



# Hastings Boys' High School Newsletter



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## 2018 Diary Dates

13 Feb	Yr9 BBQs 9Hi, 9Un
14 Feb	Yr9 BBQs 9Ar, 9Nk, 9Fm
15 Feb	Yr9 BBQs 9Sf, 9Sr, 9Kn
13 Feb	10Bc/11 Geo Trip1
14 Feb	Colts cricket vs Hereworth
19-20 Feb	13 Geo to Tongariro
22 Feb	Athletics Sports
24-25 Feb	Canoe Polo Tourn
26 Feb	Super 8 Golf, Tennis, Volleyball
2-4 Mar	Canoe Polo Regionals
2 Mar	Swimming Sports
5-9 Mar	Year 9 Day Camps
10 Mar	Relay for Life Prefects
10 Mar	Waka Ama Champs
14 Mar	ECNISSA Champs
19-23 Mar	Summer Tournament week
23-25 Mar	Canoe Polo Nationals
29 Mar	Summer Team Photos
30 Mar	Easter Break
5 April	School Starts Back
6 April	1st/2nd XV vs Kelston
5-8 April	Rotorua Basketball
13 April	1st XV Fundraising Dinner
15 April	1st XV Wellington College Day
16-18 Apr	Ki--O-Rahi Nationals

### Absence Notifications:

You can email your child's absence to [hbhsadmin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hbhsadmin@xtra.co.nz) or use the School App which can be found in the app store

## UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday—Thursday  
8—9 am

**CLOSED FRIDAYS**



Welcome to the 2018 school year and an especially warm welcome to our year 9 students and those new to our school. We will look back on 2017 with a great deal of pride with successes in all domains; academic, sport, culture and music. The challenge we accept is to make 2018 even better.

The very important NCEA results are still in provisional form but we are confident they again will be very pleasing.

2018 will see Hastings Boys' instigate a programme based on "character" education; What is it to be a good man? What qualities should be seen in our students? What we refer to as the "Akina Man". This programme will run in all levels from year 9 to 13.

A group of senior leaders spent a week at the Hillary Outdoors Centre with myself and the Year 13 Dean, Mr Hayes. Here the young men were put through a personal development programme, involving bush-craft, navigation, kayaking, caving, mountaineering, abseiling, overnight camp, caving and adventure learning. Each leader worked well together, learning the importance of teamwork, communication, decision making and accepting challenges.

Over the next few weeks our students will be involved in a number of inter-house and inter-form activities; an ideal way to build school spirit.

We have a number of new staff to Hastings Boys' High School: Mr Liam Keegan (Maths), Mr Paul Sandkuijl (Technology), Miss Alana Sayers (English), Mr Tivaini Fomai (PE), Ms Anna Upton (English), Mr Regan Spooner (Teacher Aide). All are fantastic teachers and people and will add a great deal to our school.

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Great for:  
\* messages letting you know if school finishes early!  
\* reminders of Parent/Teacher Interviews  
\* reminders of calendar events  
\* links to website, notices and school calendar

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Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android Device and Search Hastings Boys' High School to download the App to your phone or tablet.  
Website: [www.hastingsboys.school.nz](http://www.hastingsboys.school.nz)

School Apps™

### IMPORTANT!!

Please could you ensure your current contact details are up-to-date with the Student Centre. We are aiming to email a lot of correspondence in the future and therefore we need your current email address. Please email [annab@hastingsboys.school.nz](mailto:annab@hastingsboys.school.nz) with your updated details.

## New Staff



### Mr Liam Keegan (Maths)

My name is Liam Keegan and I am new to the Hastings Boys' Maths Department this year. I have moved to the Bay from Auckland after spending the last couple of years teaching at Waitakere College. I'm excited to be joining the Hastings Boys' staff and working to help my students to become more confident in maths. It's a subject where mind set can play a huge role and I hope to help develop a positive attitude towards maths. I play futsal in my spare time and I am keen to get involved with football at the school. I also like to cook, play a bit of music and I enjoy the outdoors. I'm looking forward to exploring the beaches and hikes around the Bay.



### Mr Paul Sandkuijl (Technology)

I am Paul Sandkuijl. People also call me Mr Dutch.

At a very young age I was born in the Netherlands. More specifically I hail from a province called Zeeland. So you could say I moved from Old Zeeland to New Zealand!

I have a Belgian Mum and a Dutch Dad and one younger Brother.

The country is pretty much flat, so picking my mountain is tough. But I pick the highest hill in the Netherlands called the Vaalserberg which is 323m. About 70m lower than Te Mata peak. The Vaalserberg is also the location of the tripoint between Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands, depicting nicely how close the countries are together in Europe.

My river is called De Schelde, which springs in the North of France, flows through Belgium and ends up in the North Sea, close to where I was born.

The Waka that took me to New Zealand is the Air New Zealand flight into Wellington. A very rocky flight with a large amount of cross wind. A normal day in Wellington I later found out. My background is in Aeronautical Engineering, but I decided to retrain to be a teacher when I discovered that just feeding the bottom line of companies was not satisfying my soul. My experiences with running a local maker space and running workshops for young and old made me think that a teacher career might be a good second career as I turned 40. And the fact that my wife and I have a 6 year old son and a 3 year old girl, made the choice easier as I would be able to spend my holidays with them.

