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Our Top 6 Prefects of 2017. From left, Reid Benseman, Timothy Ng, Caleb Muntz, Reuben Hurliman, Timothy Neild and Quinn Tupaea.

High Achiever

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



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Graham Lewis Robinson
Born 17 March 1953 Died 18 November 2017
A tribute to honour our Deputy Headmaster



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To our HBHS family and friends,
 This has been a very difficult few weeks, and we begin by thanking you all for your support and care during our time of grief. Our final newsletter for the year is normally a celebratory one, and we do have much to celebrate. We congratulate our Dux of 2017, **Rohan Thomas**, along with all of our academic, cultural and sporting award winners. We look forward to spending time with our families and friends over the Christmas break, and we are reminded of just how precious that time is. Finally, we celebrate the life of our Deputy Headmaster, **Mr Graham Robinson**, and thank him for his immeasurable contribution to our school. **Graham** was our quality control person on all publications and nothing escaped his eye. He would have immediately told me to take him off the cover, and then reminded me that this publication is meant to be about the boys. We disagreed on occasions, particularly over covers, but for this edition I am going to insist. Thank you, **Graham**, for all of your support over the years. I wish you all a happy and restful holiday and look forward to seeing you back here in 2018. Meri Kirihimete to you all.

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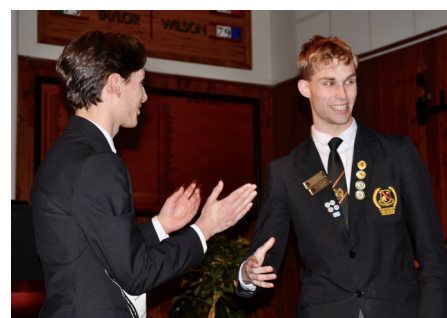
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Below, it's trophy time. From left: Cultural Performer of the Year **Nicci Rich** is congratulated by fellow nominee **Nicholas Goodman** at the Arts Awards. Centre: Musicians **Jacob Brown** and **Reid Benseman** at Senior Prize Giving. Right: **Sam Diggelmann** and **Sean Trowern** at the Sports Awards Evening.



Sportsmen of the Year Isaiah Priddey and Quinn Tupaea



Above: Atawhai Cowley and Caleb Muntz with Mrs Hassall at the Māori and Pasifika Awards Evening. Below: Gobus Scholarship winner Aditya Shah and his very proud Mum, Ms Santosh Sharma



Foundation



STOP THE PRESS! WEEKEND GOLD FOR OUR ATHLETES AND TEAMS

The first weekend of summer has proven to be a golden one for HBHS. Our Condor Sevens team became one of only two schools to win the National Sevens title three years in a row, defeating Scots College 21 – 10 in the final. Earlier that afternoon HGHS secured the Hamilton double by beating Christchurch Girls' High School 20 – 5. The HBHS team wore black armbands to honour our Deputy Headmaster **Mr Graham Robinson** and the team, captained by **Brad NcNaughten** dedicated the win to **Mr Robinson**.

Over in Hastings, our HBHS Athletics team spent the weekend notching up ten medals in what is one of our best hauls ever at this event. Bronze medals were won by **Trent Campbell**, in the Junior Boys 400m, and **Matheus Pio** in the Senior Boys 200m. **Charles Annals** won silver in the Junior Boys Triple Jump and the Junior Boys Hurdles, and our Senior 3-man team of **Connor Tristram**, **Sean Trowern** and **William Swales** also won silver in the road race. The Junior Boys 4 x 100 relay team of **Charles Annals**, **Hamish Keenan**, **Trent Campbell** and **Flynn Finlay-Yates** also won silver, and this bodes very well for our next few years. **Tyron Hilton** won a silver in the Junior Boys 100m and backed up with a gold medal in the Junior Boys 200m, and **Isaiah Priddey** won double gold in the Senior Boys 3000m and 1500m. Huge congratulations to all of these athletes and their very proud coaches on a spectacular weekend of winning.



HBHS FOUNDATION OLD BOYS CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

Full details of all events can be found on the web page www.hbhs.school.nz/Old-Boys/Foundation

- 18th February** **Old Boys Afternoon at the cricket**
 HBHS Front Field
 2pm
 RSVP: foundation@hbhs.school.nz
 All Old Boys welcome
- 13th April** **Lodge HBHS Foundation Golf Day**
 St Andrews of Hamilton Golf Course
 12 noon
 register: foundation@hbhs.school.nz
 Cost: \$100 individual entry
- 8th June** **HBHS Foundation Luncheon**
 WINTEC Atrium Hamilton
 12 noon
 register: amallett@hbhs.school.nz
 Tickets \$149 includes 4 course meal and open bar
- June** **HBHS Rugby First XV Breakfast**
 HBHS v tba
 First XV teams of 1968, 1978 and 1988 will enjoy breakfast at Argyle House 8.30am with the current First XV.
 Old Boys of 1968, 1978 and 1988 are invited to attend for morning tea from 11am in the staff room and to watch the game.
- September** **Foundation Month (events to be advised)**
 This year the Foundation will launch HBHS Foundation Month which will include a number of fundraising and friendraising initiatives. We would love to hear from any Old Boys' who wish to bring year group gatherings to life during this time. Social drinks will be held at HBHS during this month at which all Old Boys' are welcome.
- 13th September** **HBHS Foundation Hall of Fame Ceremony**
 10am Senior Assembly followed by a lunch for invited guests

For a full list of other school based activities in the areas of Arts, Culture or Sport please see the HBHS website. www.hbhs.school.nz or find the HBHS Foundation Old Boys' Facebook page.



At left and above: our fantastic teams and athletes in winning form at their respective competitions. The team photos are of our Condor Sevens National title-winners, and the Junior Boys 4 x 100m Relay team who won silver. The individual photos are of our Sportsmen of the Year, **Quinn Tupaea** and **Isaiah Priddey**, who have finished their years at HBHS on the finest of notes, winning National titles on their last outings in our school colours.

HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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HIGH ACHIEVER



School Newsletter

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,



As we come to the end of 2017, I thank each of you for all that you have contributed to the school throughout the year. We are blessed, as a community, by our very special families, and by the wonderful staff. And we are fortunate to share our days with so many young men who give so much to us all, every day. Our year as a school family concludes with great sadness, as we mourn the sudden death of our Deputy Headmaster of 27 years, **Graham Robinson**. It has been a tragedy for Graham's family, and for us all, and it is with a sombre spirit that I read this final newsletter.

Yet, as I read, I can state with absolute sincerity, and genuine humility, that I have never felt so proud of our school community, as I have through the past two weeks. We have shared our grief, we have been strengthened together, by the huge support received from other schools, and so many people from outside of our immediate world.

The celebration of Graham's life at his funeral in our School Assembly Hall, is a fitting symbol of a family, standing together, united in a shared desire to support one another through this most difficult of times. I have been moved to tears so often through past days, and on no occasion more than the performance of the school haka, as Graham, Mr Robinson, left the school for the final time. It was a fitting farewell.

And two weeks later, I recognise the strength and love of our HBHS world again, as our Premier Sevens Team this weekend successfully defended their National title. Their performance was stellar, courageous and talented in every respect. But what makes it so very memorable, what makes me so proud, is the manner in which their success was achieved. On finals day, the team dedicated the tournament to Mr Robinson. Each player wore a black armband; as the final began, the team stood, together in a circle, for Graham, a man who has been tireless in his support of so many teams throughout the past 27 years.

The team won, and they won with honour. And they won in a flawless fashion. Graham would be proud, and he would recognise, as I do, in the actions of the team today, a reflection of the reason why Hamilton Boys' is a wonderful, wonderful school. In their actions was love, for each other, for the staff, and for us all.

We complete our year, proud to be a part of such a world. Humbled to share our world with such superb young men. And grateful to be a part of a family who stand together in both joy and sadness. I thank you all for your care and support. We look forward to 2018, assured that we will share another very special year together, made stronger and better by the love which is so much a part of our extraordinary world.

