Championships with **Robert Brodnax** (Year 12) winning the Giant Slalom Ski, **Matthew Cranefield** (Year 12) winning the Giant Slalom Board event, with **Seff Curle** (Year 11) finishing in third place behind him and **Daniel Gibson** (Year 13) finishing third in the Freestyle Board competition. Our Shooters have been busily competing in Regional Events in preparation for North Island and National Competitions coming soon.

The 2017 New Zealand Schools Surf Championships were held in Raglan this term, run by the Raglan Area School Surf Academy and Year 11 student **Caleb Cutmore** won the Boys Under 16 title, backing up from his win earlier in the year. The HBHS team of **Jack Rosewarne, Jack Clark, Geordie Kingsbeer, Tom Wallace** and **Caleb** finished 8th overall out of 28 schools.

The HBHS Chess team entered an A and B side in the Waikato Interschools Chess Tournament, with the A side of **Eushin Kang, Shilong Yang** (Captain), **Sean Clark** and **Jacky Jin** taking out the tournament with 9 match points. The B side of **Joel Crombie, Karan Singh, Cooper Quinn** and **Ben Wright** finished only just behind them on 8, beating two other schools' A teams in the process and giving HBHS Chess the top two placings for the first time in the tournament's recent history. This means HBHS has won the right to represent the Waikato Region in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships to be held later this year. Of particular note were the performances of **Eushin Kang** and **Sean Clark** as they were the only two players to finish on 100%. In more chess news, a group of HBHS juniors recently entered a local "Chess Power" Tournament. They performed extremely well and all ended in the top half of the standings. **Eushin Kang** was placed 1st with a 100% score. **Max Stephens** was placed 2nd and **Ben Wright** 5th (out of 54 competitors from all over the Waikato.) Based on the results of the top four participants from each school, HBHS won the inter-schools event as well. HBHS has qualified to compete in the Chess Power Regional Finals at the end of October, with **Eushin** and **Max** also invited to compete in the Champions individual event.

As the 2017 rugby season drew to a close, HBHS found itself on the verge of making history in the Waikato Secondary Schools Division 1 1st XV competition, as the 2nd XV Black team and the (mighty) Colts worked themselves through play-offs to eventually face each other in the finals. The 2nd XV Black side were the favourites, having beaten the Colts earlier in the season, but on a memorable Friday history counted for nothing as the Colts struck early with an **Arie Gordon** try, and held their collective nerves (all the while shredding those of their coaches and manager) to win 22 - 12 and lift

the Ian Foster Shield and the Tricolor Trophy as champions for 2017. We congratulated our other title-winning rugby teams who finished their competitions, the Senior White team who won the Premier Division 3 title (24 - 17 over Senior Silver) and the Under 65kg Red team who beat out Cambridge. Our Premier Basketball team finished as runners up in their Super 8 competition, as did our Under 14B Rugby team in their Waikato competition.

At the time of going to print, the Knockout Cup Final for football was contested between two HBHS National Champion sides. The 1st and 2nd XI teams met on the final Saturday of the season in order to claim some colossal bragging rights, with the 2nd XI buoyed by a win over St Peter's Cambridge 1st XI to claim the Challenge Cup earlier this season. The last time the teams met in the Waikato Secondary School Championships the 1st team won 3 - 0, but they went down to St Peter's Cambridge 4 - 3 so there was much to play for. In the end seniority and experience won the day, with the 1st XI running away with the game 5 - 0 to end their season with the Knockout Cup, the Challenge Cup, the Waikato title and a National title. Not too bad at all!

Our top Squash team travelled to Palmerston North this term to take part in the 33rd New Zealand Secondary Schools Squash Championships. Our team placed 7th overall and our Captain of Squash **Angus MacDonald** was named in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Representative Team. This is an outstanding achievement as the calibre of players at the event was phenomenal. The New Zealand team of five will travel to Australia to take part in a Trans Tasman series. Our congratulations to **Angus** who has played some incredible squash whilst representing the school at the highest level over his five years here at HBHS.

At National level this term we congratulated **Bradley Cullen** and **Connor Tristram** on their silver medal in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Duathlon. Our New Zealand representatives this term include **Brandon Fletcher** (Year 11) in the New Zealand Under 19 Junior Men's Inline Hockey team, **Caleb Cutmore** (Year 11) in the New Zealand Junior Surfing team as





the Under 16 representative and **Raukawa Jefferies** (Year 12) and **Liam Singer** (Year 12) will represent New Zealand in Karate at the World Karate Federation Junior Championships in Spain. In *really* late breaking news, **Quinn Tupaea**, **Charles Alaimalo** and **Tauterangimarie Kapea** have been named in the New Zealand Schools Rugby team with **Quinn** to captain the side. **Tane Te Aho** has been named in the New Zealand Schools Barbarians team and **Jonas Pomare** has been named in the New Zealand Māori Under 18 side.

At the recent Swimming Nationals the results were impressive. In the relays, the 16/0 (16 years and over) 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay A Team of **Danyon Hardie**, **Jaxyn Mihaka**, **Sam Ratima** and **Andrew Jeffcoat** won silver as did the 16/0 Medley Relay A Team of **Andrew Jeffcoat**, **Logan Bigwood**, **Danyon Hardie** and **Jaxyn Mihaka**. In the Individual events, **Ciaran Watson** won bronze in the 13 yrs 50m Butterfly, **Jack Bruning** won gold in the 14 yrs 50m Breaststroke, **Danyon Hardie** won bronze in the 16/0 200m Individual Medley and **Andrew Jeffcoat** won gold in the 200m Backstroke, silver in the 100m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly and bronze in the 50m backstroke the 100m freestyle and the 100m Butterfly.

## House Competition 2017

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	1	3 ½	3 ½	3 ½	3 ½	6
Indoor Football	1 ½	3	4 ½	4 ½	1.5	6
General Knowledge	5	6	1	2	3 ½	3 ½
Chess	1 ½	3 ½	3 ½	1 ½	6	5
Singing						
Indoor Rowing	5	4	3	2	1	6
Service	6	4	2	1	5	3
Cricket 6-a-side	6	2	5	1	3	4
Current Place	1st	4th	5th	6th	2nd =	2nd =
Total Points	67 ½	51 ½	44	35	58 ½	58 ½

## OUR CHAMPION CYCLING TEAM

Cycling at HBHS has gone from strength to strength in the past few years and 2017 has been a standout year. During the July holidays the team competed in the North Island Secondary Schools Cycling competition, and our individuals and teams featured prominently on the podium. The full list of results is as follows:

Under 14 515m Scratch: **Oliver Duncan** 3rd  
 Under 17 3km Tempo points: **Kiaan Watts** 1st, **Lachlan Robertson** 3rd  
 Under 17 Boys 5 Lap Keirin: **Kiaan Watts** 2nd, **Lachlan Robertson** 3rd  
 Under 17 4km Scratch: **Kiaan Watts** 1st  
 Under 17 5km Points Race: **Kiaan Watts** 1st, **Lachlan Robertson** 3rd  
 Under 17 Criterium: **Kiaan Watts** 2nd  
 Under 17 Road Race: **Archie Martin** 3rd  
 Under 20 Road Race: **Burnie McGrath** 3rd  
 Under 20 Team pursuit 3km: **HBHS A** 1st  
 Under 20 Team sprint 750m: **HBHS** 2nd  
 Under 20 Team Time Trials: **HBHS** 1st.

