



# Hastings Boys' High School Newsletter



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## 2018 Diary Dates

3 Sep	Winter Tournament Week
10 Sep	Victoria Uni Course Planning
11 Sep	Senior Exams this week
13 Sep	Pasifika Group to Wellington
13 Sep	Auckland Uni Course Planning
	Pasifika group to Wellington
17 Sep	National Manu Korero - Gisborne
18 Sep	Ski Trip to Whakapapa
19 Sep	Year 10 choose options
20 Sep	Programme Incubator
21 Sep	Old Boys' Dinner
22 Sep	School Ball Yr 12/13
24 Sep	Senior Debating
25-27 Sep	Yr12/13 Option interviews
27-28 Sep	Yr 12 History to Wellington
28 Sep	Term 3 Ends
30 Sep	Basketball Nationals
15 Oct	Term 4 Begins



After a very busy and successful winter sports season, my sincere thanks goes to take the players, coaches and parents for your support. Tournament week will see eight of our teams represent the school.

With the upcoming senior examinations seniors need to be organised with their revision and study habits. Remember that failing to plan is planning

for failure! There are only eight school weeks until external examinations start.

I look forward to seeing the old boys and friends of the school at our upcoming dinner on September 21st. With Sir Graham Henry as the guest speaker and the induction of three more recipients for our "Wall of Fame" it will be a great event.

The following night our Senior Ball will be held, often seen as the "Event of the Year" by our seniors.

*G L Barrett, Dip.Phys.Ed., Dip.Tchg*  
*Deputy Principal*

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### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday—Thursday  
8—9 am  
CLOSED FRIDAYS

### 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



### Hastings Boys' High School OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

#### HBHSOBA Annual Dinner

Speaker for the evening is  
**Sir Graham Henry, KNZM**



**2018 Wall of Fame Nominees are:**

**PROFESSOR JOHN BROUGHTON**  
Old Boy 1960 - 1965  
CNZM ED JP (Rtd.) BSc BDS PhD PGDipComDent DipGrd  
Educator, CNZM Maori Health, Maori Advisor Otago University, Playwright, Curator

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRIAN CUNNINGHAM**  
Old Boy 1956 - 1960 ED, NZALS  
Businessman, Lawyer, Benefactor, Lieutenant Colonel, Director of Army Legal Services (Territorial Force), Deputy Chief Judge of the Court Martial of NZ and Deputy Advocate General of NZ Armed Forces.

**SIR NEIL ANDERSON**  
Old Boy 1941- 1944 KBE, CB  
Armed Forces  
Achieved highest possible rank and role in the Royal New Zealand Navy and was the Chief of Defence.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm in the school hall. Tickets are \$90 and are in high demand**

For more information about the dinner please email [hbhsoldboys@hastingsboys.school.nz](mailto:hbhsoldboys@hastingsboys.school.nz)




**Paid up members get a free drink voucher with their ticket and it can be redeemed on the night when they produce their membership coin**

## Staff Changes



We welcome new staff this term:

From left: We welcome Mr Matt Childs (Maths), Miss Jennie Cousins (English, Spanish, French), Mr Chris Owen (Physics), Mrs Sharyn Heibner (Student Centre Manager).

We farewelled a number of staff at the end of last term: Mrs Bev Williams (Bursar), Mr Dominic Di Meo-Smith (Physics), Mr Liam Keegan (Maths) and Ms Anna Bevin (Student Centre Manager).

## News from our Careers Department

### Got a Trade! SpeedMeets are on!

Hastings Boys' High School will be hosting the 2018 Got a Trade! SpeedMeets on Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup> in our school hall. Schools from throughout Hawke's Bay will register to bring groups of senior students through at allocated times from 9:00 am till 3.00 pm, and there will be a Careers Evening for students and families from 6:00 pm till 8:00 pm.