Susan Hassall
HEADMASTER

Term 1 2018 Events

Auckland Anniversary

Monday 29 January

School Starts

Tuesday 30 January Yr 9, Yr 13

Wednesday 31 January Yr 10

Thursday 1 February Yr 11

Friday 2 February Yr 12

Year 13 Leadership Camp

31 January - 1 February

Waitangi Day

Tuesday 6 February

Swimming Sports

Wednesday 14 February

Athletic Sports

Thursday 1 March

Blood Donors

Friday 9 March

Mufti Day Starship

Thursday 15 March

Summer Tournament Week

19 - 23 March

Good Friday

30 March

Easter Monday & Tuesday

2 - 3 April

Year 9 Parents Evening

Thursday 5 April

Mufti Day Diabetes Youth

Thursday 5 April

Year 10 - 13 Report Evening

Monday 9 April

Westlake Exchange

Tuesday 10 April

End of Term 1

Friday 13 April



Awards Evenings

2017 ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS EVENING

The 2017 Arts and Cultural Awards Evening was held on Tuesday 24 October, and as our Captain of Arts **Reid Benseman** said, it has been an extraordinary year in the Arts at HBHS. The evening was a stunning showcase of the incredible talents possessed by our students in all artistic endeavours and it was an opportunity to truly appreciate the time and effort that goes in to making performances seem so effortless. To quote our Director of Culture and brilliant compère for the evening, **Mr James Sutherland**, art is to life as breath is to life, it is essential. We congratulate all of our award winners and congratulate and thank all of the staff and students who worked so tirelessly to make 2017 so successful.

DEBATING

MCW Cup for Best All-round Debater to **Nicholas Goodman**

Norton-Brown Cup for Most Promising Debater to **Sameer Mandhan**

HBHS Cup for Most Improved Senior Debater to **Shilong Yang**

Kolah Cup for Most Promising Year 10 Debater to **Bradley Francis**

Thomas Simpson Cup for Best Junior Debater to **Samuel Fraser**

Sarbutt Cup for Staff versus Student Debating to the Students (in a Rock-Paper-Scissors tie-break!)

MOOTING

Achievement Certificate for First Place in the National Mooting Championships to **Sameer Mandhan**

Achievement Certificate for First Place in the National Mooting Championships to **Reuben Hurliman**

Achievement Certificate for First Place in the National Mooting Championships to **Liam Haughey**

CREATIVE WRITING

HBHS Regal Insurance Cup for Junior Prose to **Edward Smith**

HBHS Regal Insurance Cup for Senior Prose to **Cian Sutherland**

DRAMA

Achievement Certificate for Greatest Contribution to the School Production to **Mitchell Clement**

Taylor Cup for Outstanding Performance in the School Production to **Aidan Scott-Nanthasack**

Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior to **Ryan Choy**

Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior to **Katoanga Vaka**

Achievement Certificate for Services to Drama to **Aryan Gupta**

Achievement Certificate for Contribution to Shakespeare to **Spencer Littlewood**

Leach Cup for Outstanding Dramatic Performance to **Nicholas Goodman**



Arts and Cultural



Above: Reid Benseman, Fynn Bodley-Davies, Cultural Performer of the Year Nicci Rich and Ryan Monaghan, aka Three and a Half Men.

THEATRE SPORTS

Theatre Sports Cup for Outstanding Performer in Theatre Sports to **Joshua Devlin**
Achievement Certificate for Outstanding Performer in Junior Theatre Sports to **Aryan Gupta**

MUSIC

Harbone and Arthur Cup for Services to Co-Curricular Music to **Jacob Brown**
Botting Cup for Best Performing Soloist to **Euan Safey**
One Fat Man Trophy for Outstanding Live Performance to **Three and a Half Men, YSIH Parade of Champions**
Skandera Cup for Best Performing Group to **Three and a Half Men**
Nic Jeffs Memorial Cup for Excellence in Music to **Reid Benseman**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior Musician to **Paulo Galceran**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Middle-School Musician to **Charlie Hudson**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior Musician to **Noah Page**

VISUAL ARTS

Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Junior to **Avitesh Singh**
Achievement Certificate for Most Improved Senior to **Santiago Romero**
Community Arts Award for Most Improved Year 12 Visual Arts to **Ethan Perrin**
Community Arts Award for Most Improved Year 13 Visual Arts to **Normaan Mohammed**
Achievement Certificate for Outstanding Senior Photographer to **Mitchell Clement**
Achievement Certificate for Outstanding

Senior Designer to **Mitchell Clement**
Visual Arts Award for Best Visual Artist in more than one Discipline to **Matthew Kang**
Neville Grinter Cup for Outstanding Commitment to Visual Arts to **Greshym Percy**

AUDIO VISUAL

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

CULTURAL PERFORMER OF THE YEAR

Nominee: **Nicholas Goodman**

- Member of the Senior Debating team that won the Waikato Regional and Russell McVeagh titles
- Member of the HBHS Jazz Band that won the Waikato Bay of Plenty title
- Represented the Waikato Region at the National Secondary Schools Debating Competition in Wellington

- Lead role in the HBHS and HGHS production of "Dracula"

Nominee: **Nicci Rich**

- Sheilah Winn Shakespeare performance of "Titus Andronicus" - represented the Waikato region at the National Festival
- Super 8 Drama - won title as a member of the "Titus Andronicus" performance
- Principal cast member in HBHS and HGHS production of "Dracula"
- TheatreSports - member of the Senior team which won the Waikato Competition
- Young Singers in Harmony - won Waikato competition, finished second at the National Competition
- Member of Men's Harmony Chorus - competed in Australia and won gold

Cultural Performer of the Year: Nicci Rich



Above: Nicholas Goodman. Below: Sameer Mandhan and family.





Awards Evenings

2017 MĀORI AND PASIFIKA AWARDS EVENING

On Thursday 26 October, HBHS celebrated all of the wonderful achievements of our Māori and Pasifika students in 2017. If ever there is an evening where the audience is treated to displays of passion, pride and talent honed by hundreds of hours of work and practice it is this one. The audience was greeted in stunning style with a combined performance by our HBHS and HGHS Kapa Haka group Te Maurea Whiritoi and our Pasifika Performance Group and later in the evening, **Kees Anderson** and **Reid Benseman** combined their considerable musical talents in a very special performance. We celebrated all that our Māori and Pasifika students had achieved in their academic, cultural, service and sporting endeavours in 2017, and present the award winners with pride.

Academic Awards Junior Finalists:

Trent Campbell (Year 10)	Cook Island Māori
Manasseh Cowley (Year 10)	Ngāpuhi, Samoa
Riley Katipa (Year 10)	Tainui
Manaia Marsden (Year 10)	Ngai Te Rangi
Moses McGoon (Year 9)	Fiji
Noah Page (Year 9)	Ngāti Porou, Cook Island Māori

Academic Awards Junior Winner:

Trent Campbell (Year 10)	Cook Island Māori
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Academic Awards Senior Finalists:

Ollig Frank (Year 11)	Samoa
Immo Frank (Year 12)	Samoa
Caleb Muntz (Year 13)	Waikato, Fiji
Kelvin Oosten (Year 13)	Ngāti Pūkiao, Ngāti Kahungunu
Hakaraia Richards-Coxhead (Year 11)	Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Waikato, Te Arawa
Sikolasipi Faka'osilea (Year 12)	Tonga

Academic Awards Senior Winner:

Kelvin Oosten (Year 13)	Ngāti Pūkiao, Ngāti Kahungunu
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Service Awards Junior Finalists:

Dylan Heta (Year 10)	Ngāti Maniapoto me Ngāti Raukawa
Jone Curulala (Year 10)	Fiji

Service Awards Junior Winner:

Jone Curulala (Year 10)	Fiji
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Service Awards Senior Finalists:

Caleb Akapita (Year 11)	Ngāti Rangi
Atawhai Cowley (Year 13)	Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Samoa
Joseph Graham (Year 13)	Ngāti Ruanui me Ngai Te Rangi
Caleb Muntz (Year 13)	Waikato, Fiji

Service Awards Senior Winner:

Atawhai Cowley (Year 13)	Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Samoa
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Top: *Manaia Ngataki-Matthews with Whaea West. Next: Kees Anderson and Nicole Anderson. Next: Atawhai Cowley and Caleb Muntz with Mr Hotham and Mr Kirkham. Bottom: Kelvin Oosten and Carla Oosten.*

Māori and Pasifika



Cultural Awards Junior Finalists:

Ramsey Finau (Year 10) Fiji
Dylan Heta (Year 10) Ngāti Maniapoto me Ngāti Raukawa
Brigham Lio (Year 10) Samoa, Fiji
Zan Southon (Year 9) Tuhoe

Cultural Awards Junior Winner:

Dylan Heta (Year 10) Ngāti Maniapoto me Ngāti Raukawa

Cultural Awards Senior Finalists:

Kees Anderson (Year 13) Ngāpuhi
Te Matakana Dunn (Year 13) Tainui me Ngāpuhi
Tetava Johnson (Year 13) Cook Islands
Leon Leefe (Year 11) Te Aupouri
Mascardo Mulipola (Year 13) Samoa
Dylan Poihipi (Year 11) Tainui