This standout form was taken into Nationals which were held before and during

Tournament Week in both the North and South Island, and in all of these events, our HBHS Cyclists brought home the medals. The list of results is as follows:

*At the NZSS National Event, Premier Division Cycling (Northern Tour)*

*Individual Championships (Auckland)*

*Under 20 Age Group*

**Burnie McGrath** (Year 13):

2nd Place: Time Trial (NZSS Event)

3rd Place: Hill Climb (NZSS Event)

3rd Place: Criterium (non-NZSS Event)

**Under 20 Overall Runner-up**

*Under 17 Age Group*

**Kiaan Watts** (Year 11):

1st Place: Criterium (non-NZSS Event)

2nd Place: Time Trial (NZSS Event)

4th Place: Hill Climb (NZSS Event)

**Under 17 Overall Champion**

**Archie Martin** (Year 11):

**1st Place: Time Trial (NZSS Event)**

**Noah Costar** (Year 12):

2nd Place: Criterium (NZSS Event), Blenheim, Southern Tour



Above: Burnie McGrath rides in the Northern Tour. Photo courtesy of Mr Stephen Ng.





# Rugby

Spring 2017

## GOLD COAST TOUR

On Thursday the 29th of June, a select group of Under 16 players travelled to the Gold Coast to participate in the 2017 Gold Coast Rugby Carnival. The first day of the tournament was a new experience for most of the boys, as we began with the 10-a-side format. Our first game was against Morrinsville college which we won 36-0. Next up was Te Wharekura o Mauao who we beat 18-0. This placed us in what would essentially be the final against Scots College, Sydney. After a tough match, we were able to come away with the win 11-6.

After a good day's rest, the team was looking forward to getting stuck into the 15-a-side tournament. First up was a big, physical Kelston team which we beat 11-6. This was followed by another tough match against Scots College who thought we were lucky the day before so we were happy to get the 12-6 win. Our performances got better throughout the tournament with strong victories over Cranbrook College Sydney 29-0 and Prebbleton Rugby Christchurch 46-0.

These victories sent us straight to a final once again against Scots College. This would be our third time coming up against each other. This was the hottest day of tournament by far and we knew we were in for another gruelling match. The first half Scots put us under tremendous pressure but we were able to weather the storm and went into halftime 0-0. In the second half our conditioning took over and we were able to pull away to a 11-0 victory.

On our off-days we were fortunate enough to be able to relax at Dreamworld and Wet and Wild theme parks. We also went to Pacific Fair and Harbour Town to enjoy a bit of shopping and the Carnival organisers ran a beach games day and put on a sportsmanship dinner function which allowed both the rugby and netball teams to socialise with each other.

Overall this was a great experience for all those involved. I would like to thank the coaches **Mr Asplin** and **Matua Graham** and the managers **Mrs Clark** and **Mrs Asplin** who made it all happen as well as our supportive

parents and families who helped get us there.

By **Lucas Cashmore**

## UNDER 15 RUGBY REPORT

The HBHS Under 15A rugby team travelled to Wellington College to participate in the 2017 National Under 15 Rugby Tournament. This tournament has been a crucial part of the development of our junior rugby players as they progress forward into the 1st XV and beyond. With four successful traditional games already under their belt, and an undefeated year in the Waikato Under 16 grade, the team had high expectations for the tournament. On day one we played New Plymouth Boys' High School on an artificial turf in a tight and nerve wracking game. The forward pack put in a tremendous amount of work and were rewarded with a great try to **Harry Yates** in the corner. In the end we prevailed 15 - 3 to get our tournament off to the best possible start. In our second game of the day we played the hosts, Wellington College, on their number one rugby field. Despite not being at our best during the first half of the game, we were far too strong, winning 50 - 5. The fantastic second half effort was orchestrated by **Shelby Schnuriger** and **Ollie**

**Foote.**

On day two we played another of our Super 8 foes Palmerston North Boys' High School. An uncompromising, rugged and disciplined forward display had us up 26 - 0 at half time. Leading that forward pack effort were **Demetrius Crown-Harris**, **Hakaraia Richards-Coxhead** and **Mason Tupaea**. Although we struggled to control possession in the second half, we were pleased to keep them scoreless, winning 31-0.

On day three we played a quarter-final against another Super 8 school, Rotorua Boys' High School. In a very late change of venue, we were back on the artificial turf. An all-round display of skill, determination, defence and good decision making had us pull away to a 31 - 10 win. The killer blow was struck shortly after halftime when **Tyrone Hilton** scored a runaway try.

On day four we played a semi-final against another traditional foe, Auckland Grammar. The first half of this game was played into a typically ferocious Wellington wind, and our forward pack, lead superbly by captain **Ned Pene** and loose forwards **Solomona Tyrell** and **Heath MacEwan**, as well as the midfield backs, **Amos Faola** and **Westyn Cobb**, did a great job of muscling their way up the field and monopolising the possession of the ball. The final score was a comprehensive 40 - 10 win putting us through to the final



Above: An impressive defensive line from HBHS against Wellington College. From left to right: Zack Paterson, Lucas Cashmore, Mason Tupaea and Hakaraia Richards-Coxhead.





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for the second year in a row. On day five we played in the final against Christchurch Boys' High School. In what was an evenly contested match-up, we got out to an early lead after some individual brilliance from left wing **Tyrone Hilton** who scored 2 tries. However, the second half saw us with little possession and a lot of tackling instead and the scores tied at 15 - 15. **Lucas Cashmore** kicked a penalty with 5 minutes to go to put us ahead 18 - 15, but CBHS came back almost immediately and scored a converted try off a well worked set piece scrum to take the lead 18 - 22. Despite a frenetic final 3 minutes hammering away with our forward pack, we were unable to score the try that would put us back in the lead. Nonetheless, it was a mammoth effort from the team through the week that we are very proud of.

We wish to thank our coaching and management staff, **Mr Arran Pene, Mr Todd Miller** and **Mr John Steel**. We also wish to acknowledge the following list of sponsors who helped individuals to raise the money they needed to attend the tournament:

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By Mr Todd Miller

## OUR CHAMPION MOOTING TEAM



Above: New Zealand's best, from left: Reuben Hurliman, Sameer Mandhan and Liam Haughey.

**M**ooting is the art of legal argument, and is very similar to what occurs in an actual courtroom. It's about putting forward your client's case, using judges' reasonings from real New Zealand cases to support your argument. It's also about responding to the judge's questions in a formal and respectful way with good knowledge of the cases and legislation. And you also have to destroy the other team's case too...with respect, of course!

