



Hastings Boys' High School

Newsletter



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Diary Dates—Term 1

FEBRUARY / MARCH

27 - 4 March, NZ Kapa Haka

4, Relay for Life

7, Interhouse Athletic Sports

13—15, Year 13 Tongariro

14, Year 9/10 Parent Teacher Interviews

17, BP Business Challenge

27—31, Summer Tournament Week

APRIL

1, Big Sing

13, End of Term 1

MAY

1, Start Term 2

Absence Notifications:

You can email your child's absence to keiths@hastingsboys.school.nz or to HBHSadmin@xtra.co.nz

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday

8:00—9:00am and 3:00—3:30pm

Tuesday

8:00—9:00am

Wednesday

8:00—9:00am

Thursday

8:00—9:00am and 3:00—3:30pm

CLOSED FRIDAY



I welcome you all back to another exciting school year and a particular welcome to our Year 9 students and those new to our school. Our outstanding achievements in 2016 have set the bar very high for us in 2017 and we relish the challenge and look forward to the next 10 months. Our NCEA results again give us much to be proud of and when these are finalised in early March I will publish these to our school community. Our school has experienced steady roll growth not just in Year 9, but right across all year levels, confirming opinion that we are a school that is meeting the needs of its local community. A steady roll is crucial to a school as it allows for curriculum choice, choice that is made around student needs, not on timetable constraints. A roll of around 700 students allows for the great subject choice yet still maintains the close knit family nature of our school.

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I am very pleased to have appointed quality teachers new to our school this year. I welcome Mr Steve Field to Technology, Miss Kelsey O'Dea to English, Mr Dominic di Meo-Smith to Science and Mrs Francesca di Meo-Smith to Mathematics. At our first assembly I reminded our young men of the importance of getting involved outside the classroom. No school offers more sporting choice or teacher willing to give up their time to coach sport, take advantage of this. You learn a lot about yourself being part of a team.



The young athletes of Hawke's Bay are enjoying the facilities as they run, jump and throw.

Hastings Boys' High School is giving its gym space to the young, enthusiastic Volleyball players of Hawke's Bay. It is fantastic to see the very young developing skills and team work that will assist them when they head to secondary school.



R G Sturch, B.Ed., Dip.Tchg., M.Ed.Admin.(Hons.), Headmaster

Welcome to the following new staff



Mr S Field
Technology



Miss K O'Dea
English



Mrs F Di Meo Smith
English



Mr D Di Meo Smith
Science

Hastings Boys' High School Cellphone App



Don't forget to download the Hastings Boys' High School App from the App Store and add your son's Form Class or Sports Team to your Alert Subscriptions so you receive the latest alerts.

HB Schools Years 9 & 10 Relays

On Monday 20th February, the school's athletics team competed at the Hawke's Bay Schools Year 9/10 relays. We had a team of 23 athletes competing in relays, shot put, discus and long jump. In the field events the combined distances are added together of your three throwers to find a winner

Results:

SHOT PUT: HBHS FIRST(Jadus Hungahunga, Kalaki Filipo, Peter Te Kaa)

DISCS: HBHS SECOND: (Jadus Hungahunga, Kalaki Filipo, Peter Te Kaa)

4 x 100 Year 9: HBHS FIRST—**Josh Woodhead, Ryan Ashman, Mephi Tupou, Brayden Munroe**

4 x 100 Year 10: HBHS SECOND—Wesley Akeripa, Aldius Oli, Taranaki Hokianga, CJ Waiwai

4 x 400 Year 9: HBHS SECOND—**Josh Woodhead, Ryan Ashman, Mephi Tupou, Brayden Munroe**

4 x 400 Year 10: HBHS THIRD—Adam Bibby, Hoera Stephenson, Daemon Brough, Wesley Akeripa