Cultural Awards Senior Winner:

Kees Anderson (Year 13) Ngāpuhi

Kapa Haka Awards:

Tama Kaha Certificate for greatest improvement to **Manaia Ngataki-Matthews**
 Tama Manaaki Certificate for most supportive to **Lance Taitoko**
 Whatukura Mareikura Certificate for leadership and skill to **Te Matakana Dunn**
 Tama Toa Trophy for service to **Tamihana Te Aho**

Leadership Awards Junior Finalists:

Livi Hirawani (Year 10) Tainui, Samoa
Myshaan Komene (Year 10) Ngāti Porou
Willie Mulipola (Year 10) Samoa

Leadership Awards Junior Winner:

Livi Hirawani (Year 10) Tainui, Samoa

Leadership Awards Senior Finalists:

Atawhai Cowley (Year 13) Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Samoa
Caleb Muntz (Year 13) Waikato, Fiji
Tane Te Aho (Year 13) Ngāti Porou me Ngāti Koroki Kahukura
Quinn Tupaea (Year 13) Tainui

Leadership Awards Senior Winner:

Caleb Muntz (Year 13) Waikato, Fiji

Sporting Awards Junior Finalists:

Noah Hotham (Year 10) Samoa
Cooper Merito (Year 10) Ngāti Awa

Sporting Awards Junior Winner:

Noah Hotham (Year 10) Samoa

Sporting Awards Senior Finalists:

Charles Alaimalo (Year 13) Samoa
Raukawa Jefferies (Year 12) Ngāti Raukawa
Ifor Jones (Year 13) Te Arawa

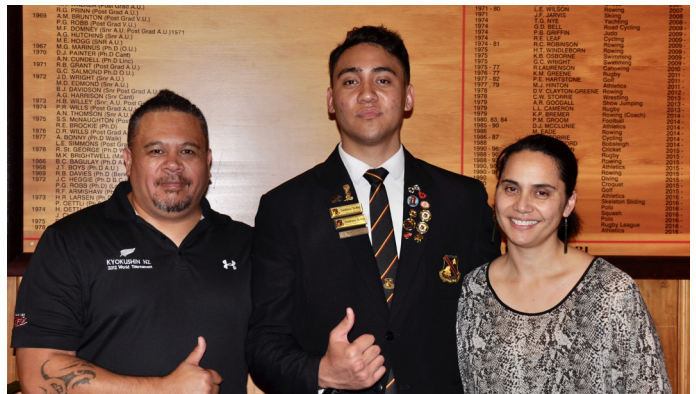
Tauterangimarie Kapea (Year 13) Ngāti Haua
Quinn Tupaea (Year 13) Tainui
Kiaan Watts (Year 11) Ngāti Tūwharetoa
Raiki Willison (Year 13) Tainui

Sporting Awards Senior Winners:

Quinn Tupaea (Year 13) Tainui and **Raiki Willison** (Year 13) Tainui

Special Awards:

He Tohu Manaaki to **Tamihana Te Aho** (Year 13) Ngāpuhi
 The Good Samaritan Award to **Atawhai Cowley** (Year 13) Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Samoa



Top: The stunning opening performance. Middle: Junior Academic Award winner Trent Campbell with Tere Campbell and Denise Campbell. Bottom: Tamihana Te Aho with Hawira Te Aho and Karleen Broughton.



Awards Evenings

2017 SPORTS AWARDS EVENING

Individual Sporting Codes:

Archery

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

Athletics

Taylor Brothers Cup for Intermediate Hurdles to **Mattheus Pio**

Thompson Cup for Senior Hurdles to **Isaac Milne**

A D Becks Cup for Senior Sprints (100m) to **Samuel Diggelmann**

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

F Grinter Cup for Senior Field Events to **Tyler Wood**

K A Hudson Cup for 2000m Steeplechase to **Sean Trowern**

T Mills Cup for Senior Distance (3000m) to **Bradley Cullen**

Oettli Cup for Senior 1500m Champion to **Isaiah Priddey**

Rockwell Brothers Cup for Junior Champion to **Oliver Main**

R Johnson Cup for Intermediate Champion to **Mattheus Pio**

C L McDiarmid Cup for Senior Champion to **Tyler Wood**

Badminton

Betty Grigg Memorial Cup for Service to Badminton to **Benjamin Perkinson**

G De Groen Trophy for Junior Novice to **Tebijan Kalarathan**

Oriana Cup for Junior Champion to **Alex Kim**

The Shield for Most Promising Player to **Devael Wijaya**

Canada Cup for Senior Champion to **Jasmanjot Virk**

Basketball

Baldwin Trophy for Most Outstanding Junior Player to **Daimond Porima-Ferguson**

Cameron Cup for Most Improved Senior Player to **Koare Hudson**

Peter Harvey Memorial Cup for Service to Basketball to **Dylan Ryburn**

Lions Cup for the Senior Premier Player who displays strength, courage, creativity and perseverance to **Thomas Power**

HBHS Cup for Outstanding Premier Player to **Kainoa Lepou**

Canoe Polo

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **William Marshall**

Chess

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

Baigent Cup for Senior Champion to **Shilong Yang**

Cricket

John Paul Bat for Best Junior Cricketer to **Jacob Parker**

Aim Trophy for Development Batting to **Josh Glass**

The Kerry Calnon Trophy for Development Bowling to **Jack Chaplow**

Patterson Cup for Fielding in 1st XI Cricket to **Jack Devane**

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

1st XI Bowling Trophy for Most Wickets in a Season to **Ben Morris-Brown**

John Nelson Memorial for Service to Cricket to **Ben Morris-Brown**

1st XI Batting Cup for Batting Aggregate to **Cullen Aislabie**

Shane Thomson Trophy for Best All-round Senior Cricketer to **Dilan Nanayakkara**

Nic Jeffs Memorial Trophy for Commitment and Dedication to the

Development XI to **Declan O'Brien**

Cross Country

Junior Steeplechase Cup for Junior Cross Country Champion to **Oliver Gordon**

Malcolm Cup for Intermediate Cross Country Champion to **Oliver Foote**

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

Cue Sports

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

Cycling

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

Derek Houghton Award for Most Dedicated Cyclist to **Archie Martin**

Norman Shattrock Trophy for Most Outstanding Performer to **Kiaan Watts**

Fencing

Audrey Angelo-Duncan Cup for Most Outstanding Fencer to **Cameron Gillespie**

Football

HBHS Cup for Most Promising Year 9 Player to **Lemuel Le Hane**

Jonathan Perry Trophy for Most Promising Colts Player to **Joshua Galletly**

Weaver Cup for Most Improved Colts Player to **Tawhirimatea Ball**

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

Jonathan Perry Shirt for Most Improved Senior to **Harry Stocker**

English Shirt for the Captain of 1st XI Football to **John Clout**

Coaches Cup for Most Valuable in 1st XI Football to **Keegan Hansen**

Shaun Malthus Trophy for Most Improved Player in a Social Grade to **Angus Newell**

Westphal Cup for Service to Football to **Keegan Hansen** and **Liam Steffert**

Futsal

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

Golf

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

Centenary Cup for Junior Champion to **Samuel McArthur**

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

Hockey

Puna Cup for Most Outstanding Junior Player to **Luke Aldred**

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

Wheeler Cup for Most Improved Player to **Wim Du Preez**

Warwick Hartley Memorial for Dedication and Commitment to **Vaughn Wells**

Haydn Steel Master Blaster for Most Goals in Hockey 1st XI to **Tai Green Wihare**

The Wells Family Cup for Most Valuable Defender in an Elite Team to **Logan Potter**

