

BUILDING ON TRADITION







The William MacErlich Memorial Rugby Match has become an important fixture in our calendar. This year, for the first time, the Day Boys won the match and the trophy with a score of 47 to 34.



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

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Our National Champions. The Under 15A Rugby team, the 8-Ball Pool team and Jonjon Zhao.









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Welcome to the Term 3 High Achiever. This term is often referred to as the business or crunch term, as titles and tournaments are contested, practice examinations and assessments are due, and we all have our heads down working towards the end of the year, which is now visible on the horizon! Time, therefore, to sit up and celebrate all that has been accomplished, and there is a lot that we can feel very proud of. We hope you enjoy our coverage of this term.

From the Headmaster

National Title Winners - the Under 15A

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Right: Winner of the NIWA Science Fair Supreme Award, Cayden Buitendach, at the Prize Giving, with and everyone who contributed presenter and HBHS Old Boy Te Radar. Cayden's project won the Physical World Year 9, the Best Year 9. Best in the Fair and the Kudos Hamilton Science Excellence special award of outstanding science



the Top 4 with some impressive results, only to lose by a single



during Tournament Week at the Waikato Secondary Schools Lunden Links Competition. HBHS teams finished in first, second



Above: Our Rock-climbing team celebrate a clean sweep at the Waikato Secondary Schools Competition during Tournament Week. The team won Top Boys' Team, Top City Team and Top Waikato Team.



THE HBHS FOUNDATION

Term 3 was a busy term for the Old Boys and the Foundation with the Hall of Fame ceremony at HBHS in September. This was a great opportunity to recognise Old Boys who have made a significant contribution during their careers or achieved outstanding success in their field of endeavour. This year we celebrated an artist, a rugby player and a chef...what a fabulous mix of men with talent to burn. The Hall of Fame was celebrated among family and friends with previous recipients joining in to share in the day.

Greg Heffernan (HBHS 1971 - 1974, pictured top right) was recognised for his contribution to the Culinary Arts. **Greg** became a professional chef in 1975, was head chef at the prestigious Huka lodge and has written two cookbooks which has won the Goodman Fielder Wattie Book prize. As a member of the New Zealand Culinary team Greg won Gold at the 1988 Culinary Olympics in Germany, has operated successful restaurant businesses in New Zealand and is responsible for importing Maldon Salt to New Zealand which can now be found in the kitchen of most foodies.

Luit Bieringa (HBHS 1957 - 1961, pictured middle right) is an art historian, was the Director of the National Gallery and is now a documentary maker. A talented footballer at school and National representative, Luit went on to be Captain of Tait in 1961. He played the saxophone at school and was proud to play the last post at Anzac Day services. It should be no surprise that **Luit Bieringa** is currently researching and working on his next documentary.

Scott McLeod (HBHS 1988 - 1991, pictured bottom right) played rugby for Waikato, the Chiefs and then the All Blacks. Playing in Japan came next before coaching became his focus. Scott came home to Waikato and a subsequent Chiefs coaching role in 2008, taking the helm of the New Zealand Under 20's in 2012 and then on to the Otago Highlanders from 2013 - 2017 taking the franchise to a Super 15 Championship and winning the title in 2015. In 2017 the All Blacks came knocking once again and Scott now holds a position as Assistant Coach. While his sporting career has been outstanding and successes significant, **Scott** is most proud of the family he and wife **Dana** have nurtured. He aims to make his family proud and provide them with gut-tingling experiences which remain with them always and inspire them to follow their own passions with equal determination to his own.

The HBHS Foundation is proud to support the Hall of Fame. September is Foundation Month....find us on the website or our Facebook page to learn more.

For information on how you can become involved with the HBHS Foundation contact Ali Mallett at the Foundation Office foundation@hbhs.school.nz



Our Old Boys







HAMILTON BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

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School Newsletter

Message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sharing another wonderful term, and for your equally wonderful contributions to our continued success and sense of well-being as a community. As we have shared the highs of Winter Tournament week, and celebrated the academic, sporting and cultural successes of Term Three, 2018, we must also share a real sense of gratitude, that, together, we are able to provide this opportunity for the young men of the school to thrive in every area of our world.

And we must never underestimate the importance of each person's contribution to our very special world. As we finish the term, it is fitting to recognise the time, enthusiasm and care shown by the staff, in so many ways. Whether it is by supporting teams and groups, by giving time and expertise in coaching, managing, organising tours and trips, leading musical groups, or supporting clubs, each staff member makes our world better. And, most importantly, our teachers and support staff work together to ensure that your son is given every chance to realise his academic potential.

Our world is indeed special. I thank our staff for all that they have given, through a busy and demanding ten weeks. And I thank, with equal sincerity and gratitude, the young men who are part of our world. They, too, give so much, through their willingness to share their talents, to dedicate their time and their energy, to making it a better place, and through their understanding that we all must work together to give each young man the chance to be the best he can, in all parts of his life.

We do not live in a perfect world; our young men make mistakes. But this is just a part of their journey. Last weekend, I helped supervise our students who found themselves on what is known as the "Saturday D", the detention we have on a Saturday morning for three hours, for those who have not met our requirements of behaviour or attendance. Students attend for a range of reasons. But their approach to the time is the same for each. Each accepts that he is there through his own mistake. And each works hard to 'put things right'. I was impressed by the positivity of these young me. They chatted about life, about school, and about why they were there. And they spoke of their pride in the school, even as they swept, and cleaned, on a cold, damp Saturday. At the end, I thanked them for their contribution, and they thanked me, and the Prefect and Lion mentor, who had helped to supervise with me.

As we went our separate ways at 10am last Saturday, I reflected on the symbolism of that brief moment, as we said thank you to each other. This is what Hamilton Boys' High School is all about. High expectations, and a great deal of love. From everybody! This makes us special, and I finish as I began. Thank you all for your contributions to making our world the way it is. Enjoy the break with your sons, as they take time to restore their energy and prepare for another very busy and important term ahead.