The National Secondary Schools Mooting competition began in February, with the schools receiving the problem that they would moot about. This year, it focussed on whether an after-ball function, with alcohol, was lawful or not. It involved over 50 schools from across New Zealand, including those from Auckland, Waikato, Taranaki, Bay of Plenty, Wellington and much of the South Island. HBHS entered two teams in 2017, with Team 1 consisting of **Reuben Hurliman, Sameer Mandhan** and **Liam Haughey**, and Team 2 with **Henry Yao, Joseph Licht** and **Tanveer Billing**, all in Year 11, who were mooting for the first time. After the preliminary round, the top 8 teams were chosen for the semi-final round. These were Rosehill College from Auckland, Tauranga Boys' College, Tauranga Girls' College, Waikato Diocesan, Spotswood College from New Plymouth, Nelson College and both HBHS teams. HBHS 1 and Tauranga Girls' College then advanced to the final as the top two teams in the competition overall. In a close final, HBHS came out on top, and were

declared National champions. Special mention must go **Henry, Joseph and Tanveer** who progressed to the semi-final in their first year mooting, which is an incredible feat, especially for Year 11s. Special thanks must go to them for continuing to help our team in preparation for the final. Finally, a huge thank you to **Mrs Wallace**, who has continued to coach and support mooting at HBHS and the teams in this years competition. Her expertise, help and advice is much appreciated and we could not have won the competition without it.

After this year's success, attention has already turned to next year's competition, with new mooters needed to make the title defence. If you enjoy public speaking, or have an interest in law, doing mooting would benefit you without a doubt. It can be seen as the next level up from debating with more complex and realistic arguments, and is the best preparation for a high school student looking at law as a potential career. There are also significant prizes for winning the competition, including scholarships to Waikato University, monetary prizes, work experience at the McCaw Lewis law firm and of course, the chance to win a National championship. This is the third time HBHS has won the title, and our second in three years, meaning it's fair to say the school already has a proud history that it has to carry on. So, if you are interested in mooting, and would perhaps like to take part in next year's competition, be sure to look out for it in the notices in Term 1 next year.





# Cover Story

Spring 2017

## OUR FABULOUS FOOTBALLERS

Meet the New Zealand Secondary Schools Champion Football side, the HBHS 1st XI:



Back row: from left, Mr Greg Hansen (Manager), Logan Wisnewski, Liam Steffert, Joel McMullan, Harry Stocker, Keegan Hansen, Luke Woolerton, Quest Tipping, Dilan Nanayakkara, Matthew Shaw and Mr Aaron Scott (Coach).  
Front row: from left, Avishak Kumar, Shadrake Ngungumbili, Levi Clark, JohnLeo Caselli, John Clout (Captain), Alex Frank and Harry Christensen-Rose.

### FROM THE COACH

*Extracts from Mr Aaron Scott's presentation at the Full School Celebration Assembly.*

The final went into extra time with the score still locked at 0-0. In the first half of extra time, they had a golden chance from about four yards away but their striker blazed it over the bar - another indication that maybe this was indeed our time. Twenty more minutes of football could not break the deadlock and so to penalties we went for the second time in three days. Some excellent penalties under intense pressure saw both teams trading blows like boxers in the ring. 3-3 was the score when keeper **Keegan Hansen** made the most important save of his football career. We held our nerve to see us come to the final penalty, with **Luke Woolerton** stepping up to the spot. He must have felt the weight of the world on his shoulders, but you wouldn't have known it as he blasted HBHS Football into the record books with a superb strike. The celebrations on the pitch were incredible as subs and Old Boys from the far side of the pitch ran on to congratulate the boys! It was a surreal feeling for sure, but I made sure to go over and shake hands with the

Sacred Heart boys, as I know what it feels like losing big finals on penalties. Once the shock of winning was over, of course the emotions and congratulations started. When **John Clout** lifted the trophy there was a numb feeling where I felt my legs nearly give out - I couldn't contain the feeling and accompanying smile of being National champions.

I thank our parents, for their commitment and approach to the year, as they have trusted in us that we were doing things the right way to get the required results. I would also like to thank **Mr Marrow**, **Mr Nixon** and **Mr Wilkinson** for continuing to demonstrate your love for the game at HBHS and for influencing young men's lives in a positive way by supporting me with our goals for football. **Mr Hakeney** for having an unshakeable belief in me and pushing me to not rest on my laurels once goals had been achieved. **Mr Kuggeleijn** for his mentorship and team culture expertise. To the other elite code coaches for their advice, drive and passion that they share in their codes whilst keeping to our word of excellence with honour. To **Mr Greg Hansen**, my manager, who supported me and helped to create and influence the messages we delivered to the

boys this year. I am grateful to have gone through this whole ordeal with you, knowing you had my back. To my Mum and Dad and wife who are here today too. Thank you for the continual support and confidence you give me.

Lastly to all the footballers. We all share a love for the beautiful game, played in every little alley, street, field or stadium around the globe, and that passion is infectious to be around. I urge every footballer who would love to win a National title to have a conversation with any of these young men and ask them how hard it is to achieve and what they had to sacrifice to do it. They won't sugar coat how hard it was and how much they had to go to places they didn't think they could, but in that conversation, you will see the spark in their eye ignite, the smile on their face grow and hairs on the back of their neck stand up as they re-live those final moments again. They have helped put down a marker for the school, a piece of history that stays with us all forever. For these 16 boys, it will never diminish and I hope for those in the room now, that little spark flickers in your eye, as you dare to dream about the part you might play to continue our sporting legacy at HBHS.





## TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

New Zealand Secondary Schools 2nd XI Champions, The HBHS 2nd XI:



Back row: from left, Joseph Tomic, Jayden Gozdz, Ryan Tapp, Ollig Frank, Jayden Deane, Casey Sharplin, Max Ericksen, Kyle Kirsten and Taylor Evans. Front row: from left, Sena Hazama, Daniel Ngungumbili, Cory Townsend, Immo Frank, Jack Marden, Jackson Hawke and Tom O'Leary.

### FROM THE COACH

**Mr Hayden Marrow's presentation at the Full School Celebration Assembly.**

This year has been a fantastic year for the 2nd XI Football squad, with the team recently finishing third in the local 1st XI Football League season competition. A standout result was beating the St Peter's Cambridge 1st XI and subsequently lifting the Challenge Cup, a trophy which we still hold, and in less than two weeks' time, we will be playing in the Knock-out Cup final against the National Champions, our 1st XI.

With these recent successes in mind we travelled down to the Inaugural Second XI Football Tournament, being held over four days in New Plymouth.

On the Tuesday, with the weather holding off, we opened our account with a tough 2 - 0 victory over our closest rivals in our pool, Scots' College 2nd XI, with our winning goal coming from a **Taylor Evans** bicycle kick with fifteen minutes remaining.

We moved onto our second pool game of the day with the team needing only a draw

to see us through to the quarter-finals. We played a resilient Chanel 1st XI and with two long range goals from team captain **Kyle Kirsten** and a slicing run from centre-back **Joe Tomic**, we ran out comfortable winners 7-3.

The next day in the quarter-final we played a tired Central Hawkes Bay College 1st XI, whom earlier in the day drew with New Plymouth Boys' High School 2nd XI to make the quarter-final.

Our boys could sense they were tired and after consistent pressure and good finishing we found ourselves 4 - 0 up at halftime. A goal from **Jayden Deane** sealed the victory with ten minutes to go to make the final score 5 - 0.