Inline Hockey

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Wynn Craven**

Sports



Lacrosse

HBHS Cup for Most Outstanding Player to **Connor Parker**

Rowing

H and T Loe Trophy for Most Improved Oarsman to **Matthew Humphrey**

Richard Palmer Trophy for Most Improved Coxswain to **Samuel McArthur**

Satherley Cup for Junior Leadership to **Jack Read**

Gudsell Cup for Senior Leadership to **Campbell Crouch**

Senior Cup for Most Outstanding Senior Oarsman to **Campbell Crouch**

Ross Wilson Cup for Service to Rowing to **Joel Dowden**

Cameron Cup for Commitment to Excellence to **Campbell Crouch**

Rugby

Lawson Cup for Best Supporter of HBHS Rugby to **Arran Pene**

Carwyn James Trophy for Most Promising Junior to **Westyn Cobb**

James Hook Trophy for Outstanding Goal Kicking to **Coby Miln**

Ballymore Ball for Leadership to **Quinn Tupaea**

Noel Murphy Award for Sportsmanship to **Tane Te Aho**

L B Sandford Cup for Most Improved Player to **Joshua Calvert**

1st XV Trophy for Most Games for the 1st XV to **Quinn Tupaea**

1st XV Cup for Best Back to **Brad McNaughten**

1st XV Trophy for Best Forward to **Thomas Martin**

Lodge Real Estate Award for 1st XV Player of the Year to **Quinn Tupaea**

Rugby Sevens

Clark Award for Outstanding Sevens Player to **Joshua Moorby**

Shooting

Penrose Cup for Junior Shotgun Champion to **Andrew Wilson**

Shotgun for Senior Champion to **Patrick Turner**

Snowsports – Skiing

School Trophy for Junior Champion to **Bradley Gibson**

Hamilton Trophy for Senior Champion to **Robert Brodnax**

Snowsports – Snowboarding

Trophy World Trophy for Contribution to Boarding to **Daniel Gibson**

Softball

Kamloops Bat for Top Junior Batter to **Nikau Tawha**

HBHS Cup for Top Senior Batter to **Bradley Jackson**

HBHS Cup for Top Junior Pitcher to **Jaedan Williams-Wilson**

Softball Club Trophy for Top Senior Pitcher to **Te Kirika Cooper-Nicola**

HBHS Cup for Best Junior Fielder to **James Sonnenberg**

Top Glove for Best Fielder to **Tamati Miringa**

HBHS Cup for Most Valued Junior Player to **Jaedan Williams-Wilson**

School Trophy for Best Senior Player to **Maioha Tawha**

Squash

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

Swimming

Norman Ross Cup for House Swimming Sports to **Wilson House**

R English Cup for Junior Champion to **Carlos Hardie**

I W Ready Cup for Intermediate Champion to **Sam Ratima**

Old Boys' Challenge Cup for Senior Champion to **Andrew Jeffcoat** and **Danyon Hardie**

The Missen Cup for Most Outstanding Performance at NZSS Nationals to **Andrew Jeffcoat**

Table Tennis

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

Tennis

Meyer Cup for Junior Champion to **Anton Shepp**

Ian Crookenden Cup for Senior Champion to **Trae Innes**

Triathlon

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

Touch

Senior Cup for Best Senior Player to **Raiki Willison**

Junior Cup for Best Junior Player to **Noah Hotham**

Ultimate

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

Volleyball

Junior Trophy for Most Improved Player to **Ramsay Finau**

Senior Trophy for Player of the Year to **Junnosuke Nishio**

Waka Ama

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

Waterpolo

HBHS Certificate for Contribution and Achievement in Waterpolo to **Stanford Pogai**

Steven Rolfe Trophy for Most Outstanding Player to **Alfie Stevens**

McKnight Trophy for Service to Waterpolo to **Tom Farrar**

Wrestling

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

2017 HBHS SPORTS AWARDS EVENING SCHOOL AWARDS WINNERS:

Fairplay Individual of the Year: **James Fellows-Ford** (Golf)

Fairplay Team of the Year: **Rugby 2nd XV Red**

Student Umpire/Referee of the Year: **Kason Browning** (Football)

Student Coach of the Year: **Wynn Craven** (Inline Hockey)

Junior Team of the Year: **Rowing Under 15 Eight**

Junior Sportsman of the Year: **Anton Shepp** (Tennis)

Junior All Rounder of the Year: **Tyron Hilton** (Rugby, Athletics, Sevens)

Senior All Rounder of the Year: **Liam Wilson** (Touch, Rugby, Athletics, Sevens)

Sportsman of the Year: **Isaiah Priddey** (Athletics, Cross Country) and **Quinn Tupaea** (Rugby)

Team of the Year: **Football 1st XI**



Senior Prize Giving

The Senior Prize Giving is the biggest and most important event in our school year, as we acknowledge and celebrate the academic achievements of our senior school. We present the full list of subject prize-winners, along with the special prizes, and congratulate our Dux for 2017, **Rohan Thomas**.

Year 11 Subject Prize Winners:

Accounting
 Agriculture
 Art
 Business Studies
 Carpentry
 Chinese
 Design and Visual Communication
 Drama
 Economics
 Electronics
 English
 English Language Learning
 Film and Television
 Food Technology
 Geography
 German
 History
 Horticulture
 Information Technology
 Maori Performing Arts
 Mathematics
 Mechanical Engineering
 Music
 Outdoor Education
 Photo-Design
 Physical Education
 Psychology
 Science
 Spanish
 Sports Studies
 Te Reo Maori
 Technology Metal
 Technology Wood
 Wellbeing and Recreation

Joseph Licht
Samuel Cook
Ko Lohrer
Kanishka Yamani
Kaleb Miringa
Xinyuan Zhai
Ronghao Zhang
Aidan Scott-Nanthasack
Joseph Licht
Harsheel Singh
Ashe Wainui-Mackle
Ronghao Zhang
Taylor Zyza
Tyler Ericksen
Daniel Darlington
Philip Stenger
Alexander Porteous
Logan Potter
Robert Sharp
Wikiriwhi Rangiawha
Marshall Forrester
Mathew Brownlee
Samuel Kim
Luke Taylor
Ali Henderson
Dominic Letford
Joseph Licht
Carl Stephens
Juan Marin Arias
Dylan Poihipi
Talen Cunningham-Hamana
Seff Curle
Cole Brown
Kristian Clarke

Fifth in Year 11 to **Lachlan Graham**
 Fourth in Year 11 to **Henry Yao**
 Third in Year 11 to **Liam Ballard**
 Second in Year 11 to **Joseph Licht**
 First in Year 11 to **Marshall Forrester**

Year 12 Subject Prize-Winners:

Accounting
 Agriculture
 Architectural Design
 Art
 Art Design
 Biology
 Building and Construction

Patrick Dowd
Mitchell Kay
Joseph Johnstone
Gunn Kim
Kabe Clarkin
Immo Frank
William Riddell

Business Studies
 Carpentry
 Chemistry
 Chinese
 Classical Studies
 Drama
 Economics
 Electronics
 Engineering
 English
 English Language Learning
 Film and Television
 Food Technology
 Geography
 German
 History
 Horticulture
 Information Technology
 Legal Studies
 Maori Performing Arts
 Mathematics (Bothwell Cup)
 Media Studies
 Music
 Outdoor Education
 Photography (Photolife Studio Prize)
 Physical Education
 Physics
 Product Design
 Psychology
 Science
 Services Academy
 Spanish
 Sports Studies
 Te Reo Maori
 Technology Metal
 Technology Wood
 Tourism
 Wellbeing and Recreation

Fifth in Year 12 to **Nicholas Goodman**
 Fourth in Year 12 to **Joshua Taylor**
 Third in Year 12 to **Alex Chen**
 Second in Year 12 to **Sameer Mandhan**
 First in Year 12 to **Patrick Dowd**

Mungo Bates
Mark Christopher
Patrick Dowd
Ruolei Chen
Keeley Sexton
Oliver Simpson
Sameer Mandhan
Aaron Palmer
Aaron Palmer
Nicholas Goodman
Ja Cho
Jack Chaplow
Hyrum Lork
Benjamin Haworth
Boyang Bao
Benjamin Haworth
Nathan Timings
Daniel Li
James Murison
Nubre Te Koi
Jiaqi Jin
James Murison
Euan Safey
Leveson Gower
Guy Johnson
Levi Bruns
Patrick Dowd
Kaden Gibbons
Cian Sutherland
Jared Clarke
Nubre Te Koi
Elias Thompson
Ezais Apiata
Hakaraia Richards-Coxhead
Hamish Mellow
Logan Moore
Jasyn Vanxay
Dion Keogh





Year 13 Subject Prize Winners:

Accounting
 Art Design
 Art Painting
 Biology
 Business Studies
 Carpentry
 Chemistry
 Chinese
 Classical Studies
 Design and Visual Communication
 Drama
 Economics (Ward Cup)
 Electronics
 English
 English Language Learning
 Film and Television
 Food Technology
 Gateway
 Geography
 German
 History
 Information Technology
 Legal Studies
 Maori Performing Arts
 Mathematics with Calculus
 Media Studies
 Music
 Music Practical (Booth Cup)
 Outdoor Education (WINTER Adventurer's Cup)
 Photography
 Physical Education
 Physics
 Psychology
 Spanish
 Sports Studies
 Statistics and Modelling
 Te Reo Maori
 Technology Metal
 Technology Wood
 Tourism
 Wellbeing and Recreation