Susan Hassall HEADMASTER

Term 4 Events

School Starts

Monday 15 October

ExaminationsBegin Monday 15 October

Labour Day Monday 22 October

Māori & Pasifika Awards
Tuesday 23 October

Music & Arts Awards
Thursday 25 October

Year 13 Leavers Dinner
Monday 29 October

Art Exhibition
Tuesday 30 October

Sports Awards
Tuesday 30 October

Mufti Day - Air Ambulance
Thursday 1 November

Senior Prize Giving Tuesday 6 November

NCEA Examinations
Begin Wednesday 7 November

Year 9 & 10 ExaminationsBegin Wednesday 7 November

Year 8 Testing
Friday 9 November

Service Work Day *Monday 19 November*

Grandparents Morning *Tuesday 27 November*

Charity Day Thursday 29 November

Year 9 & 10 Programme
Begins Monday 10 December

Junior Prize Giving
Thursday 13 December

Our National Title Winners

THE UNDER 15A RUGBY TEAM

he HBHS Under 15A Rugby team travelled to Auckland Grammar to participate in the 2018 National Under 15 Rugby Tournament this term. 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 unbeaten traditional games already under our belt, and as competition winners in the Waikato Under 16 grade, the team had high expectations for the tournament. On Day 1 we played Tauranga Boys' College and had a tight and nervous start to the game, conceding two early tries. A strong second half display saw us wrestle control of the game to win convincingly 25 - 14 to get our tournament off to the best possible start. In our second game of the day we played another Super 8 foe, Napier Boys' High School. With torrential rain turning to hail during the warm-up the team played superbly in the trying conditions to prevail 10 - 7, securing a place in the Top 8 with one pool game to spare.

On Day 2 we played our final pool game against Wellington College on an artificial turf. With the weather also much improved it provided the opportunity for a day of running rugby. In a great display of aggressive, uncompromising, rugged and disciplined forward play the backs could capitalise off the damage that was done up front to run away with a 69 - 0 score. On Day 3 we played a quarter-final against St Patrick's College from Wellington. We managed to get ahead early but our opponents continued to smash away with some very strong runners. However, through some incredible goal line defence we hung on until the final whistle to claim a 23 - 19 win to put us through to the semi-final. On Day 4 we played our semi-final against another traditional foe and the tournament hosts, Auckland Grammar, on their Number 1 field. With a rousing rendition of the HBHS haka to start the game, we got the upper hand and maintained a lead throughout the game to win 14 - 10 and claim a place in the final.

On Day 5 we played in the final against one of our Day 1 opponents, Napier Boys' High School. In what was an evenly contested match-up, we got out to an early lead after some wonderful counter-attack play by Ethan Fladgate and Kahn Caddy, and finished



Above: Jack Tuck makes a break with ball in hand, backed up by the Under 15A forward pack.

off with a try to Luke Ale. In an attacking raid into the opposition half the forward pack continued to show the skill and technique to muscle their way forward, with Chandler Cunningham-South, Sam Nelson, Te Taiwhanga Timoko-Tangaroa and Josh Williams to the fore before halfback Noah Hotham finished the raid with a try. However, late in the first half Napier scored out wide to leave the game 12 - 7 at half-time. The second half saw us with little possession and a lot of tackling instead. In another fantastic display of goal line defence and bravery we held on until we lost winger Austin Lupton to a serious injury, and the opposition scored in the corner he was no longer able to cover to tie the game at 12 - 12. Again, we were without the ball and Napier continued to barge their way forward and win a penalty which they kicked to go ahead 15 - 12 with 3 minutes to go. From the kick-off, we forced a turn-over and won a scrum in their half of the field. In what was to be the last play of the game, captain and first-five Taha Kemara chose to move the ball wide with great success, but still short of the goal line. The forward pack hammered away at the line only inches away from going over before the ball was delivered to the backs where Cody Nordstrom stepped off his right foot twice to beat two covering defenders and score under the posts for an easy conversion and a final score of 19 - 15. It was a courageous and resilient effort from the whole team through the whole week that we are very proud of.

We wish to thank our coaching and management staff, Mr Luke Katene, Mr Todd Miller and Mr Aaron Murphy. We also wish to acknowledge our tournament sponsor **Mobicomm** and the following list of sponsors who helped individuals to raise the money they needed to attend the tournament: Hulk, The Map and Chart Shop, CrossFit Waikato, Lupton Engineering Ltd, Central Forklifts Ltd, The Safe & Happy Club Out Of School Care, Edmonds Judd, Oak Ridge Developments, Highfield Country Estate, Te Whetu Livestock Ltd, Euflooria, CBR Streetwear, Usshh, Anthony M, Murray N Green, Good Guys Hire Centre, MTE Group, Te Rapa Wholesale Cars, Lupton Engineering Ltd, Mobicomm, Safe T Works, MDP Flooring Ltd, Hamilton Carpet Court, Jim Beam Homegrown, Fulton Hogan, Mainfreight Rotorua, Ricoh Northland, Grace Industrial Ltd, Lunjevich Properties Ltd, Hale Health, Ngati Toa, Pemberton Civil, Mum & Dad, Oil Changers Hamilton, Perry Group, Cotty Plumbing 021356468, Hamilton Blast & Paint Ltd, Mana Whanau - HAIP, Waimai Romney, TopKata Tents, Yunca, Lisa Sigley @ Lugtons, Wade Collision Repair, Form It Foundations Ltd, Alva Management, Lamb Bain Laubscher Lawyers, Syncro Multishore, Simply Equine & More Ltd, Lodge Rentals, Mataiti Whanau, Mahoni Construction Ltd, DAEMS Automotive - 12 Haig St 0212067798, Caledonian Design Ltd, Mainfreight, E.R.T.S Compliance Monitoring, **Central Transport Limited, Social Light** Cambridge, and the Te Aho Whanau.