On Thursday, our toughest test was ahead, a semi-final showdown against Napier Boys' High School 2nd XI. Playing into the wind and hail in the first half, we found ourselves down 1 - 0 at halftime, even though we had the majority of the possession and hit the post twice. In the second half, we turned our fortunes around and with two well-worked goals from **Taylor Evans** and **Jack Marden** to

eventually win, albeit nervously, 2 - 1.

This meant on Friday we had our final against Wellington College 2nd XI. With a venue change and clearer weather, the scene was set for a good tussle, and sure enough we got it. Wellington came out firing in the first twenty minutes and took a well-worked goal to go up 1 - 0. Our boys never lost focus and after multiple missed chances, **Casey Sharplin**, with only his second goal for the team, finally scored to go into the half 1 - 1. During the second half, both teams had opportunities to snatch the win and with extra time and penalties looking more likely, up stepped **Daniel Ngungumbili**. Picking up the ball from nearly half way down the field, **Daniel** ran at the opposition defence and from about 22 metres out, powered the ball past the keeper. With this goal the HBHS 2nd XI were crowned Football 2nd XI National Champions for 2017.

Huge thanks must go out to HBHS Old Boy **Dilshann Mohanaraj** for his work as Assistant Coach this year and to **Mr Stuart Hakeney** for his support in New Plymouth as Tournament Manager.





# Winter Tournament Week

Spring 2017

## AS IT HAPPENED - THE TOURNAMENT WEEK DIARY

### Monday:

It's day one and already it's all go for our HBHS teams as they begin their respective campaigns. The **Under 15A Rugby** team playing in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Nationals in Wellington had two solid wins, beating New Plymouth Boys' High School 15 – 3 and Wellington College 55 – 5. The **Under 14A Rugby** team begin their Super 8 Invitational Tournament with two wins, getting up over Tauranga Boys' College 22 – 7 and narrowly squeaking past Gisborne Boys' High School 15 – 12. It was not such a great start for our **Under 16 Quadrangular** team playing at home, as they went down 15 – 12 to Palmerston North Boys' High School. Thanks to their impressive Chiefs Regionals win in the wet on Saturday, the **1st XV** head to Palmerston North to contest the National Top 4 with their Friday afternoon semi-final against Southland Boys' High School set to be broadcast live on Sky 64 the Rugby Channel at 2:55pm.

Our senior **Hockey** sides began with good wins, with the **1st XI** winning their opening Rankin Cup match 5 – 0 against Burnside High School in Hamilton and the **2nd XI** having two big wins over Paraparaumu College 12 – 0 and Morrinsville College 6 – 0 in the Galletly Cup in Levin. Our **Under 15A Development** side found the going at the same tournament tougher as they went down 12 – 1 against St Patrick's College (Town) in their first match, but they recovered well to beat Paraparaumu College 4 – 2.

Competing in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Nationals in Napier, our **1st XI Football** team have had a very good first day of results, beating Avondale College 3 – 1 and Macleans College 3 – 0 to qualify for Top 16. Also in Napier, our **Badminton** team has made a very strong start, beating Avondale College 5 – 1 and then Westlake Boys' High School Number 2 team 6 – 0. Just down the road in Hastings, our **golfers** finished in fifth place thanks to **Tyler Wood** shooting a two-under par round and **James Fellows-Ford** finishing on even par.

Our **Junior Basketball** team have been hard at work, notching up a series of good wins at the Zonal Regionals in Papakura. The team beat Rosehill College 70 – 43, Mount



Above: Our Badminton players, from left, Joseph Johnston, Ben Perkinson, Devael Wijaya and Jasmanjot Virk. Adam Jeffrey, who was in the team, is not shown.

Albert Grammar School 90 – 69, St Peter's Cambridge 90 – 29, Fraser High School 69 – 57 and Northcote College 86 – 58. Local rivals St John's College put paid to this run, beating the team 97 – 79 in the quarter-finals to put them into the playoff for fifth to eighth.

Just over the Kaimais, our **Football Year 10 Colts** have made an emphatic start to the Hillsdene Tournament in Tauranga, beating Hastings Boys' High School 7 – 1, Wellington College 6 – 0 and Gisborne Boys' High School 8 – 0. Finally, our **golfers** have been dominant in the Waikato Secondary Schools Lunden Links in Hamilton, with the Number 1 team in first place and the Number 2 team right behind them in second. Bring on day two!

### Tuesday:

After winning 31 – 0 over Palmerston North Boys' High School, our **Rugby Under 15A** side are headed for a quarter-final meeting with Rotorua Boys' High School on Wednesday morning. A 10 – 10 draw with New Plymouth Boys' High School was good enough to send the **Under 14A Rugby** side through to a final against Hastings Boys' High School to determine who the Super 8 Champion will be, and our **Under 16 Rugby Quadrangular** side had a good 20 – 7 win over St Paul's Collegiate.

Our **1st XI Hockey** side had a close win over Napier Boys' High School, but stumbled against St Andrew's College, going down 1 – 0. They have still made the Top 16 and have a chance for redemption against Whangarei

Boys' High School on Wednesday. The much-anticipated meeting between the **2nd XI** and the **Under 15 Development** teams at the Galletly Cup was very one-sided this year, with the **2nd XI** walking away with bragging rights after an 8 – 0 thumping.

Our **Football** teams are tracking very well, with the **1st XI** qualifying for Top 8 and a quarter-final berth against St Kentigern's College on the back of a 5 – 0 win over Wellington College. The **2nd XI** began their campaign in New Plymouth with two good wins over Scots College 2 – 0 and Chanel College 7 – 3. The **Year 10 Colts** continue their excellent run of form in the Hillsdene Cup, beating St John's College 2 – 0 and drawing 1 – 1 against Westlake Boys' High School.

The **Junior Premier Basketball** team bounced back from their loss to St John's by beating King's College 74 – 68 in the playoff for fifth to eighth, and then finishing with a 90 – 82 win over Rosmini College to finish in fifth place overall. The **Senior Premier** team started their Regional Qualifying Tournament with two colossal wins over Otumoetai College 100 – 44 and then Rotorua Boys' High School 102 – 31.

Our **Badminton** team had a big 6 – 0 win over Southland Boys' High School, but went down 4 – 2 to the Westlake Boys' High School Number 1 team. Finally, our **Lunden Links Golf Teams** finished as they started, with the Number 1 team in first place and the Number 2 team in at second. Roll on Wednesday, things are getting interesting!