Lachlan McLean
Hunter Lennan
Jeremy Cleland
James Willoughby
Barak Gardner
Bradley Beuker
Rohan Thomas
Shuaiqi Xiong
Dilan Nanayakkara
Ethan Aish
Nicolas Rich
Liam Haughey
Jonathan Eade
Benjamin Taylor
Shuaiqi Xiong
Mitchell Clement
Corbin Andrew
Benjamin Parrott
Ethan Harrison
Axel Martinez
Nicholas Goodman
Eric Coufmann
Nicolas Rich
Shannon Wilson
Elliott Jia
Joel Geissmann
Jacob Brown
Reid Benseman
Sean Lovelock
Mitchell Clement
Timothy Neild
Aditya Shah
Hamish Singh
Tetava Johnson
Brad Burkhart
Benjamin Taylor
Lance Taitoko
Michael Neuman
Jonathan Eade
Tom Farrar
Lucas Santana

Hugh Morton Prize to **Joshua Rogers**
 Baigent Cup for Public Speaking to **Henry Yao**
 House Championship Trophy to **Argyle House**
 Horace Moore Jones Award for Visual Arts to **Hyungjun Choi**
 Old Boys' Cup for Games to **Isaiah Priddey** and **Quinn Tupaea**
 Weirs Arts Prize to **Reid Benseman**
 JC (Duffy) Wilson Cup to **Quinn Tupaea**
 Africa Cup to **Timothy Neild**
 Cushman Cup: Presented to a senior student for outstanding service within the school. Presented to the school by **Michael Cushman**, a former Head Prefect to **Caleb Muntz**
 Fleming Cup to **Sean Trowern**
 McDiarmid Memorial Prize to **William Robertson**
 Nicholl Trophy: Presented to the Deputy Head Prefects for service and leadership within the school to **Reuben Hurliman**, **Caleb Muntz** and **Timothy Neild**
 Emile and Michael Gudex Prize to **Reuben Hurliman**
 A P Nelson Memorial Prize to **Timothy Ng**
 Old Boys' Prize for Leadership: For outstanding leadership to **Timothy Ng**

Premier Academic Awards:

Fifth in the school to **Yuno Oh**
 Fourth in the school to **Anthony Nugroho**
 Third in the school to **Lachlan McLean**
 Proxime Accessit to **Elliott Jia**
 Dux of the School to **Rohan Thomas**



Above: Our top six, from left, Reid Benseman, Tim Ng, Caleb Muntz, Reuben Hurliman, Tim Neild, and Quinn Tupaea. Below: 2017 Dux Rohan Thomas with Mrs Hassall and Mrs Ann Bennett.

Special Prizes: Year 11

Gilmore Prize to **Henry Yao**
 Jason Tearle Memorial Trophy to **Joseph Licht**

Special Prizes: Year 12

Hamutana Lodge Trophy to **Sameer Mandhan**
 Jack Delaney Prize to **Nicholas Goodman**
 Altrusa Award to **Joseph Tomic**
 A.G. Steel Trophy to **Thomas Martin** (pictured, left, with **Mrs Raewyn Steel**)

Special Prizes: Year 13

Peter Collier Scholarship to **Roberto Cerezo**
 Harborne and Arthur Prize to **Jacob Brown**



A Tribute

Year 13 student **Amol Prasad** penned this piece of writing for an NCEA assessment in 2014. He has shared it with us as a tribute to our unforgettable Deputy Headmaster.

The prominent clatter of his glistening black leather shoes would echo down the length of the corridor. To him, the school was his castle, he was the king, and we students, were his acquiescent followers – most of the time anyway. His march was sturdy in a perfect rhythm, like a sentry guard on duty – a perpetual Right! Left! Right! – never placing a foot wrong. Every class he would pass was hushed. A lone ranger scouring the empty hallway, and killing the puerile atmosphere of every classroom with one fatal shot of his eyes, is how one would describe him. The first class he passed breathed a sigh of relief and their tensed bodies loosened, as their fears of confronting him subsided. They had escaped his wrath, for now. Lucky, they were. Our class wasn't quiet.

The door creaked open as he took a firm step in. It didn't even occur to him to knock. He didn't need to. Deputy Headmaster was his status at Hamilton Boys' High School, and school was the only context one would ever observe, or speak of him, in. Looking back, I remember the whispers of an age-old myth that echoed through the hustling corridors of the establishment – the man lived at the school, never once seen arriving nor leaving its gates. It was in his blood, the school. He breathed HBHS. He was HBHS.

Perfect. That was how he liked everything, ruling by one key principle – respect. Respect for his castle and the values it encompassed, from the students, from the staff – no one was spared. His first step of implementation, his forte, was presentation. Shirts tucked in, socks knee high and hair short with even sides, is what he wanted – and is what he got, bar a few non-obliging, troubled youth. Placing another foot in, the class stood to the Deputy Headmasters attention. Stiff and silenced. Murmuring and making a complete fool of himself, the teacher greeted him with a tremulous “good afternoon”.

Towering over the class, his pair of gold, thin-framed, rectangular spectacles perched upon his nose, peering down at our meagre selves. His eyes peered out above them, as he slowly shifted his pupils from left to right, like a fixated owl studying its prey. Raising

his eyes, his eyebrows arched, disclosing three folds of wrinkles – not from old age, I guessed, but rather from the immense stresses of governing his reputable kingdom. He was solidly built, with broad shoulders and robust arms and legs. Out of the cuffs of his pristine, black, pin-striped suit, a pair of gaunt hands emerged, with bulging veins clearly visible – his left fingers curled around a short, tinted, brown cup he never seemed to put down, his right adjusting his tie. We could never guess his reason for visiting, but we always feared the worst. His face was always deadpan – was it that he was above emotion, or restricted from doing so by the bounds of his position? White, pale skin, that would have peeled like a plum if it was tugged, covered his face, withered from years of trials and tribulations encountered over his colossal reign. No one would have dared to meet his eyes, let alone make contact with him – certainly not us feeble juniors.

A surprise inspection. This was a common practice – unannounced so that he could prosecute his subjects when they were most vulnerable. We stood placid, not a single sound could be heard as he made his way down the line of twenty-six students. He judged each of his students with great detail, critiquing their worth for his empire. His eyes surveyed my hair, shifting from ear to ear. Harder and harder he looked, stared, trying to find that one, small, imperfection in my presentation that would allow him to recite a lifetime of lessons, followed by punishment that would ensure such lessons were learnt - with good reason of course. He never did. His once stone-cold eyes met mine, replaced by a momentary flicker of content, or was it pride? He was satisfied, for the time-being at least. Although his speech suggested the opposite, as he pried open his mouth, the corners of them twisting, and bellowed in that remarkably distinct deep voice “you may sit down”, a voice that still resonates with me as I write this. I had survived.

The monotonous march continuing, his coat brushed past my arm, dragging with it an overwhelming smell of shoe polish, mixed with the faint scent of rich coffee. The smell reached out and tingled my nose, making me sneeze an embarrassing “achoo!” Head turning, he shot me a belligerent look with those once again fatal, stony eyes of his. After the inspections concluded, in one

profoundly slow movement, he revolved on his heels, adjusted his coat, turned the door handle, and exited the room - without a single word. He scared me, and just about every other person that was ‘fortunate’ enough to encounter him. But deep down, we were thankful that we had. He really was a character. **Robinson** was his name, I remember. **Mr Graham Robinson**.





Mr Robinson, being led from HBHS for the last time, by Head Prefect of 2006 Matua Toti West. Thanks to the Waikato Times for this photograph.

THE EULOGY

We thank Headmaster **Mrs Susan Hassall** for sharing the eulogy she delivered at Thursday's celebration of **Graham Robinson's** life.

We begin this morning with our eulogy. The word eulogy comes from Latin eulogia, which means both to 'praise' and to offer a 'blessing'.

Last Saturday morning I was grateful to be able to be with Graham when he collapsed and died. And today, I am fortunate to be offered the gift, by Graham's family, of both 'praising' and giving 'blessing' to him in his eulogy. Graham – my closest friend, friend of myself, my husband James and my children. Graham has been a huge part of our lives through the past 27 years, and I am grateful to have this opportunity to speak about him, and what he has meant to me, and all of our Hamilton Boys' family.

What are the qualities that will remain in our memories of Graham?

As an 11 year old, Graham wrote his own 'report card', probably a task set by a tired teacher at the end of the year. His "teacher comment" reads

"I find it hard to write about Graham's work without appearing gushing".

And there is truth in his words about himself, written over 50 years ago. Graham deserves the hundreds of comments we have read on Facebook, in emails, cards, texts and by those

made by the many people who have visited, over the past few days.