Leadership Camp



Monday 6th of February saw the dawn of the 2017 prefects camp. A huge thank you is in order for Mr Hayes, Mr Arnold and of course Mr Sturch for surrendering their busy week in order to assist the success of the participants. The unknown challenges ahead would test us physically and mentally. It was up to the select young men to prove to Mr Sturch and Mr Hayes that they had selected carefully when rounding up a group of potential future leaders of the school. On arrival at the Hillary Outdoors Education Centre, the boys were separated into two even teams. It was in these teams we would work, eat, sleep and conquer for the next four days. Each group was assigned daily duties and cleaning obligations which came as a shock to many. Although we were assigned camp guides they worked to ensure the school's future leaders took charge and organised the busy week ahead. Day one saw the two groups venture off to surrounding areas. Completing various challenges the boys got a taste of what was to come later in the week. Kayaking was the activity for day one for one group while the other group ventured off to partake in a bush walk with various challenges along the way. Obstacles they faced included scaling rock faces and wandering through creeks along the river. The Kayakers were pushed to their limits attempting to test new skills we had only just learnt such as paddling through rapids. Our final challenge was jumping off a bridge despite many people being daunted by the heights. Day one proved that this camp was unlike any other. Waking up the next morning the boys staggered out of bed to prepare for the day ahead. Team building was a key factor that was being developed with one group completing various tasks involving teamwork, trust and resilience. The swamp challenge proved to be difficult taking over an hour to complete. The teams final challenge was the high ropes with many participants once again battling their fears of heights. Whilst completing these challenges the other group was down the brisk river building rafts out of ropes and tubes. These rafts would be put to the ultimate test when they were used to transport down the river. Day two once again was strenuous and the boys were shattered needing all the rest they could get before we faced the ultimate challenge. The final days saw each group gear up for the overnight expedition. We were tasked by our camp guides to prepare to camp overnight on Mount Ruapehu after reaching the summit of 2,797m. With gear separated within the group we ventured up the mountain. We set up camps and lightened our loads before heading for the summit. The test ahead was the most physical and strenuous challenge we had to face. All the skills we developed over the previous two days were required in successfully reaching the summit. No man left behind was a key policy we had to live by. Some struggled more than others but everyone made it to the summit of Mt Ruapehu. We headed down from the summit to prepare our dinner before we all climbed into bed for much needed rest in -7 degree temperatures. The journey was long but every person achieved their goals they had set with no challenge being left unfaced. Over the long, exhausting week the boys involved bonded with their brothers and a new found brotherhood was formed. Everyone put in the required 'mahi' and went over and above to ensure the week was successful. The camp saw us grow individually, as a group and most importantly, as leaders.

School Swimming Sports



Photos courtesy of Mr M Hayes

House Points

Total Placing

Manu Huia	799	1st
Te Mata	755	2nd
Te Kahu	601	3rd
Heretaunga	480	4th

Championship Students By Year Levels

Placing	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Seniors
1st Place	Joshua Moroney	Titoko White	William Mellors	Jackson Ralph
2nd Place	Sam Connor	Iziah Ellen-Aiavao	Ben Colman	Liam Bowden
3rd Place	Joshua Woodhead	Caleb Robinson	Nicholas Yorke	Tipene Kupa-Hapi

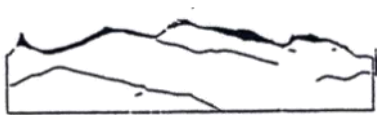
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Manu Huia Te Mata Te Kahu Heretaunga





Senior Kapa Haka students and honour blazer Prefects head down to the Te Matatini powhiri being held at Kahungunu Park Hastings. These boys represented the school along with Jadus Hungahunga, Manaia Lambert and his brother Kingston Lambert who attended the powhiri as part of the Kahungunu welcome party.

Cambridge Geography Flight



In week two of the term, the Year 11 Cambridge Geography class went to the Hawke's Bay East Coast Aerodrome to have flights around the Heretaunga Plains. The purpose of the flight was to take photographs of the natural and cultural features found in our local area. Hawke's Bay is an excellent case study for the many topics covered in this years course and it was an excellent opportunity for the students to use their "geography eyes" when viewing an environment.

A message from the school Nurses

Can all boys please keep any wounds and grazes covered while they are at school. If they do not have access to plasters at home do come and see the nurses or the Student Centre for help. Any infected wounds or sores should be seen by the school nurse or doctor promptly to ensure they are treated and to reduce the cause of others being at risk of infection. If untreated some infections can lead to more serious illness. It is important to keep hands clean with regular washing and finger nails should be kept trimmed and clean. Please do contact Student Centre or the school nurses if you have any questions.

Max Hawea and Pip Feierabend

School Based Health Nurses for Hastings Boys' High School

GROOMING AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS

- **Uniform:** All such uniform shall be kept clean, tidy and in good repair and worn correctly at all times. If for any reason a student is out of school uniform he must have a note of explanation signed by a Deputy Principal, the Assistant Principal or a Dean. Shoes or sandals need to be kept clean and polished and in a good state of repair. Tee-shirts, skivvies, skins, and compression gear or similar singlets are not to be worn if they show above the shirt front.
- **Shaving:** All students are to be clean shaven at all times including school trips.
- **Hair:** A student's hair needs to be clean and short enough to ensure it does not touch his shirt collar. Hair should not be long enough to be tied up in any form. The student's fringe should be short enough to ensure hair is kept out of his eyes when combed straight down. Natural hair colour must be maintained (no dyed hair), and extreme hairstyles including but not restricted to, a Mohawk, afro, shaved patterns, shaved hair styles, braided hair, dreadlocks, undercut are not permitted. Sideburns must not extend beyond the ear-lobe.
- Hair is not allowed to be tied up on top of or behind the head. This includes sports teams and cultural groups.
- **Jewellery:** With exception of a wrist watch and if required, a medical bracelet, **NO OTHER JEWELLERY IS TO BE WORN** which includes rings, ear studs, earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Visible body piercing is not acceptable at this School. Confiscated jewellery will be placed in safe custody and is to be picked up by the student or parent at an agreed time.
- **Taonga:** These may only be worn on the inside of the shirt unless at a formal school function.
- **Tattoo and Moko:** These must be covered at all times. The Student Centre will provide a 'cover' for these items.



Welcome to the 2017 Year 9's