#### Wednesday:

Did I say interesting? I meant nerve-wracking! Our **Under 14A Rugby** team led their finals match until Hastings Boys' High School scored in the last minute of the game to win 15 – 12 to take the Super 8 title. The finish of the day has to go to our **Football 1st XI** who beat St Kentigern's College 4 – 3 in a penalty shoot out after being tied at 2 – 2 on full time. They have made the National Top 4 and will face Nelson College on Thursday. The **Under 15A Rugby** side have won through to a semi-final match with Auckland Grammar thanks to a 31 – 10 win over Rotorua, and our **Hockey 2nd XI** face Palmerston North Boys' High School in the Galletly Cup semi-final after getting past Timaru Boys' High School 1 - 0. Also at the Galletly Cup, the **Under 15 Development** team will play off for fifth to eighth against Tauranga Boys' College after drawing 2 – 2 with Morrinsville College. In more semi-final action, our **Football 2nd XI** will play Napier Boys' High School, whilst our Rankin Cup **Hockey 1st XI** made the most of their life, beating Whangarei Boys' High School to set up a quarter-final against Christchurch Boys' High School. Our **Badminton** team lost 4 – 2 to Auckland Grammar but came back to beat Macleans College 5 – 1, and our **Senior Premier Basketball** team continued to monster their opponents, beating Cambridge High School 97 – 30 and Opotiki College 119 – 36. The **Senior B Basketball** team kicked off their Regional Qualifying campaign in Papakura with a win and a loss, going down 56 – 51 to Sacred Heart College and then beating One Tree Hill College 91 – 65. Also in action for the first time was our **8-Ball Double** of **Kyle Edge** and **Callum Hopkins** who finished second in the plate final at the Nationals in Christchurch. Finishing their tournament runs were our **Under 16 Rugby Quadrangular** team who finished in third place after losing 15 – 8 to Sacred Heart. The heartbreaker of the day has to go to the **Football Year 10 Colts** team who beat New Plymouth Boys' High School 4 – 2 only to go down 6 – 5 in their semi-final against King's College in a penalty shoot out after being tied 1 – 1. They now meet hosts Tauranga Boys' College in the playoff for third and fourth. These tight results are testing our blood pressure, but we can take it! Roll on Thursday...

#### Thursday:

That was a pretty good day at the office! Three of our teams are through to New Zealand Secondary Schools finals and we wish them every success on finals Friday. The **Football 1st XI** won their semi-final against Nelson College 2 – 0 and face Sacred Heart tomorrow afternoon. The **Football 2nd XI** beat Napier Boys' 2 – 1 and now face Wellington College Friday morning and our **Rugby Under 15A** side will meet Christchurch Boys' High School after taking down Auckland Grammar 38 – 12. We say a huge congratulations to our **Badminton** team who finished third in New Zealand after ending their competition with a 4 – 2 win over St Kentigern's College. Our **Hockey** teams are through to play-offs, with our **1st XI** team now playing off for fifth to eighth after losing 2 – 1 to Christchurch Boys' High School. The **2nd XI** will play off for third and fourth after going down by a lone goal to Palmerston North Boys' High School and the **Under 15 Development XI** are playing off for seventh and eighth after losing their play-off 4 – 0 to Tauranga Boys' College. The **Senior Premier Basketball** team steamrolled Melville High School 97 – 38 and then put St John's College away 96 – 59 to set up a semi-final against St Peter's School Cambridge High School, having already done enough to qualify for the Nationals in September. The **Senior Premier B** side had a win and a loss again in their second day of play, narrowly losing 56 – 53 to Rosmini College and then beating Green Bay College 71 – 59. Unfortunately, our **Year 10 Colts Football** team lost their play-off 3 – 2 against Tauranga Boys' to eventually finish in fourth place. Finally, our **Rock-climbing** team achieved some outstanding results in the Waikato Secondary Schools Championships. In the Rural competition, **Oliver Shanks** (Year 9) was the top male climber and the team finished in second place. In the Urban competition, the Senior team finished first, second and sixth, and the Junior team finished in first, second and seventh. Overall, the HBHS climbers finished in second place. With some excellent results already, finals Friday can't come soon enough!

#### Friday:

Finals Friday has turned into a **Football Fiesta**! Our **1st** and **2nd XI** teams made not only school but regional history with our 1st XI becoming the first team to win the

New Zealand Secondary Schools title. Our **2nd XI** followed suit, winning their National Tournament in New Plymouth. The good news kept coming, with our **1st XV Rugby** team thumping Southland Boys' 49 - 0 to advance to the finals where Hastings is waiting for them. It was not to be for our **Under 15A Rugby** side, who went down to Christchurch Boys' 22 - 18 and our **1st XI Hockey** side also lost 1 - 0 to Paraparaumu, to finish sixth. The **2nd XI** beat Wellington College 5 - 0 to finish third, and the Under 15 Development side eventually finished eighth after losing to Northcote College. **Jack Ellis** led the way at the 8-Ball Tournament to finish second in New Zealand in the singles, and our Senior Basketball team took out their regional title, beating St Peter's in the semi-final 87 - 68 and then Melville in the final 75 - 46. The Senior B side won their play-offs against Southern Cross College 64 - 44 and Sancta Maria College 66 - 53 to finish in ninth place to round off a fantastic day of results.

#### Saturday:

Our **Cycling** team hit the roads and notched up some New Zealand Secondary Schools title winning results, with **Kiaan Watts** winning the overall Under 17 age group and **Archie Martin** winning the Under 17 Individual Time Trial in the Northern Tour. In Auckland, **Burnie McGrath** finished second overall in the Under 20 age group while **Noah Costar** finished second in the Criterium in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Southern Tour in Blenheim.

#### Sunday:

All eyes shifted to Palmerston North as the **1st XV** took to the field to try and knock over their joint Super 8 title-holders Hastings Boys' High School. It was tight going for much of the match, but Hastings pulled away in the second half to eventually win 25 - 17.

This has easily been one of our most successful Tournament Weeks ever. None of these results could ever have been achieved without all of the countless hours put in by teachers, coaches, parents, families, friends and supporters to help get our teams where they need to be. We thank everyone who helped make **Tournament Week 2017** a triumph. **Kia kaha to you all.**





## WRITING WORKSHOP

On Friday 28th July, Hamilton Boys' High School was visited by author, artist and all-around creative **Zee Southcombe** for a few writing workshops. **Zee** is a critically acclaimed author, specialising in children's fiction. She has been a runner-up for the **Sir Julius Vogel Award** and has written five novels, two non-fiction books and two young authors anthologies. She has another one of these coming soon, with the due date for entries at the end of Term 3.

These writing workshops talked through the processes of planning, writing, editing and publishing a professional novel. The 911 English students were lucky enough to listen to her as a part of our English course and we were not disappointed. The talk was extremely helpful and I'm sure that we will all take her advice on planning and drafting as our creative writing unit nears.

On top of this workshop, she also held another in-depth session with a group of students passionate about writing, which included myself. This included being given helpful advice on how to plan a piece, how to overcome writer's block, how to get your work published and making time to write.

All the young writers who got the privilege to work with **Zee** were very informed and I'm personally very grateful that she could take time out of her day to teach us about writing at a professional level. All her advice was extremely relevant and inspired us to pursue writing in the future.