Sports Results Round Up

It's not just Tournament Week that keeps our teams busy during Term 3, so we check in on how our athletes and teams have been faring in their competitions.

The July holidays saw our Motocross team finish third at the NZSSMX Championships, hosted by the Cambridge Motorcycle Club. The top three HBHS riders were Nicholas Westgate (Year 9) who finished 2nd in the 85cc race, Seton Head (Year 12) who also finished 2nd in the 250cc event and Josh Clausen (Year 12) who finished just behind him in 3rd.

Our Duathlon team was in the medals at both the WSS and NZSS competitions. In the Waikato Bay of Plenty Teams Duathlon Under 14 Boys event Mathijs Wetzels and Kallum Mardon finished 1st, Joseph Morgan and Kai Meiklejohn were 2nd and Adam Morgan and Cameron Natta 3rd (all boys are in Year 9 which bodes very well for HBHS in this discipline). In the Under 16 Boys race Joshua Gordon and Andrew Carr (both Year 11) finished 2nd and Fergus Washington-Smith (Year 12) and Noah Hanson (Year 11) won the Under 19 race. In the Individual events, Joseph Morgan won the Under 14 Boys race, and Fergus Washington-Smith finished 3rd in the Under 19 Boys race. This good form continued into the NZSS Championships at Pukekohe, where Mathijs Wetzels and Kallum Mardon won the Under 14 Teams title and Joseph Morgan won the Under 14 Individual event. Adam Morgan finished in 13th place behind him. In the Under 16 event, Andrew Carr and Joshua Gordon finished in 2nd place.

Making the news was Year 10 athlete Liam McKee who was recently profiled in the Waikato Times, and is the recipient of the Cambridge Athletic and Harrier Club Youth Scholarship. This award helps cover the costs of travelling and competing in Athletics meets around the country where Liam is being touted as one to watch in multi-events competitions.

In Super 8 news our Clay Target Shooting team successfully defended the Super 8 trophy for the first time in the school's history. The A squad consisting of **Andrew Wilson, Harrison Brown, Jed Pirritt, Ethan Rendall** and **Nathaniel Aitchison** held off closest rivals Tauranga Boys' College to win



Above: Our medal winning Duathlon team. Back, from left: Joshua Gordon, Andrew Carr, Fergus Washington-Smith, Adam Morgan, Kai Meiklejohn, Joseph Morgan, Noah Hanson and Ms Erin Becht. Front, from left: Mathijs Wetzels, Cameron Natta, Brylie Adams and Kallum Mardon.

the title. We wish the team every success in the NZSS Nationals Competition in Christchurch. Our Senior Premier Basketball team finished fifth and our 1st XI Hockey team lost their final in golden goal time to New Plymouth Boys' High School to finish second. Our 2nd XV Rugby team also finished as runners up, losing their match against Rotorua Boys' High School 19 - 12. Our 1st XI Football team and 1st XV Rugby team finished their Super 8 competitions as champions, with the 1st XI securing the title in July courtesy of a 3 - 2 comeback win over Tauranga Boys' College. In latebreaking news they have also won the Waikato Premier Division title, beating St Peter's Cambridge. The 1st XV also put their coaches and supporters through a tense final, eventually securing the win over Napier Boys' High School by a solitary point, 23 - 22. The team then beat St Paul's Collegiate 38 - 5 in the Waikato Final, New Plymouth Boys' High School 29 - 12 in the Chiefs' Semi-final and comprehensively put Wesley College away in the Chiefs' final 43 - 5.

Finally, an extraordinary number of our HBHS students represented New Zealand in their codes on the world stage this term. **Brandon Fletcher** (Year 12, pictured at right) competed in the World Inline Hockey Competition and is ranked 7th in his age group in the world, and 2nd in New Zealand. **Kiaan Watts** (Year 12) headed to Switzerland for the World Track Cycling Championships, and **Maxim Stephens** (Year 13) was selected for the

Junior Tall Blacks who played in the Asian Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. Sam Cook (Year 13) was selected as part of a 3 man team to represent New Zealand at the UCI Road World Championships in Innsbruck, Austria and has spent much of this term racing in overseas tours. Oliver Shanks (Year 10) was selected for the New Zealand Climbing team to contest the Australasian Lead, Bouldering and Speed Climbing Championships. Cobain Richardson competed in the Youth World Cup as a member of the New Zealand Under 18 Touch team. Sam Ratima represented New Zealand in the Under 18 Water Polo team at the Under 18 World Championships in Hungary. Four of our rowers competed for New Zealand in the Czech Republic, with William Thompson (Year 13) winning the B final in the Quad crew, and Campbell Crouch, Elliott Jenkins and Flynn Watson (all Year 13) finishing behind a talented Great Britain Crew to claim second place and a silver medal at the Junior World Championships in the Men's Four.



Kapa Haka

OUR KAPA HAKA TEAM COMPETES AT NATIONALS

For the second time in a row Te Maurea Whiritoi has made the National Kapa Haka finals. We check out how they fared, as well as share some of the stunning images from their performances.

haka group with HGHS, had a very successful week at the biennial National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition in Palmerston North during the last week of Term 2.

Despite being in the "pool of death", Te Maurea Whiritoi was ecstatic to qualify to perform a second time on finals day, so that they could deliver the bracket to its maximum potential. Te Maurea Whiritoi was one of two finals day groups that came from fully mainstream schools.

We achieved the following results from preliminary rounds:

Kākahu: Second place overall Kaitātaki wahine: Third place overall Whakaeke: Third place overall Whakawātea: Third place overall

The group finished in fifth place overall, and will be taking their talents on tour in Japan at the end of the term. Check out some of the stunning images of our Kapa Haka group in action, and do not ever miss a chance to see them perform when you get a chance.