So here we are. Hopefully sparking some kids to pick an exciting career in Technology by building rockets, airplanes and mechanical contraptions and helping them out with life in the mean time!



### Miss Alana Sayers (English)

Miss Sayers is happy to be back at Hastings Boys' High School after completing a six week teacher placement here in 2016. She is teaching a wide range of year groups and hopes to be involved in helping the debating team this year. Miss Sayers was part of the staff for a while in 2017 and looks forward to contributing much in the future.



### Mr Tivaini Fomai (PE)

Mr Fomai is an Old Boy of the school. For the past four years he has been studying full time at EIT and completed a Sport & Recreation Degree and then last year completed the Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching. During this time he was working as a full time Residential Carer for children with high needs at Hohepa Homes as well as coaching and directing the Hawke's Bay Samoa Rugby Organisation.

Mr Fomai hopes to encourage and empower our young men to live positive and healthier lives. He hopes to make an impact on the lives of the students both inside the classroom and outside on the playing field. He hopes to further develop his skills as a teacher and enhance his teaching practice.

Mr Fomai enjoys serving his community, keeping fit and spending time with his little family.



### Ms Anna Upton (English)

Ms Upton joined Hastings Boys' High School from Napier Girls' High School. She moved to the Hawke's Bay from Auckland where she taught at One Tree Hill College and completed sections at Wesley College and Northcote College. While at Hastings Boys' High School she looks forward to getting involved in the culture of the school.



### Mr Regan Spooner (Teacher Aide)

Being employed at HBHS has been very enjoyable and fulfilling so far. I have already learnt so much from the teachers and students and look forward to learning much more. Prior to moving to HBHS I worked at Kraft Heinz Watties as a Retort Technician but was inspired by what I saw at the school to start a new career.

Having played for the Hawks for a number of years I am now turning my Basketball experience into coaching Basketball here which is very enjoyable. I am coaching the Junior A team and also the HB Under 17's with a goal to improving the skill and fitness level of the students. Working with Coach Wooten within the Basketball Academy has been so enjoyable and to see the great attitude and willingness from these talented young men is very fulfilling.

I look forward to continuing my involvement at the school and the Basketball Academy Programme.

## 1st XI Super 8 report

The 1st XI Cricket team competed in the Super 8 Competition hosted by Napier Boys' High School in the week before school started.

Our first game against Napier was really make or break as a win would have guaranteed us a top 4 spot and a loss most probably a bottom 4 spot. Unfortunately our top order failed to fire and we were bowled out for 102 with good contributions from Joey Field and Sachan Dadrah. In the field we gave it everything to have Napier 84-6 and we still had a sniff of victory, but it wasn't to be.

The next day we played eventual winners Hamilton and did well to restrict them to 279/9 off their 50 overs before the match was abandoned due to rain.

On day 3 we produced our best performance against the guest team from Wellington College. Our top order laid an excellent platform with all contributing and we scored a competitive 212/9 off our 50 overs. This wasn't quite enough against a very strong team containing 9 year 13 boys and a large number of rep players.

Finally on day 4, we played New Plymouth in the playoff for 5th which proved to be a tough finish as we were bowled out for 106 which New Plymouth chased down for the loss of only 1 wicket.

It was a tough week for our boys, but we played some excellent cricket at times and considering we had more year 10 players than year 13's in our team, the future is bright for the 1st XI.



### 1st XI players in their Number 1st ready for the Super 8 Dinner

**Back Row from left:** Jedd Greville, Joshua Fairbrother, Jacob Murdoch, Joey Field, Fergus Crawford, Joshau Alderton, Avjind Hayer

**Front Row:** Jack Parker, Harvey Ives, Joshua Moroney, Aidan Robson

**Absent:** Sachan Dadrah

After the tournament, the six boys received their 1st XI caps for having played 12 games and been part of a Super 8.

Fantastic achievement for the 3 year 10 boys to receive their caps at such a young age:

Aidan Robson - year 13  
Fergus Crawford - year 12  
Sam Martin - year 12  
Jed Greville - year 10  
Josh Fairbrother - year 10  
Harvey Ives - year 10

### Hawke's Bay Representatives:

Congratulations to the Jed Greville, Harvey Ives and Josh Fairbrother who have been selected in the Hawke's Bay U14 Cricket side for their upcoming representative games.



**Back Row from Left:** Fergus Crawford, Aidan Robson, Joshua Fairbrother

**Front Row:** Jedd Greville, Harvey Ives

## Roadworks on Railway Road

### Take extra care:

As you ride, walk or drive to school over the next six months you will need to plan your trip around major road closures along Railway Road.

Hastings District Council is laying a new storm water pipe which means Railway Road will be closed during the day (7am to 6pm). The work will be done in two stages with the first road closure from Southampton Street to Lyndon Road from November 20 until early December. From January 8 until May, the road will be closed from Southampton St to Murdoch Rd.

We recommend that you plan your route to avoid Railway Road as much as possible, and take care on the roads in the area as they may be busier than usual.



## HBHS Rugby Fundraising Calendars for Sale



### Support our boys to get to the Sanix Rugby World Cup in Japan in April!

Hastings Boys' High School 2018 Calendars are for sale from the school office at \$15 each. Each month in the calendar features an image from the 1st XV games during 2017. Funds raised go to support the 2018 1st XV to get to the Sanix Rugby World Cup in Japan in April!

## 1st Day of 2018