By **Timothy Evans**

## NIWA WAIKATO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FAIR AWARDS

The NIWA Waikato Science and Technology Fair was held on Tuesday 22 August at the PWC Lecture Theatre at the Management School of the University of Waikato, and our HBHS scientists featured amongst the award-winners. **Timothy Evans** (911) was Highly Commended in the Material World category for his project "The C Effect". **Nicholas Geer** (914) won first place in the Year 9 – 13 Senior Inventions and Technical Innovations



Above: From left Ciaran Watson and Parthiv Kanji with their fellow finalist heading for Nationals.

with "Easy Blister Pack Opener" and also received a Special Award and Runner Up for the Senior Best Inventions Trophy. **Tebijan Kalarathan** and **Drishya Patel** (both in 912) won first place in the Material World (Chemistry-based investigation) with "A Clumping Mess Case" and received a Special Award from the Waikato Regional Council for an excellent exhibit relating to our environment. Finally, **Joshua Scott** (912) received a Special Award for "How Safe is my Drinking Water?" from the Sociological Association of Aotearoa for the exhibit with the best use of sociological methods. Congratulations to all of these boys on their efforts and to all of our scientists who worked so hard on their projects.

## WAIMATHS

As part of the New Zealand Mathematics week (14th – 18th August), the Waikato Mathematical Association ran their annual WaiMaths competition. HBHS entered the Year 9 and Year 10 sections which saw teams of three competing against each other in a "race" to correctly solve a chain of 20 difficult questions in 45 minutes. Not only is knowledge of the Maths Curriculum required for success, but so too is creativity, analytical ability, and teamwork.

Both our Year 10 team of **James-Hardy Rorimpandey, Eushin Kang and Aryan Gupta** as well as our Year 9 team of **Sulaiman**

**Bahiss, Drishya Patel and Arleigh Eden** did exceptionally well to win their competitions and earn custody of the coveted shield for the next year.

## SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to **Ciaran Watson** and **Parthiv Kanji**, two Year 9 students who are national finalists in the New Zealand Spelling Bee.

Recently they competed alongside 38 other semi finalists from the Central North Island, 14 of which were other HBHS students. These students had made it to the semifinals after proving themselves to be in the top 200 spellers in Years 9 and 10 in the country. It was a great achievement to get this far and all the boys who participated in the semifinal should be very proud of reaching that stage in the competition.

After several tense and brutal sudden death rounds, **Ciaran** and **Parthiv** were left standing as two of the three Central North Island representatives. We wish them all the best as they prepare for the Nationals, where they will compete against 16 other Year 9 and 10 students for the National title. HBHS has a proud history in this event, with recent Harvard University graduate and Old Boy **Christopher Jury** winning the National title in 2009 and going on to compete in the International Spelling Bee held in the United States.



# Around the School



## CANDLES AND A LESSON IN BOREDOM

Last term we brought you the third part of **Cian Sutherland's** (Year 12ENA) award winning writing which has been selected for publication in *Re Draft 16 The Dog Upstairs*. Please enjoy part four...

True.”  
He nods solemnly.  
“Yes, yes it is true. Now, did you really just come to Hell to argue with me about my genitals? If so, and it puts your mind to rest and your ass out of my grill, I can show you.”  
“As interesting as that may be, I will decline the offer for the moment. As for my purpose, I am here because...”  
I furrow my brow and raise my hand to my mouth.  
“Did you come to imitate The Thinker? If you so desire, I can have you immured for all eternity in a variety of poses among my stone gardens.”  
“I didn’t come to be placed in the devil’s backyard. I suppose I was just a bit bored. Could I sell you my soul to destroy the world?”  
“Ummmmmm... no. One soul does not equate to 7.125 billion. These things are all about equivalent exchange. Don’t be ridiculous.”  
“Right I didn’t think that would work.”  
He comes closer, shrinking a tad as he does so that he is more on my level. He’s still 6 foot plus, but that’s an improvement from Amazonian XXL.  
“Did you legitimately risk your life to come to Hell to ask me, Satan, one of the most fearfully revered figures in your human mythos, if I would wipe out the dominant species of a planet for roughly the price of a corn chip?”  
My hand flies to my chest and I step back, offended.  
“Is my soul really only worth a corn chip?”  
Seeing my obviously intense anguish and burning inner conflict, Satan looks a tad crestfallen.  
“Sorry, that was a bit mean. You’re worth more than a corn chip, I’m sure you’re a very nice person.”  
“Am I at least a high-end, brand name corn chip?”  
“Whatever helps you get to sleep at night.”  
“Cool.”

To be concluded...



Above: From left, Raynesh Prasad, Roberto Cerezo, Ms Shari Rutene, Brandon Climo and Ricko Agluba get into the spirit of Library Week 2017.

## LIBRARY WEEK

The annual HBHS Library Week was held in Week 6 of Term 3. This week is one in which the library promotes and expresses its contribution to the school whilst also proving its vitality in the school community. The Library Week celebrates literature and the Library as a fountain of knowledge, a hub in our school and an irreplaceable part of our community. This year’s Library week was heavily planned with a team of boys working very hard to make the week the best it can be for all students. A thematic approach was taken for this year’s celebration designating a theme to each day of the week not only commemorating the Library and all it stands for but also for literature as a vital part of education. The days were fun and brought the school community together with various students and Tutor Groups rushing to get a daily themed riddle correct and collect the daily riddle prize to the various lunchtime activities. This spanned over the course of the five days. Events were held daily in the library each lunchtime, and each event was planned to match the theme of the day. Scavenger Hunt on Mystery Monday to a Design your own Fantasy Character on Fantasy Friday were some of the bright ideas that were used in this year’s Library Week. These creative ideas saw the whole school community gather and the response we saw was great. Record numbers of people

turned up daily for events and to win prizes in the library. The event brought the school community together whilst delivering a competitive and fun driven experience. We would like to thank **Hamilton Paper Plus** and **Hamilton Poppy’s Bookshop** for their generous contributions towards the prizes in making Library Week of 2017 a great success. We would like to also thank all the Library support staff and the boys who planned the entire week for the amazing contribution they made towards our school community and in expressing the importance of the Library in terms of literature, in the structure of our school and in the education system.

By Raynesh Prasad







# International

Spring 2017

## MATTHEW KANG



In our regular trip to the International Students Centre, we meet a very special senior student, who in August was the recipient of a prestigious award. Education New Zealand announced the winner of its 1 Million Cent (\$10,000) Scholarship via its Study in New Zealand (SiNZ) Facebook page.

**Matthew (Taewook) Kang**, a Year 13 student and International student at HBHS won the scholarship.

**Matthew**, who was born in Korea, chose to complete high school study in Hamilton. He was attracted to New Zealand's focus on honing individual talent, the chance to develop a specialist knowledge in design and to experience life in a multicultural society.

With the help of the scholarship, **Matthew** is keen to pursue an undergraduate degree in art and design at Auckland University of Technology.

His ultimate ambition is to become a "famous designer".

Education New Zealand (ENZ) Chief Executive **Grant McPherson** says ENZ received more than 1,200 applications for the scholarship after it went live on the SiNZ Facebook from 7-20 July 2017.

"I want to congratulate **Matthew Kang** on his win and wish him the very best for further study in New Zealand.

"Our institutions offer excellent creative arts

education programmes, with creativity and innovation being at the heart of the New Zealand education system.

"Having a student like **Matthew** stay on to pursue university study in New Zealand says a lot about the high-quality education and positive learning environment that we offer.