Te Maurea Whiritoi





















Sydney Music Tour

In the July holidays, our HBHS and HGHS Orchestra headed to sunny Australia to share their talents with the city of Sydney. **Mr James Sutherland** shares the tour itinerary and some of the images from the trip.

July 4 Day 1: Arrival. A walking tour of Sydney

July 5 Day 2: The Sydney Conservatorium of

Music

Orchestra Workshop.

Bondi Junction.

July 6 Day 3: Stanmore Public School Public performance at Martin Place.

Live concert show.

July 7 Day 4: Paddington Market

performance.

Chinese Garden of Friendship.

July 8 Day 5: Sydney Opera House tour.

Taronga Zoo.

July 9 Day 6: Orchestra workshop with

Sarah-Grace Williams.

Royal Botanic Gardens visit.

July 10 Day 7: Manly Beach.

Public performance at the Belrose Country

Club Retirement Village.

July 11 Day 8: Pack up, check out and arrive back in Auckland tired but delighted with the

Sydney Music experience!













DEBATING AND MUSIC RESULTS

t has been a very good term for our Junior and Senior Debating teams. In the Waikato Secondary Schools finals, HBHS was guaranteed a win in the Senior final due to having two teams win through their semi-finals. In the end, seniority prevailed, and the HBHS 1 team of Nicholas Goodman, Sameer Mandhan and Shilong Yang (left) took out the Number 3 team of Henry Yao, Joseph Licht and Ashe Wainui-Mackle on the issue of free speech. There was similar success at Junior level, with the team of Hitesh Malhotra, Levi Pruden and Michael Lin (far left, bottom) beating Hillcrest High School in the Novice final. In the Open final, Logan and Travis Palmer, Tebijan Kalarathan and Robert Hoskins came second to St Peter's Cambridge. Congratulations to all of these boys and thanks and congratulations to Teachers in Charge of Debating, Mr Aaron Kearney and Ms Josie Momm.

ur Music groups have also been successful in their Waikato Bay of Plenty

Championships, winning two gold and three silver medals. The Orchestra won gold, as did the Gypsy Pickers (below, top right) and the Jazz Band, Drum Line and Pipe Band



came away with silver medals.

Congratulations to all of the performers and to our Music Department for all of the time and effort that goes into our musical groups.





Cultural Catch-Up

PHILOSOTHON

n Tuesday 7 August, a group of HBHS students travelled to Waikato Diocesan School to attend the inaugural Waikato Philosothon. A Philosothon is a series of discussions where the participants discuss philosophical questions and topics in an effort to understand the issue discussed. The event was very rewarding as it gave the team the chance to meet other students from other schools and experience the new and innovative ideas they brought to the table.

Attending the competition were HBHS, HGHS, Diocesan and St John's and each school brought ten students ranging from Year 9 to 13. The evening was split up into three discussions which were centred around, 1. Are Humans essentially different than Animals? 2. Should some scientific research be censored? The third topic was a mystery topic revealed on the night. This was the effects of never attending school.

HBHS was very successful in the evening winning the overall top performing school and Logan Palmer (Year 10) was also awarded best Junior Student Performance. Overall the evening was a successful and enlightening one which the team thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to thank Mrs Jenkins and Mr Somers for organising and attending the event as facilitators and judges, as well as coaching and guiding us towards this point. The team was:

Ruaridh Martynoga (Year 9) Logan Palmer (Year 10) Travis Palmer (Year 10) Joshua Henderson (Year 10) Aryan Gupta (Year 11) Joseph Licht (Year 12) Henry Yao (Year 12) Nicholas Goodman (Year 13) Cian Sutherland (Year 13) Luke Stynes (Year 13)

By Travis Palmer

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

housands apply but only around 260 high school students around New Zealand are selected. Seven from our school were chosen, including a Deputy Head prefect (Sameer Mandhan), a Prefect and Chess captain (Shilong Yang), Henry Yao, Rohan



Above: Our champion Philosothon team, with Mr Somers and Mrs Jenkins. Below: Lorenzo Buschichi and NIcola Manghi with Best Junior winner Logan Palmer (centre).



Singh, myself and Joseph Licht who represented the United States of America and received a scholarship from the US embassy. He also got to discuss US policy at the embassy with diplomats. All 7 participated in special committees like The International Court of Justice, security council, and crisis convention. It took part over the first week of the

holidays and was in Wellington. The opening ceremony was held in the Beehive and Andrew Little opened the convention. There was also a ball in Te Papa museum. HBHS had one of the largest delegations, rivalled only by schools like Kings College and Auckland Grammar.

By Eushin Kang



Winter Tournament Week 2018

RESULTS DIARY... AS IT HAPPENED...

Monday 3 September: The weather is certainly contributing the winter this week, with heavy rain and possible hail making it a much nicer experience for the indoor codes. Our Junior Premier Basketball team have had a run of wins at the Zonal Regionals in Tauranga, beating Te Awamutu College 83 – 41, Fraser High School 71 – 69, Tokoroa High School 89 - 30, St John's College 72 – 69 and Rotorua Boys' High School 89 – 60 in the semi-final. They now face Tauranga Boys' College in the final on Tuesday. Our **Badminton** team have had two good wins at the NZSS Nationals in Auckland, beating Kristin School 4 – 2 and Napier Boys' High School 8 - 6 in round robin play. Unfortunately our Table Tennis team began with a loss at the NZSS Teams Championship here in Hamilton against Burnside High School 4 – 1 but they came back to beat Macleans College B 4 – 3 only to then lose to Westlake Boys' High School A 4-3. In outdoor action our **Rugby Under** 15A team had two wins, over Tauranga Boys' College 27 – 14 and Napier Boys' High School 10 – 7 at the NZSS Nationals in Auckland. In Palmerston North at the Super 8 Tournament our Under 14A Rugby team lost to New Plymouth Boys' High School 13 - 5 only to bounce back with a monster 57 – 5 win over Palmerston North Boys' High School. Right here at HBHS our Under 16 Rugby team have started the Quadrangular competition with a 29 – 0 win over St Paul's Collegiate. The Hockey 1st XI have started their Rankin Cup campaign in Tauranga with a 5 – 1 win over Taupo-Nui-A-Tia College, and the 2nd XI Hockey team have begun the Galletly Cup competition in Hamilton with a 1-0 loss to Westlake Boys' High School 2nd XI. At the Hillsdene Tournament in Tauranga our Year **10 Colts Football** team had two good wins over Tauranga Boys' College 8 – 0 and New Plymouth Boys' High School 3 – 0 only to lose in a close match to Rosmini College 3-2. Finally, on day one, the Football 1st XI has begun their defence of the National title with a 2 – 0 win over Waimea College.