And he deserves the love that is shown by you all today, in your presence here, as we gather to remember him together. There is so much to praise about Graham, and there is so much that we have been blessed to have had, through his presence, in our lives. Everybody who has known Graham will agree that he based his life and his character on strong traditional "values". His Rongotai College testimonial described him as 'a student with moral integrity', and his final school report stated that "he is a wonderful influence and example to younger students". Graham would have complained about the lack of a preposition in the statement, but he would have been proud of the understanding of his vision for life, which the statement reflects.

Graham, for us, is a man who 'lived' his beliefs – he has been, for 27 years, a loyal and devoted servant of the school. Loyal to our vision and our commitment to making the school special, devoted to his particular role in ensuring that the school was perfectly run, and that events reflected the pride we all share in our world, and the pride he had in being a significant part of our success. And Graham showed his devotion through the time he gave to the school.

Graham loved the school, and the school loved Graham. He brought so much to our lives, through the values he lived by,

the values of integrity, steadfastness, and genuine selflessness.

He also brought his strengths to us. Few will know, and I didn't, that Graham gained Grade 8 Speech and Drama, from Trinity College, with Honours, and a newspaper clipping Angelica found in his papers, reported that Graham was top in NZ for Highest Honour Marks, Junior and Upward, regardless of level, for speech in 1965. It certainly explains why our Assemblies have been so wonderful, as we will always remember the way he effortlessly yet gracefully commanded his audience.

And he brought his supportive, understanding nature, his willingness to be the perfect host, speaking to all with genuine interest, and sincerity of manner, with students as they began their life in the school.

His childhood taught him both humility and consideration for others, and our world has been greatly strengthened by his care.

Graham has been a man with a genuine, unshakeable belief in the simple verities of humanity and grace.

What will we miss most about him?

We will miss his embodiment of the best of traditional values; we will miss his understanding of the value of tradition in our lives.

But we will also miss the surprising things about him – the fact that for many years, he was the member of the Executive who
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ensured that we won the staff swimming relay race. His dry wit in staff meetings, when the occasional comment came out of the blue. The way in which he cared for those on Saturday detention. Many a recidivist showed the impact of Graham's teaching, as I witnessed the improvement with window cleaning, furniture polishing, and sweeping. He spoke to the boys with genuine care, and continued, to the last, to believe in the rights of all people to be treated with respect, and to be believed in as a young man who would improve.

His humanity is also so evident in the time he took to speak with people at all occasions, both informal and formal, taking a genuine interest in their lives. Apart, of course, from his email and text replies – long, detailed enquiry or comment would usually gain the response of 'K, not even OK, or 'No'.

Graham was a busy man, so we understand why.

What we will miss every day are the early morning phone calls – 6.15am has always been the middle of the day for him, and he couldn't understand how we could live without seeing the night sky at 4.15am every morning, when he rose to feed and tend his animals before coming to school at 6.00am. And may I mention here, two special qualities. Qualities which impacted profoundly on my daily happiness, and on my success in my role as Headmaster - Graham's thoughtfulness, and Graham's loyalty. In everything he did, in everything that happened in this world of the school, Graham thought deeply about how it would impact on me. When he detected what he felt was the untoward, his response was always fierce and protective.

Many a time members of the Executive team, or teachers, spoke to me of quavering before a wrathful Graham who began with those never to be forgotten words, You have let Susan down!

And for that absolute loyalty, and care for me, Graham, I thank you. I will miss you beyond measure.

There are many, many things about Graham that we cherish, and we grieve that we have lost someone so special. Our lives will never be the same.

Ever since we heard the news of Graham's passing, tributes have flooded in from around

New Zealand, and around the world. Here's a small sample of what has been said...

Rongotai College is deeply saddened by the passing of Graham Robinson. A Rongotai pupil from 1966-70, Graham joined our staff in 1980, teaching geography and social studies before becoming HOD of these subjects in 1988. He was subsequently appointed as Acting DP, a role he filled with considerable success. Following his appointment as Deputy Headmaster at Hamilton Boys' High School, Graham left Rongotai in September 1991. In more recent times, he visited his old school when in Wellington to see his mother, and it was always good to catch up with him.

It is clear from the news reports and comments on this page that Graham had a profound effect on the Hamilton Boys' High community and Rongotai College extends our deepest condolences to them all and to Graham's family as they mourn the loss of a great educator and special man.

Lumen Accipe et Imperti.

Kevin Carter

A gentleman, respectful and supportive. Hāere e te rangatirai, ki tō tāua mano e kāpunipuni mai rā i te haumūmūtanga o te tangata, haere atu rā.

Wairangi Jones

Mr Robinson. Thank you for your service at the most prestigious high school in NZ. One fond memory was when you supervised me and other naughty fullas for our Saturday detention. I can remember you spoke nothing but good things to us and never once spoke down on us... especially us brown boys at that time but you did tell me to cut my undercut hairstyle haha. You were a hard man for a reason - to put us in line. Have an awesome send off Sir. HBHS style!! Alofa Aku! #1995 to #1999

Ieli Sale Leilua

What a massive loss HBHS. Graham Robinson is as much a part of the school as the bricks and mortar, and his memory and legacy will live on for many years to come. Our condolences to Susan and the team, and his family and friends.

Rowena Edge

Graham Robinson you were an inspiration to many young men. Your commitment to HBHS was incredible. Lots has been said and will

be said in the coming days and weeks about your greatness. Thank you for being part of our lives and thank you for allowing me to share your wisdom and knowledge in my time on the Board of Trustees and Old Boys Foundation Trust.

Neil Shaw

Just woke up in Canada to this sad news. Graham was the first staff member I got to know when my wife and I arrived to teach in 1997. We lived in the hostel for about a week and he was lovely to us. We spoke frequently afterwards. I admired how the boys (and lots of staff) respected his authority without him ever having to raise his voice. Rest well Graham.

Eric Bernard

Sitting in Kyiv, Ukraine stunned by this news. Graham was a great guy and his desire and efforts to see young men achieve in all areas of life was known to all.

Brent Weaver

So very sad to hear this. Mr Robinson was such a huge part of HBHS. Our thoughts go out to the family and the school community.

Hayley Scrimgeour

Absolutely shocked to wake up to this news in the UK. Mr Robinson was kind enough to agree and arrange my TER placement at the school in August this year, quite the risk with an unknown UK teacher! He was very kind, always made time to ask how I was when we met in the staff room. I will always be grateful to him for taking the chance on me. You must all be so shocked. My thoughts are with you all xxx

Kate Halls

Aww man, stunned. He loved that school. The place won't be the same without him.

David Vesseur

That is such terrible news... my thoughts and prayers are with the school and his family... he was an amazing leader that did so much for the school and our community. RIP.

David Bennett MP

RIP Mr Robinson, a true gentleman who had a great influence over myself, and numerous other HBHS Alumni. A great loss.

Adrian Mihaka

"Kua hinga te totara i te wao nui a Tane"

Dux of 2017



ROHAN THOMAS

When **Rohan Thomas**, the 2017 Dux of HBHS strode across the stage to accept our premier academic award, two things were apparent. The first was a beaming mega-watt smile, greeted with loud applause from the crowd. The second, as **Mrs Ann Bennett** (wife of previous Headmaster the late **Jim Bennett** who gifted the school the beautiful pearl trophy given to our top scholar) noted, this is a man on a mission. It was very clear when talking to **Rohan's** classmates that he was a popular and worthy winner. **Josh Rodgers** commented on how hard **Rohan** worked in all of his classes, and on how deserving a recipient he was. Scholarship English teachers know that there are two types of candidates, the ones who write the multitude of additional practice essays needed in that programme and the ones who don't, and **Mrs Jenkins** said of **Rohan** that he was most definitely one who wrote. A glance through **Rohan's** school reports echo these sentiments. Words like "excellent", "diligent", "conscientious" and "motivated" appear regularly, and the results that accompany these comments are hugely impressive and have been since

Year 9. In Year 10 he won a High Distinction in ICAS Writing, and he achieved both his Level 1 and 2 qualifications, with Excellence endorsements, a year earlier than most of his peers. In 2015 he was named Top IGCSE Scholar, and was first in Year 12 along with winning the Altrusa Award. This year he will be aiming to follow in the footsteps of previous HBHS Duces and finish his year off in style as he goes for six Scholarship passes, as well as his Level 3 and AS examinations. **Rohan** isn't all about the study, though. He has been a delegate at the Model United Nations, is a keen debater (as were the previous two duces, something to think about there...), has sung in the Choir and took to the stage as part of the HBHS Sheilah Winn Shakespeare group that wowed the Wellington Festival. He has also played cricket and badminton throughout his time with us at HBHS. Next year, **Rohan** heads way down south to Dunedin to take on Health Sciences at the University of Otago, hoping to join the contingent of former HBHS scholars studying medicine. We think he'll fit right in, and we wish our Dux of 2017 every success as he embarks on what will be a dazzling future.