"Most of the scholarship entries were of high calibre, highlighting how engaged our social media community is, and how social media platforms are such an effective way to reach mobile young people around the world," **Mr McPherson** says. The 1 Million Cent Scholarship was set up in celebration of ENZ reaching one million followers across all of its SiNZ social media platforms. The scholarship was run entirely on ENZ's social media platforms, which include Study in New Zealand Facebook, Twitter, Weibo, WeChat, Instagram and Snapchat.



Left: The victorious HBHS Business Quiz team with Mrs Koning celebrate their win. From left, Mrs Toni Koning, Christoph ten Houte de Lange, Jacky Jin, Jason Mace, Jackson Cate, Sameer Mandhan and Patrick Dowd.

## WMS BUSINESS QUIZ

The University of Waikato Management School Year 12 Business Quiz offers Year 12 students the chance to challenge others' wit, knowledge and understanding of commerce. This year's event consisted of teams from over 10 different schools, ranging from Hamilton all the way to Tauranga. The competition offered spectacular prizes, including spot prizes for individuals. It consisted of three rounds, the first on accounting and finance, the second on economics and politics, and the third on general business knowledge, with general knowledge questions in-between the rounds.

This year HBHS entered two teams and the six-man team consisting of **Sameer Mandhan, Jason Mace, Patrick Dowd, Jackson Cate, Jacky Jin and Christoph ten Houte de Lange** emerged victorious – correctly and rapidly answering the tie-breaking final question of "what is the four-year bachelor's business degree offered at Waikato University." Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand sponsored this year's competition and it was a great experience and competitive battle of knowledge.

Special thanks to **Mrs Koning** for helping organise the teams and supporting us on the night. I would wholly recommend this opportunity to all Commerce students in Year 12 next year, to not only potentially win spectacular prizes, but also to develop a greater understanding of commerce and business.

By **Sameer Mandhan**





## WILLIAM MACERLICH MEMORIAL GAME

Wednesday the 20th of September saw the playing of the annual **William MacErlich Memorial Rugby match** between two invitational sides composed of day students and Argyle House players. The match is to honour the memory of **William MacErlich**, who was a Year 12 student and resident of Argyle House when he tragically died due to influenza complications in 2005. This year was particularly special as **William's** father **Ian** was in attendance, along with family and friends from **William's** time here. The match was a lively and close contest, with the day students' team on the verge of causing a memorable upset. However, Argyle were not to be denied, and **Tevita Fa'ukafa** was not going to be stopped, running in a try with seconds left on the clock to clinch the game 22 - 20. **Jonas Pomare** was presented with the trophy by **Ian MacErlich** (right) and the teams then paid a powerful and emotional tribute to the family and the occasion with our school haka.

*Photography by Joshua Devlin*



## WILLIAM ROBERTSON WINS BIG

During the July school holidays, HBHS Year 13 student **William Robertson** represented the school at the TeenAG Stock Judging Competition in Feilding, along with competing in the Young Farmers Section. He also made up a team of three representing the Waikato Bay of Plenty Region in Stock Judging with his two elder brothers **Craig** and **James**, both Old Boys of the school. The overall result for **William** was fantastic with him winning three National titles not to mention some fairly substantial bragging rights over his older brothers! **William** dominated the field during competition, winning all but one of the TeenAg sections as well as placing in the Dairy and Beef sections of the Young Farmers competition. We were able to celebrate with **William** at our Senior Assembly (at right) and the New Zealand Young Farmers Senior Territory Manager **Ms Casey Huffstutler** was on hand to help us congratulate one of our Term 3 National title winners as was the MP for Hamilton East the Honourable **Mr David Bennett**.







# Culture

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## CULTURAL CATCH-UP

Week 8 of Term 3 saw HBHS celebrate Māori Language Week, and throughout the week, staff and students were all given the opportunity to learn and speak as much Te Reo as they could. The guiding principle is always “give it a go” and really enjoy the experience, and words and phrases were practiced during Tutor Group and in classes. One of the many highlights of the week was hearing the school prayer, read by **Kees Anderson**, in Māori during the Full School Celebration and Hall of Fame Assembly, and we certainly hope that this is something we will hear again. There was a haka competition on Thursday which filled the Hall, and the week concluded with a sausage sizzle, courtesy of our Prefect chefs, where the price was a correctly pronounced and translated phrase in Te Reo Māori. The queue indicated just how popular this was!

For the first time in the competition’s twenty-year history, our Senior TheatreSports team of **Josh Devlin, Ed Howell, Nicci Rich** and **Aidan Scott-Nanthasack** won the Waikato Secondary School’s TheatreSports competition. Congratulations to the team and to our Teacher in Charge of Drama, **Mr Dwight Ashton** on this result.

The HBHS Senior Debating Team of **Nicholas Goodman, Timothy Ng** and **Sameer Mandhan** have taken out the Waikato Secondary Schools Debating Competition after an almost unbeaten run in competition this year. Their season began on a winning note as they defeated St John’s College in the Russell McVeagh final and then went through the Waikato competition without losing a debate. They were successful at Super 8 in Rotorua, despite being without **Nick** who had been selected to compete at Nationals. They finished with a victory over Waikato Diocesan having successfully negated that politicians should be granted immunity from being charged for crimes in their pasts. As an added bonus, **Sameer** was awarded the Best Speaker prize. Congratulations once again to the team and thanks and congratulations to Teacher in Charge of Debating, **Mr Kevin Brown**.

The combined HBHS and HGHS Production of “**Dracula: The Musical**” was a runaway rave-review sell-out success. Every aspect of the show, from the insanely catchy tunes, the stunning staging and lighting, to the acting, singing and musicianship belied the fact that this was a “school show”. Audience members commented on the complete professionalism of the production and were incredibly impressed with how the young cast and musicians brought such a dark and stirring tale to life on stage.

In music news, our Jazz Band and Gypsy Pickers won gold at the Waikato Bay of Plenty Festival, along with our Guitar Combo. The HBHS Orchestra won silver, and the Junior Gypsy Pickers won bronze. At the recent National Barbershop Competition in Auckland, our group of **Reid Benseman, Nicci Rich, Ryan Monaghan and Fynn Bodley Davies** aka Three and a Half Men won silver and we congratulate them on this achievement.

*Below: Images from Māori Language Week (top) and from our wonderful production of “Dracula”.*





# Duke of Edinburgh



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY

### Opening Thoughts:

I admit it. I'm a liar. I have a memory of muttering over and over again, 'I'm never going to do this again' in the pouring rain like a mantra while helping a friend set up his tent. I would even go as far as to say that's what inspired me to continue. To have the belief that this indeed would be the very last time. The last time that I would go tramping. The last time to be in close proximity to mountains of mud. The last time that I would be more than a mile away from the nearest cell tower. But the simple truth is that I would do it, most likely, again. The pain of carrying a pack and venturing up and down, and up and down muddy 25 degree tracks seems to be a distant thought. And I guess this is what life really is. In the present, while facing a particularly difficult task, you become adamant that this indeed is the worst moment of your short life and that you would give up your left hand in order to avoid it. You hate it and it hates you, and it'll always be that way.