Tuesday 4 September: Our teams have paid little mind to the freezing temperatures today. The Under 15A Rugby team won their way through to a quarter-final against St Patrick's College (Town) on Wednesday after a 69 – 0 demolition of Wellington

College. Our Hockey 1st XI has finished second in their pool on goal differential courtesy of a 9 - 0 win over Kristin School and a 1 – 1 draw with an always troublesome Whangarei Boys' High School. A 29 – 0 win over Gisborne Boys' High School has set up a play-off for third and fourth against Tauranga Boys' college for our Under 14A Rugby team and the Under 16 Rugby Quad team will play Palmerston North Boys' High School after beating Sacred Heart College 11 – 5. The **2nd XI Hockey** team drew with Timaru Boys' High School 2nd XI in Galletly Cup action and the 1st XI Football team remain on track, finishing top of their pool after drawing 1 – 1 with Auckland Grammar and beating Christchurch Boys' High School 2 – 1. The **2nd XI Football** team are also looking good, with some huge wins over Marsden College 9 – 1 and Hauraki Plains College 7 – 0 as they too continue in their title defence. The Year 10 Colts Football team beat Tauranga Boys' College 1 – 0 and Northcote College 3 – 0 as they continue their Hillsdene Cup journey. It has been very tough for our **Badminton** team as they come up against the Auckland schools, losing 6 - 0 to Auckland Grammar and 4 - 2 to Macleans College. Our Table Tennis team also ran into tough opposition, losing 4 – 3 to Burnside high School, 4 - 2 to Macleans College A and 4 – 3 to Auckland Grammar and the Junior Basketballers went down in the final of the Zonal Regionals 104 – 100 to Tauranga Boys' College. Finally, closer to home, our Golfers and Rock-Climbing teams were completely dominant, with HBHS Golf Teams finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Waikato Secondary Schools 'Lunden Links' competition. Team 1 consisted of Hamish Mellow, Logan Madden, Dominic Letford and Sam McArthur. The Rock Climbing Team won every title and trophy they could, winning the Top Boys' Team, the Top City Team and the Top Waikato Team. The team consisted of Kamsan Govender, Oliver Shanks, Guillaume Pierry, Noah Hanson, Devin Hutcheson and Jonathan Lloyd.

Wednesday 5 September: Today gave us our first National title winner, as Year 13 student JonJon Zhao became the New Zealand Secondary Schools Senior Under 19 Table Tennis Champion. JonJon had to come back from two sets to love down against his Burnside High School opponent, after winning through six previous matches, two of which went the distance. The Table Tennis

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team did not have such a happy result, eventually finishing in 8th place after winning one of their fixtures. In other results, our Under 15A Rugby team won their quarterfinal 23 – 19 to book a semi-final against Auckland Grammar. The 1st XI Hockey team are still on track in the Rankin Cup and will face Timaru Boys' High School in the quarter-finals after beating Westlake Boys' High School 3 – 0. The **Under 14A Rugby** side needed results to go their way, and eventually finished in 4th place after losing 24 - 10 to Tauranga Boys' College, whilst the **Under 16 Rugby** team finished on top of the Quadrangular Tournament, beating Palmerston North Boys' High School 29 – 5 in their final match. The 2nd XI Hockey team are still in the running in the Galletly Cup after beating Whangarei Boys' High School 2 – 0, as are the **2nd XI Football** team who face Scots College in their quarter-final after beating New Plymouth Boys' High School 2-1. We very much hope their result is different from the 1st XI Football team who went down 2 – 0 to Scots College and now face Auckland Grammar in the 9th to 12th playoff after beating Kings High School 4 - 0 in their 9th to 16th match. The Year 10 Colts Football team will play off for 5th and 6th against Wellington College, after losing 4 – 1 to Tauranga Boys' College and then coming back to beat St John's College 5 – 0 in the 5th to 8th playoff. The **Badminton** team lost 5 – 1 to St Kentigern College and face Rosehill College on Thursday and our Senior Basketball teams started with good wins in their Regional Qualifying Tournaments. The **Senior Premier** team thumped Opotiki College 105 – 43 and beat Whakatane High School 116 – 26, and the **Senior B** team beat Howick College 81 – 45 and ACG Strathallan School 91 - 70.



Above: Gus Nelson for the Hockey 1st XI.