GRANDPARENTS MORNING

Thanks to student photographer **Nat Aitchison** for these images of our special morning. For more images go to: <https://goo.gl/a16uD2>





Staff News

SO LONG, FAREWELL...

In Term 1, **Ms Greer Sydney** headed to HGHS to lead their English Faculty after teaching at HBHS for 9 years. She acted as our PPTA Branch Chairperson, Teacher in Charge of Year 13 English, ran Year 10 camps, oversaw Super 8 writing and coached numerous Hockey teams at HBHS. We also had to say goodbye to **Mrs Natasha Bastion** who took up the position of Head of Economics at Sacred Heart Girls' College. **Mrs Bastion** taught at HBHS for 20 years and devoted innumerable hours to the school service programme and Service Committee, Duke of Edinburgh, debating, lunchtime tuition, Community Fruit Waikato and the staff ukulele group amongst many, many other things. We wished them every success in their new positions and cannot thank them enough for everything they have done for us here. In Term 2 HBHS said goodbye to **Ms Suzanne Oliver** who left to lead a not-for-profit charitable organisation based in Hamilton East. **Ms Oliver** taught English, Mathematics and Media Studies. As well as her classroom contributions, **Ms Oliver** worked as the Senior Academic Mentor, as the Teacher in Charge of Waterpolo and helped establish the Scholarship Media Studies Film Group. We also had to say goodbye during the term to **Mrs Margi Struwig** who took on a new role at Rototuna Senior College after being at HBHS for six years and working as an absolutely invaluable support staff member to the Senior Executive, in publications and a cheerful and tireless presence who stepped in where-ever she was needed. In Term 3 we had to farewell **Mrs Sandra Ardern** who had 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 fulfilled a number of roles, with most of her time recently being spent as an much appreciated support to staff and students in Pastoral Care. We wish her well in her new role at the Hamilton City Council.

Finally, at the end of the year it is always time for goodbyes, and we say farewell to a number of our staff. **Mr Sam Wilkinson** and **Dr Kathryn Ross** leave us after a year and we wish them every success. **Mr Mitch Furi** arrived here in 2016, as an English teacher from Rangitoto College where he was a Dean and an English teacher. He taught Years 9 to 13, coached Under 14 and Under 15 rugby, as well as managed cricket. A highlight for him at HBHS has been meeting many great people - students and colleagues - who he says have made him a more knowledgeable and skilful teacher. He heads to Melbourne where he and his family will be closer to their extended families and

will continue teaching English at Trinity Grammar School.

Mr Brendon Rickard heads up the road and away from Argyle House to Rototuna Senior High School where he will continue to teach Music whilst living in Raglan. He arrived at HBHS in 2012 as a first-year specialist Music teacher after doing a Graduate Diploma in Teaching at Waikato University. He has taught Music and Performance Music as well as Junior Social Studies for 3 years and has been the teacher of the Academy of Arts throughout his time here. He also taught drums for a year. He has been a Master at Argyle House for five years and been involved with the Christian Group as well as going on three Music tours to Rarotonga and Samoa with the Music department and the Whanganui River Year 10 camp and a local hiking camp. He has loved being part of the productions of Jesus Christ Superstar and Dracula and seeing the school grow and continue to lead the way in so many areas locally and nationally. He will always be proud to call HBHS home.

Another Argyle House resident, or in this instance, former resident leaving us officially this year is **Mr Dan Meade**. **Mr Meade** started here in 2007, having been an Old Boy of the school, and taught in both the English and HPW faculties, as well as contributing his coaching expertise in rugby and rowing. He left at the end of 2016 to start his business venture Manaaki Tours, which he will continue with, based in Mount Maunganui.

Mr Bryan Summerfield also heads up the road, but not too far, as he is off to St Paul's Collegiate next year where he will take on the role of LOC (Leader of Curriculum) of English. Since being employed at HBHS since Term 4 in 2008 (whilst still at university), he has been involved in a wide range of roles, including coaching football teams, editing the school magazine (brilliantly, I might add), Academic Mentor, and Dean of Years 11 and 13 to name a few. He takes with him the memories of **Mrs Weren** mistaking him for a student in the Assembly Hall and barking at him to remove his jacket, along with **Mr Robinson**, when viewing the 2012 Staff vs Prefects match, asking who the sprightly, fleet-footed student was who was playing for the staff team (it was **Mr Summerfield!**) and working alongside dedicated, empathic and professional staff who have become friends. The English faculty will miss him, and we wish him every success.

The English Faculty has taken a bit of a hit this year as our much-loved HOF, that lover of words, **Mr Kevin Brown**, will be departing HBHS at the end of 2017 for a well-deserved retirement. Arriving

as Year 10 Dean in 2005, he became Head of Faculty in 2010 and has had his hand on the tiller ever since. Well-respected by both colleagues and students alike, his calm presence and wise counsel has proved invaluable to many a student struggling with similes, or a teacher struggling with a student. Debating has proved to be **Mr Brown's** forte in the extra-curricular field, and he has led the school to a number of regional and National titles, his programme serving as a breeding ground for a generation of Senior and Top 6 Leaders in the school. We salute his time here and thank him for his immense contribution to the academic and cultural life of the school

Mr Pat Cheyne joined HBHS in 2000 as the Head of the Maths Department from Fraser High School where he had the same role. He also taught in Reeds School and Shepherds Bush Comprehensive School, both in London. He has taught from Year 9 Maths up to Scholarship Calculus and set up the Run for Life, a charity fund raiser in which the whole school participates. Charities donated to have been World Vision, the Christchurch Earthquake, and in recent years KidsCan. He estimates they must have raised about \$70 000 over the years. A highlight for him has always been the teaching and interacting with the boys. NCEA and the associated systems? Not so much. His plans for the future? Stocking shelves at Countdown.

Mrs Jan Missen has been at HBHS since 1989, although her involvement at HBHS extends right back to the combined HBHS and HGHS Board of Governors in 1978. She officially joined HBHS as the Secretary to the Board of Trustees and Director of Administration, roles she has maintained ever since. A major change was the introduction of the "very challenging" Novopay, which took up a huge amount of time. In her time here, the school roll has increased from 1038 students with a turnover of \$131 000 to 2017 where the roll is 2200 and the turnover is \$22 million. **Mrs Missen** has also served as the Teacher in Charge of Waterpolo, has managed and trained provincial and National teams, taken charge of our very successful Swimming team, as well as officiating at the House Swimming Sports Day. Her highlights include never having received a qualified audit report in 28 years, monitoring the budgeting and building of the new Gym, and helping organise the funding through contacts at Swim Waikato of the pool upgrade. She enjoys the environment here and the staff, saying every day is different, as well as our polite HBHS students. **Mrs Missen** is now off to enjoy being a "beach bum" as a retiree, and intends making the most of time spent with family, in the garden and with her pooch.

Night of the Notables



The Night of the Notables is a Year 9 ALP co-curricular activity. Students participating select a notable person who interests them and they complete an in-depth study of this person, which they then share at the evening event. Most of the students come along dressed up as that person, whilst presenting to visitors what they discovered in their research. The independent nature of the task helps our Year 9 boys immensely as they prepare for Year 10, especially as many of them will be commencing their NCEA studies next year and must therefore have well-developed research skills. However, it is also always an engaging, fun event, as demonstrated in these photographs! There was a great atmosphere this year, as family members, staff and other visitors all learnt something new from our Year 9 academics.

The standard of the projects was extremely high, so well done to all those who took part. Special mentions must go to **Noah Page** (Chris Martin), **Sean Mullins** (Nikola Tesla) and **Jack Walker** (William Shakespeare) for being overall prizewinners. Congratulations too to **Eden Pundak** (Albert Einstein), **Travis Palmer** (Charles Dickens), **Lenesehn Govender** (Michael Faraday) and **Ciaran Watson** (Michael Phelps) for gaining Highly Commended certificates.

By Mrs Charlotte Jenkins



Top: Ciaran Watson as Michael Phelps. The medals are Ciaran's own, and he recently added to them, winning bronze at this year's New Zealand Secondary Schools Swimming Championships. Left: Eden Pundak as Albert Einstein gets to grips with complicated Mathematics. Above: Sean Mullins aka Nikola Tesla explains alternating current to Mrs Jenkins and Mr

THE CRICKET TOUR

After much planning, the time had finally come for the Year 10 Colts cricket team to embark on their tour to Brisbane and Toowoomba. On Sunday the 24th of September, twelve very excited young men gathered with their parents at Auckland airport. Coincidentally this was the Sunday where daylight savings began in New Zealand. Fortunately, no one in the squad turned up an hour late, except ironically our chief organiser, **Debbie Kleuskens** who discovered she had left some vital equipment behind 20 minutes out from Hamilton!