Then a week passes. All your clothes are dry and gear put back in its place. Really, for me the only thing different seems to be the small rip in the adidas sneakers that I wore. Life continues like normal. Then in that moment, the hate for that moment disappears and it strikes you that indeed, that going to that Duke of Edinburgh qualifying tramp was a good idea. It built character and it showed me how any struggles you may have can be overcome with dedication and determination and that life is meant to be about defeating challenges, and wrestling them into submission. As a rather introverted being, mostly at home in the comfort of a warm home and with high speed internet, it is rather odd that I am eager for the next step. But then again, I kind of face it with a feeling of dread too.

### Preparation Journey:

The preparation tramp for the qualifying journey took place over three days and two nights. On the 17th of March, our group left HBHS and travelled by van for slightly more than two hours, reaching Pureora Forest Park. Once we arrived, we set up camp and



prepared dinner. I had a Back Country freeze-dried meal. I personally set up a hoochie, with assistance from the supervising teacher. On the second day, we packed up everything and made groups. I was with **Shantia, Aryan, Sam** and **Jonathan**. After walking for numerous kilometres, our group attempted to create a shelter with rope and to start a fire. While the shelter was relatively decent, the less said about the fire, the better.

During the afternoon, we walked back to camp. The second time of putting up my hoochie, this time completely by myself was not as good. That night sleep was a welcome embrace.

The third day was by far the most difficult. In the morning we got up from camp to a nearby mountain. The name escapes me. Our hope and determination, fuelled with bags of scroggin soon gave way to dread as we finally comprehended the task ahead of us. Sloping hills, treacherous swamps, boysenberry bushes and a dodgy bridge was what we encountered. It took strength and determination, but we pulled through. Done. A long journey home awaited us.

What I learned from the preparation journey Exactly what should and shouldn't be in my gear list for next time.

How I'll need to bring a better quality pack. It won't be as easy as I thought.

I hate mud.

### Qualifying Journey:

Having been on the practice journey, packing was very straight forward. On the first day, we (me, **Shantia, Eddie, Parth, Yaksh** and **Jay**) departed HBHS on the 27th of May.

We arrived at the start of Waihora track (near the Waihora stream) and walked all the way to the Waihaha Hut. The first day was definitely the most difficult and involved digging in deep to overcome the challenge. The hardest part was not necessarily the distance (around 11 km), nor the weight on our backs, but the rigorous ups and downs of the terrain. As the tramp progressed, so did the intensity of the rain. This led to the ground becoming very muddy which obviously made travelling more challenging. By the time we arrived at the DOC maintained Waihaha hut, our party was exhausted. After a quick dinner and setting up the tent (in the rain and in the dark), sleep quickly overcame our thoughts. The next day was much easier. The distance we had to travel was around 7 km, but the terrain was much more mild, This led to a comparably easier walk, and although fatigue was starting to set in, the thought of finishing the tramp ensured that our focus was on finishing as quickly as possible. Along the way, we saw some amazing sights of the New Zealand cliffs and bush. When we finished, an open road was greeting us and we boarded the van to start the long journey home.

### What I learned from the qualifying journey:

The slope of the walk can make things more difficult than the distance.

All tough experiences come to an end.

All tough experiences can be used to build your character.

I hate mud.

By Eushin Kang





# Around the School

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## READING FOR OUR LIVES A COLUMN BY DR DAVID WILLIAMS

This year we have been very lucky to have had four guest writers visit us here at school. First up was charismatic Irish author, **Shane Hegarty**, whose Darkmouth fantasy series has won him fans all over the world. We were also fortunate to have acclaimed illustrator, **Michel Mulipola**, visit us as part of the National Storylines Festival and tell his story of how a love of reading and drawing led him to a global career in illustration. Earlier this term we had Auckland writer, **Z.R. Southcombe**, speak to two ALP classes and a small group of other budding writers about the realities of life as a writer in New Zealand. The highlight of the year, however, was undoubtedly the visit of South Auckland writer, **David Riley**, who held three workshops for Year 9 and 10 Māori and Pasifika boys. Among other books, **Riley** is the author of *Powering Up with Joseph Parker*, *Jammin' with Steven Adams*, *Kickin' It with Winston Reid*, and *Offloading with Sonny Bill Williams*. **Riley** entertained and inspired the boys with stories about New Zealand sports stars for whom reading has played an important role in helping them get where they are. Humble, relatable, and passionate, **David Riley** left the boys talking about his message for many days afterwards.

As exciting as it is to have writers come to school and "normalise" reading as an essential part of boys' everyday lives, it has also become evident that as a school we need to provide a clearer structure to support boys to continue reading for pleasure from when they enter in Year 9 to when they leave in Year 13. Such a structure would be particularly aimed at halting the drop off in reading that traditionally occurs at the age of around 14 or 15. Historically, the most common explanation is that teenagers get lost in the transition from books for children and young people to books for adults. Pre-adolescence, kids read *Harry Potter*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, but at 14 or 15 it's not always immediately clear where to go from there.

As a response to this situation, in 2018 we intend to launch the Hamilton Boys' High School Reading Awards. The concept



Above: Some of our budding HBHS writers with visiting author Z.R. Southcombe.

for the HBHS Reading Awards is loosely modelled on the well-established Duke of Edinburgh Awards in that students will have the opportunity to work towards bronze, silver, and gold reading awards throughout their time at the school. At each level students will be able to choose from a selection of books across various fiction (sci-fi, adventure, mystery, fantasy, classic literature, young adult, myths and legends, graphic novels) and non-fiction (biography, sport, history, economics, arts and culture, technology, popular maths and science) categories and work towards a bronze, silver, and then gold award. Like any other significant achievement, these awards will be acknowledged at both school assemblies and on students' reports. The Reading Awards programme is designed to be flexible and accessible to as many different boys as possible. We want to acknowledge the value of what boys already read while simultaneously supporting them to expand their normal reading horizons. We want the carefully crafted reading lists to guide and shape students' reading choices and give parents and teachers suggestions as to where a student might take his reading next. Above all, we want boys to continue to discover the treasures and pleasures of reading and to help them sustain this sense of discovery in this critical stage of their reading lives.

## STAFF NEWS

We say hello and welcome this term to our new Media Studies and English teacher, **Mrs Linda Hill**, who has taken over from **Ms Suzanne Oliver**. **Mrs Hill** joins us from our Super 8 neighbour across the Kaimais, and we thank her for stepping in so energetically to support our senior English and Media Studies classes. We congratulate **Mrs Gemma Hickman** and her husband **Mike** on the birth of her daughter **Elsie**, along with the proud grandfather, **Mr Pat Cheyne**. **Mr Maurice** and **Mrs Alice Matthews** very recently joined the Grandparents Club and we congratulate them both. Sadly this term we had to farewell **Mrs Sandra Ardern** who has been with us for 18 years, and who was such a cheerful and welcoming presence in the Dean's Centre. **Mrs Ardern** began her time with us on Reception and since then has fulfilled a number of roles, with most of her time recently being spent as an absolutely invaluable support to staff and students in Pastoral Care. We wish her well in her new role at the Hamilton City Council. At the end of the year we will say farewell to a number of staff who will be retiring, in **Mr Kevin Brown**, **Mr Pat Cheyne** and **Mrs Jan Missen**. We will celebrate all that they have contributed to our school in the Term Four High Achiever.