Thursday 6 September: The Under 15A Rugby team is set for a National title final on Friday after beating Auckland Grammar 14 -10. The Hockey 1st XI won a tense quarterfinal 5 - 4 against Timaru Boys' High School, having to go to penalty strokes after finishing 2 - 2 at the end of regulation time. The Hockey 2nd XI beat Tauranga Boys' College 1 - 0 only to then lose 2 - 0 in their semi-final to Westlake Boys' High School. They now have a play-off for 3rd and 4th place. The Football 1st XI won a penalty shootout 4 - 3 against Auckland Grammar after grinding to a 0 - 0 draw at full time. It was a penalty shootout for our **Year 10 Colts Football** team (pictured, top right) who won 5 - 4 against Wellington College after being tied 2 - 2. They finish their campaign in 5th place. The Football 2nd XI are also in for a finals Friday after winning their quarter final 2 - 0 and their semi-final against Napier Boys' High School 2 - 0. Our **Badminton** team finished their week with a 4 - 2 win over Rosehill College and are now 7th in New Zealand. The Senior Premier Basketball team continued on their winning ways, beating Cambridge High School 90 - 60 and Mount Maunganui College 71 - 63 and are now through to play-offs. The Basketball Senior B team beat Rosmini College 71 - 67 only to lose by a single point 60 - 59 to Rosehill College in their quarter-final.

Friday 7 September: Finals Friday gives us another National Title, courtesy of our Rugby Under 15A team who beat Napier Boys' High School 19 - 15 to secure a title that has so often eluded HBHS teams. Unfortunately a single goal costs our Hockey 1st XI in their semi-final against St Kentigern College and they now have a play-off for 3rd and 4th against King's College on Saturday. The 2nd XI Hockey team lost their play-off against Palmerston North Boys' High School 2 - 0 and finish in 4th place. The Football 1st XI finish their tournament in 9th place after beating Westlake Boys' High School 2 - 1, and it was not to be for our Football 2nd XI after they lost 4 - 0 to Palmerston North Boys' High School to finish in 2nd place. The Senior Premier Basketball team have a final on Saturday against St John's College after winning their quarter final 71 - 63 against Fraser High School and their semi-final 75 - 66 against Rotorua Boys' High School. The Basketball Senior B team finished on a winning note, beating St John's College 77 -71 and Tauranga Boys' College 78 - 72 to





finish their tournament in 5th place. Finally it was a heartbreaker for our **1st XV Rugby** team who went down 8 - 7 in their semi-final against St Peter's College and must now play Christchurch Boys' High School in the play-off for 3rd and 4th.

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September: The weekend brings us another New Zealand title as our 8-Ball team of Jack Ellis, Kieran **Dempsey** and **Levi Bruns** go through the two day tournament undefeated to claim the NZSS Team Trophy (and what a trophy!) after beating Geraldine High School by 28 points in the final. Our Cycling team headed north for the Northern Tour and NZSS Individual Championship, with **Drew Christensen** finishing in 3rd place in the Under 19 Individual Time Trial and Oliver Duncan finishing 4th in the under 16 Criterium. The Rugby 1st XV regrouped for their 3rd and 4th play-off and put Christchurch Boys' High School away 43 - 25, but it was not the case

for our **1st XI Hockey** team who lost their play-off against King's College 4 - 2 to eventually finish 4th. The **Senior Premier Basketball** team (pictured above) has qualified for the NZSS Championships in the September school holidays after winning their final over St John's College 78 - 71. Finally, our **Golf Croquet** players headed to Wellington for the NZSS Pairs Championships and after winning 2 and losing 3 in their pool play, faced play-offs against Francis Douglas Memorial College and Nelson Boys' College, which they won to finish in 21st place.

It's been another huge week and a bit for our Tournament teams and athletes, and we say a huge congratulations to all of our competitors, as well as a heartfelt thank you to all of the staff, parents, families, friends and supporters who make this competition possible. In a school our size it would be impossible to do so well without their help. Kia kaha, HBHS.

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RAUKAWA JEFFERIES

HBHS is in the extraordinary position of having two students selected for the New Zealand Youth Olympics team set to travel to Buenos Aires next week. We catch up with Year 13 student Raukawa Jefferies to find out what this means and what it takes.

aukawa Jefferies has been studying Martial Arts for nearly two-thirds of his entire life. He started training in Karate at the age of six, and was responsible for getting his family involved, although he is now the only one continuing on. Raukawa is a First Dan Black Belt, National Champion in the over 68kg division and Oceania title-holder for the over 76kg category.

If you thought it would be difficult to get to this level, well, you're right. A glance at Raukawa's training regime demonstrates why only the most dedicated and committed Martial Artists make it to black belt and competition fighting. He begins his weekdays at 6am, with technique training until 7:30am, and is then back in the gym after school for conditioning and strength training, along with yoga to develop the necessary flexibility and core strength. He gets a sleep in on Saturday, starting his training at 9am and has Sunday off for resting and recovery. He is also very disciplined with his diet as he heads into tournaments, focusing on good-quality protein and carbohydrates in order to keep his energy levels up.

Raukawa is looking ahead to the Junior World Championships in Chile next year, and then hopes to proceed to the Senior World Championships after that. With Karate debuting at the Tokyo Olympics in 2020, Rauakawa is thinking long term, and has eyes on Paris 2024. He is currently ranked sixth in the world in his division, and sees the competitors from Japan and Russia as being his toughest opponents.

We thank **Raukawa** for taking time out before he heads away to Buenos Aires, and we will be following his progress. We wish him every success in this competition and in his future endeavours, and suggest that he might want to clear some space in his schedule for French lessons. Kia kaha.







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JONJON ZHAO

Ever since he enrolled in 2014 as a Year 9 student, **JonJon Zhao** has been regarded as one to watch for in the future, courtesy of his skills in Table Tennis. We catch up with the newly-crowned New Zealand Under 19 Men's Table Tennis Champion and find out what's next for him.

ear 13 Table Tennis star JonJon Zhao has now won a total of seven age group National titles. He won the first at the age of 12, becoming the New Zealand Under 13 champion before he even attended HBHS. JonJon began playing table tennis at the age of 8, and it's likely that this ability is in the blood, as his father is a table tennis coach who spotted his son's talent early on. JonJon moved to New Zealand at the age of 10, and is from Harbin in Northern China, a city so cold in winter that the ice sculptures the region is famous for can last for months.