The flight was uneventful, but we were relieved that the plane had been given enough fuel to get across the ditch as this was the time of the fuel pipe issue at Auckland airport.

Our accommodation at the Gabba

apartments was sufficient. With the mighty Gabba cricket ground as a backdrop, the rooms were comfortable with everyone appreciating the air conditioning and the rooftop pool. However, the elevators did prove tricky to negotiate especially for **Mark Hayman (Carlos)**, a parent helper, who had real problems getting the lift to move on several occasions.

Our first full day was Monday and we started it with a training in the local park to acclimatise to the hot conditions. After much sweating, especially by me trying to get the plastic wickets into the ground (noting that a mallet would have been good to bring). We probably didn't give our best fielding display with lots of misfields and dropped catches. To be fair the team were finding it hard to judge the catches because the sky was so cloudless and the humidity

seemed to be making the ball travel further than expected. It was a popular decision to call it quits after an hour and head back to the apartments to the more favourable airconditioned environment in our rooms. The afternoon saw us go on a Gabba cricket ground tour. Our tour guide was very knowledgeable. There wasn't much he didn't know about this famous ground. A big highlight for the squad was actually getting to set foot on the hallowed turf at the end of the talk.

Tuesday saw us play our first tour game against Brisbane Grammar School. We played them at a club ground because the school ground was unavailable. It was no surprise that the conditions were typically Queensland, hot and muggy.

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Around the School

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Jacob Parker won the toss and decided to bowl first. After a long winter, without any cricket, the team took a while to get back into the rhythm of playing cricket again. We were conscious of staying hydrated and sun blocked. Our parents were invaluable walking around the ground delivering water and ice. Generally, we kept our shape in the game and managed to restrict them to 222, when at one stage the score could have been higher. **Banroj Sidhu** the wily off-spinner was the pick of the bowlers with 5-30 off 7 overs. In reply HBHS fell 37 runs short scoring 185-5 after the 50 overs. **Josh Williams** hit 50, **Jacob** 44 and **Cody Kleuskens** finished not out on 31.

We batted consistently but found the bowling very accurate at the end when we were trying to increase the run rate. It must be noted that we were playing a Brisbane 1st XI team that was made up of older boys. We ended up falling short by 11 runs.

The second game was against John Paul College in an area in Brisbane known as Daisy Hill. The ground was very attractive and was surrounded by beautiful trees and we enjoyed the chance to play two T20 games in slightly more comfortable conditions. We managed to secure our first win of the tour. **Rhys** on debut as captain chose to bowl first. We bowled tidily and restricted John Paul to 79. **Luke Kleuskens** and **Jacob** took 3 wickets each. Our reply was shaky to say the least and we had to rely on our premier batsman **Jacob** batting down at 9 (27 not out) to secure the win. Unfortunately, this game saw our first injury. **Tom Stevens** pulled his hamstring going for a quick single. It was a blow for **Tom** but he showed his great team skills by staying positive despite not being able to take part in any more games on the tour. His injury also meant we only had the bare minimum of players and we knew we could not afford another injury. Our physio/nurse **Jenni Myles** knew she would need to work hard to keep the rest of the squad fit.

The second T20 in the afternoon saw the team play far more confidently scoring 132 for 5 with **Boston Wilde** scoring 32 and **Jacob** once again with 39. Some tight bowling and fielding saw us restrict John Paul and they were bowled out 11 runs short. **Cody** bowled well taking 4 wickets. The team vacated Daisy Hill happy and positive about picking up two victories in one day. That night the team gorged themselves at Nandos, (feeding time at the zoo!) as the team was celebrating the birthdays of the twins **Rhys** and **Luke Kleuskens**.

After an early night, the team bus took us to Church of England Grammar, one of the most impressive venues on the tour. Once again, we

knew that Churchie was using the game as a chance to trial their 1st XI because some of the boys looked older. Instead of worrying about this we saw it as a challenge and we already were developing a feeling of team unity and strong self-belief.

Churchie, as it is known, is a picturesque location and the facilities for cricket were out of this world. Both **Mr Aughton** and myself felt slightly envious. We counted 8 grass practice wickets and they had 3 beautiful cricket ovals.

Jacob, back at the helm, won the toss and batted. We scored 190 thanks mainly to a strong partnership by the cussies **Luke** and **Cody** as **Luke** scored 26 and **Cody** 32. Early on **Jacob** had scored 45 at the top of the order. Churchie started well but we hung in there and the game became close. In the end, we were able to restrict them to 167 thanks to some tight bowling and taking catches when it mattered. **Brogan Hayman** bowled an important spell to restrict the flow of runs.

Rhys took 3 for 29 and **Harry Russ** took 2 for 22. **Boston** took 3 catches. **Jack Myles** our keeper was tidy behind the stumps. The team was stoked to beat a team of the calibre of Churchie.

The next morning being a Friday, we checked out of our apartments in Brisbane and piled into the two minivans that we had hired for our non-cricket part of the tour. We were heading to Surfers Paradise. This also meant the beginning of the adventures and tribulations of the two mini vans driven by **Gary Kleuskens (Philippe)** and the other by **Carlos** the jackal. It was obvious from the beginning that these two men had very different driving styles and on several occasions one van would lose the other one in pursuit of their destination. **Philippe** liked to get from A to B at a good clip. **Carlos** on the other hand believed that getting from A to B is better if you go from A to C to D and then to F. Subsequently we often got there but sometimes in different time zones. In reality, we were very grateful to these two for taking on the driving.

Our accommodation in Surfers was a place called Runaway Bay. It was a big sports complex and the team enjoyed swimming, playing and watching beach volleyball and relaxing in their rooms. We spent the afternoon shopping at Harbour Town. The vans left Runaway Bay at the same time but **Carlos** decided to do a little sightseeing and got there about 30 minutes after the first. On the Saturday, we drove to the theme park 'Movie World'. The boys all had enormous fun riding on the roller coasters. The highlight being the 'DC Rivals Hyper Coaster' that had only been opened about a month before we had arrived. In the afternoon, more fun was had by visiting 'Wet and Wild'. Once again, the team and

parents had fun riding the many water rides and hydro-slides.

The next day we visited 'Sea World', another of the many theme parks in this area. On Sunday afternoon, we headed inland from Brisbane to the city of Toowoomba. The highway was interesting. In Australia things are often bigger and we noticed that a lot of their roadkill were dead kangaroos. We also noticed the sign to Darwin that said it was only 3124 km away.

They often say if you want to break a drought schedule a cricket match! It was obvious from when we arrived that cricket was going to be unlikely the next day. The locals were telling us there was a 100% chance of rain. The team went off with their billets that night unsure of what tomorrow would bring. The next day started with fog then when this lifted it poured all day. It was the first decent rain they had had for months. This was another school with amazing facilities. The team milled around all morning until we decided to go Ten Pin bowling. **Mr Aughton** showed the boys up in a very impressive display. (The rumour was he had represented Wales in his younger days).

The weather improved overnight and we were happy to play our last game of the tour against Downlands College also in Toowoomba. By this stage the team seemed tour-hardened and we completed a very decisive victory on a slowish wicket. We batted first scoring 205 for 8. **Josh** hit 45, **Rhys** a quick 56 and **Jack** and **Brogan** both scored 26. We then bowled them out for 132. **Cody** took 4 for 27 and **Rhys** 2 for 7 off 6 overs. After the match, we drove back to Brisbane as we were leaving for home the next morning. It was an early start so we stayed in a motel close to the airport.

Overall the tour was a fantastic experience for the boys. They learnt a lot about the game but also learnt a lot about themselves as people. Touring in a different country really challenges you as a sportsman. The team passed the test with flying colours. They were a superb bunch of young men and they did us proud wherever we went. Special mention must be given to **Debbie Kleuskens** for all her outstanding organisation. The tour would not have happened without all her work. Thanks also to my manager **Tim Aughton** for all his help and guidance.

The rest of the parent helpers **Jenni Myles**, **Mark Hayman** and **Gary Kleuskens** were brilliant helpers and great company. Let us say we had a lot of laughs. Thanks also to **Dion Williams** and **Hamilton Lone Star** for providing sponsorship. Last, but absolutely not least, I thank all the parents for their support.

By **Mr Ritchie Stevens**