JonJon filled us in on his training routine, and he puts in a lot of hours in order to keep match fit. His cardio and strength training includes a lot of skipping, sit ups, push ups and frog jumps. Frog jumps, for the uninitiated, involve squatting low then jumping forwards and landing in a low squat ready to repeat. The aim is distance and they are as unpleasant and difficult as they sound.

Next year JonJon is heading to the University of Waikato in order to study computer science, and he will be aiming to compete in the World University Championships. JonJon is no stranger to international competition, as he has won Oceania titles in the Under 13 and Under 15 age groups. JonJon played in his first world championships at the age of 13 in Austria and finished ranked fifth in the world in his age bracket. He very nearly joined our small group of Junior Olympians but a second place in the qualifiers meant he was unable to go. Looking at JonJon's list of accomplishments, we feel that it's a case of when rather than if in terms of international honours and titles.

We thank JonJon for spending time with us and sharing his experiences and what it takes to be so successful. We wish him every success next year and beyond in all of his endeavours.







International Students

KHEANG LOR

This term, in our regular feature, we meet the 2018 Leader of the International students, **Kheang Lor**.

hen we asked Kheang how he felt when he was named as the International Student leader of 2018, he said he was "shocked", but after spending some time with him, we are not remotely surprised at his appointment. Kheang hails from Cambodia's capital city Phnom Penh, which has a population of about 1.5 million. He has been in New Zealand for two and half years, and he had studied English whilst in Cambodia which certainly helped him to make the transition. He does find the culture different here, and he very much appreciates the fact that teachers in New Zealand are able to focus more on their students. In Cambodia, class sizes of 60 make that considerably more difficult. Kheang has helped put together a Committee of International Studies, the first of its kind, with four Year 13 students and a Year 9 and Year 11 representative.

Kheang heard about HBHS via his Aunt, who lives in Hamilton and a cousin who attends the school. He is the youngest of three



Above: Kheang Lor in official duty mode as the International Students Leader.

brothers, one of whom lives in Taupo and is employed as a technician, and his other brother still lives in Cambodia with his parents. **Kheang** has travelled back to Cambodia since moving here and spent a month back home in 2017. When we asked him about how he has found adjusting to the weather in Hamilton, he laughingly admitted that he likes the cold, and finds the tropical climate of Cambodia far too hot and sticky. Because he lives with his aunt and cousin he has not had to miss out on his favourite

dishes from back home, but he has enthusiastically embraced fast food options such as McDonalds and pizza!

It is perhaps just as well that **Kheang** likes the cold, because he intends to stay in New Zealand next year and study medicine at Otago University or Auckland. He describes himself as very adaptable, and is happy to be staying here a bit longer. We thank him for sharing his experiences with us, and wish him every success in all that he does.

UNDER 14A RUGBY REPORT

he Under 14A Rugby team, led by captain Karage Poihipi and vice captain Payton **Spencer**, travelled to Palmerston North during Winter Tournament Week to compete in the annual 'Colquhoun Shield' tournament between all 8 Super 8 schools. The team played four games in three days, losing to New Plymouth Boys' High School in their first game 13 - 5, then going on to win their next two games 57 - 5 against Palmerston North Boys' High School and 29 - 0 against Gisborne Boys' High School to finish second in their pool. The team played off for third and fourth place on the final day, losing to Tauranga Boys' College 24 - 10 to finish in fourth place overall. Thanks to Mr Quigley and Mr McKenzie for coaching and managing the team, and to parent, Mr Paul Martin, for being our medic and on-field manager during the games, as he received plenty of work due to numerous injuries. We'd like to thank all parents and caregivers for making the trip south to support the team.

A special thanks to those businesses and family members that sponsored each player, for without their support the team would have been unable to meet their financial obligations over this week.

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NICHOLAS GOODMAN

Earlier this term our Deputy Head Prefect and Leader of the Leadership Committee was selected in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Debating team and headed to Croatia to contest the World Schools Debating Tournament. We thank him for sharing this experience with us.

arlier this year I had the privilege of travelling to Europe as a member of the New Zealand Debating team. We went first to Prague, before going on to Zagreb in Croatia for the World Schools' Championship. Over that time, we covered topics as diverse as Chinese foreign policy, the notion of an afterlife, and the belief that motherhood is a rewarding experience.

My journey towards arguing passionately on these seemingly random topics was a long one. I was first selected to the Waikato team, before heading down to the National Competition in May, where I was named best speaker and Waikato made the semi-finals. After being selected for the New Zealand team, we had a relatively short training period of 6 weeks to get to know each other before heading overseas. In Prague, we competed in a warm-up tournament with a number of other countries attending Worlds, as well as other teams from around Europe. This provided a valuable opportunity to grow as a team and measure ourselves against our future competition.

After watching the World Cup Final in a bar in Prague, we caught a train to Munich, followed by an overnight train to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Arriving the day after the World Cup Final, the streets were full of Croatian flags and the country was in full celebration mode despite the loss. Turning our attention once again to debating, we progressed through our round robins with 7 wins from 8, breaking to the knockout rounds 3rd in the world.

A bye in the first knockout round left us with a round of 16 clash against Lithuania, which we won unanimously to set up a quarterfinal with last year's champions Singapore. In a close debate, we ultimately lost on a split decision to be knocked out at the quarterfinal stage. At the conclusion of





Top: New Zealand takes on Singapore in the quarter-finals of the World Schools' Debating Tournament. Bottom: St Mark's Church in Zagreb, Croatia.

the tournament, I was then lucky enough to be named the 13th best speaker in the world. I can honestly say this was the best experience of my life - the people, the country, and the competition itself were all unforgettable.

Finally, I must take this opportunity to thank those at this school who have helped me along this journey. Foremost among them is **Mr Brown**, who has now left the school but

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was an inspiration in the time that I started debating as a year 9. Thank you also to **Mr Kearney**, as well as those boys who I have had the pleasure of competing alongside while at this school.

From winning a Junior Super 8 title to competing on the World stage has been an incredible journey, and I am grateful for those who helped me to go on this adventure.

Staff Star

TE KARE EMERY

It's not just the students who were our High Achievers this term. We check in with one of the four recipients of the 2018 New Zealand Spellng Bee Teacher Awards, our own **Mr Emery**.

f it wasn't for his very proud Head of Faculty, Dr Williams, making the announcement in staff briefing, we might never actually have found out about the achievements of our colleague in the English faculty as he is not one for talking up his own achievements. Mr Emery is one of four recipients in the country of the New Zealand Spelling Bee Teacher Awards, which is given to teachers who effectively and innovatively promote and develop literacy in schools. As part of the process, Mr Emery had to showcase some of the strategies he has used in his classroom to encourage many of our reluctant and self-conscious readers. The prize consists of a monetary award which can be spent as the individual teacher wishes, as well as a weekend in Wellington in November where the awards ceremony and celebration will take place. **Mr Emery** is going to create an at-home library in a spare room and use his prize to commission new book shelves better suited to storing his considerable collection of literature, which will then be shown via photographs to his classes.

At the core of his approach to reading is Mr Emery's belief in the need to model his passion for literature. During the fortnightly visits to the library which are mandatory for Year 9 and 10 English classes at HBHS, Mr Emery recommends texts to his classes and then spends much of the time demonstrating what reading for enjoyment looks like. He shares his reading with his classes, and is not afraid to tell his students if he is not enjoying a particular text, along with his reasons why. During the summer holidays, Mr Emery sets himself a reading challenge, where he deliberately selects texts that are not necessarily his first choices in terms of genre and style. He has made a conscious effort to promote reading and a love of literature in a society where reading is not always seen as being a masculine or manly choice, and believes that if we are going to have an emotionally literate society we have to challenge this and give boys the words and language they need to express themselves.



In response to the question that is guaranteed to give an English teacher a headache, Mr Emery managed to limit his answer to three favourite texts. As a child he was obsessed with reading and re-reading the Willard Price "Adventure" series, which chronicled the exploits of a pair of teenage naturalists who toured the world. Mr Emery describes the novels as "creative non-fiction" and remembers gifting his collection to his younger cousin in order to pass on the legacy. His second choice is the anarchic and iconic "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas", written by Hunter S Thompson as a challenge to conformity and hegemonic society. Mr

Emery's final text of choice is the science fiction work "Blind Sight" by Peter Watts which imagines a fascinating dystopic future where vampires have been scientifically created and are controlled and exploited for their anti-aging and healing properties.

We thank **Mr Emery** for taking the time to talk literature and reading with us and congratulate him on this acknowledgement of his talents and passion for his subject. He is quick to assure us that he is doing nothing particularly special, but in this instance, we are going to have to disagree. Kia kaha.



House Competition 2018

THE HOUSE SINGING AND HAKA COMPETITION

uesday the 18th of September saw the all-important House Singing and Haka competition take place in Gym 1, and with the competition as tight as it is at the top, there was a lot to sing and perform for in the two Major events. And House needed a strong performance to challenge Wilson, and they delivered, with a stirring haka and spirited performance of "I Vow To Thee My Country". The Wilson Haka was not to be denied, and their win means it is going to be very difficult for Ample to pull off the three-peat. Thit House won the Singing competition, with (the mighty™) **Accele** in second and Steel taking a very welcome third place, and then it was all down to the Staff versus Prefects battle, and what a battle it was! Mr Thomas North dazzled the crowd with his rock-star rendition of "Seven Nation Army", backed up by the ever-stylish Staff band and chorus, but even this unashamedly biased reporter could not deny the Prefects their victory, on the back of Keeley "Slim **Shady" Sexton** and some energetic chorus work and crowd backing. The House points for singing and haka, and the overall House points and standings are below. It's not over yet...

House Singing

Place:	House:	Points
1st	Taît	12
2nd	Argyle	10
3rd	Steel	8
4th	Wilson	6
5th	Taylor	4
6th	Baigent	2

House Haka

Place:	House:	Points
1st	Wilson	12
2nd	Argyle	10
3rd	Taylor	8
4th	Taît	6
5th	Baigent	4
6th	Steel	2

Overall (with two events to go)

Place:	House:	Points:		
1st	Wilson	85		
2nd	Argyle	77		
3rd	Taylor	60		
4th	Steel	59½		
5th	Tait	58		
6th	Baigent	35½		









Te Reo Maori Week

WE CELEBRATE TE REO MAORI WEEK AT HBHS

eek 8 of this term was Te Reo Māori Week and at HBHS we marked the occasion with a range of activities all designed to encourage our school community to have a go at using our unique National language. The week began with a spirited pukana competition and was followed by a game of Ki-o-rahi on Tuesday and a sausage sizzle on Wednesday. The prize for your lunch? A phrase in Te Reo, and there were plenty of happy customers. A full-school assembly on Thursday and blood donors on Friday meant that the final event ran into the following week, and that was the haka competition (just prior to the House Haka competition on Tuesday). We hope you enjoy our images and are encouraged to incorporate some Te Reo into your everyday lives. We've provided some useful starters, courtesy of Matua Toti West.

Noho ora mai rā me aku mihi nui atu.



Above: Tiaki Keogh (left) and Thomas Falekaono (right) throw themselves into the final round of the pukana competition. Thomas would prevail in the end courtesy of some acrobatic moves. Below, Matua West serves another happy customer at Wednesday's sausage sizzle. Bottom: The Haka Competition went down to the wire and was eventually decided by a "haka off". Team Ittetsu would eventually take the win.