SpeedMeets provides opportunity for students, 16 years +, who are looking to join the workforce within the next 6 months, to engage with potential employers and Industry Training Organisations. These include apprenticeships and trades training - an earn while you learn pathway. There will be employers from the primary industries, social and community services, retail and service industries, construction and infrastructure, creative industries, manufacturing and technology.

Attending employers are looking for a diverse group of young people who are keen on a career within the trades and services. Students are invited to attend a series of short interviews, and a current CV can be left with employers.

Students who are interested in attending need to register online [www.gotatrade.co.nz/events](http://www.gotatrade.co.nz/events) (scroll down to the Hastings event) and at the Careers Room or Student Centre.



### University Scholarships for Year 13 Students

For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the MoneyHub Scholarship page:  
<https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>

## Senior History Holocaust Survivor Talk



On Friday 10th August 2018, the year 12 and 13 History classes from Hastings Boys' High School listened to Holocaust survivor Vivienne Spiegel talk about her life. It was an honour to hear from someone that felt like it was their duty to educate people on what happened during the Holocaust by telling her life story and sharing her experiences with us. We had the opportunity to get a first hand perspective from somebody that lived through one of the most horrific conflicts in human history. It was an amazing experience that really benefited everyone that attended the talk as it provided a sobering insight into Vivienne's life. Vivienne was orphaned as a child in Nazi controlled France, her parents were killed in Auschwitz concentration camp, and then after the war she was sent to an orphanage in Australia. The talk also provided those studying the Holocaust with an invaluable piece of oral History that was interesting and a great experience.

*Hamish Bogard-Allan 13Gb*

## Year 13 Geography Trip to Rotorua

Hastings Boys' year 13 Geography class set out on our adventure to Rotorua's best attraction via van number three. Rain was splashing the windshield when we rolled up to Wai-O-Tapu Geothermal Wonderland. The smell of hydrogen sulphide hit our nostrils instantly as the van door slid open. We were left to our own devices to explore the many geothermal attractions such as the Champagne Pools and the Devils Inkpot. Next on the list was a visit to the Luge. Although the wet weather persisted, it did not faze the eager competitiveness in us. Lugging down the slippery track allowed a lot of bad cornering to occur and not a lot of braking.

After a brief get-out-of-the-soggy-clothes session, we entered the covered pedestrian zone known as Eat Street. Our wallets agreed on a fine establishment, called the Mac's Steakhouse. A tasty but overpriced, bacon wrapped steak digesting in our bulging bellies while we were getting the debrief on safety in the Redwoods at night. Our crash course in safety was interrupted by the cracking sound of a large tree falling over in the distance, followed by the immediate concern of a nearby worker "that wasn't a branch breaking, that was a tree!". This added to the horror of being suspended 30 metres above the forest floor on wobbly swing bridges. Our concerns were quickly forgotten as we were distracted by the beauty of the old trees and moderately new architecture.

Day two started off with a bang and a punch as Mr Barclay spotted a cheeky student still dozing, minutes before breakfast. After the playful morning wake up scuffle, the group set off to get a lecture from George, a knowledgeable museum education officer. He gave us a great insight to the history of Rotorua's tourism development. Velocity Valley was the next to cross off. We had two brave souls attempt the swoop. Last but not least, a brief stop to the Wai-O-Tapu mud pools.

Overall, the trip was a valuable experience to aid us with our studies.

*Matthew Wilson 13Gb*



## Congratulations to our sporting representatives



From Left: La'Mour Spooner, Kane Collier, Brodie Walker  
**HB U17 Basketball**



From Left: Denim Tuala-Fata, Tzar Smiler, Rongowhitiao Maaka-Morrell  
**HB U15 Basketball**



From Left: Sean Lee, Alex Eaglestone, Fetuao Belcher  
**Central Regions U16 Futsal**



Aidan Robson & Brody Lucas  
**Central Regions U19 Futsal**



Congratulations to Joey Field as he has been selected in the New Zealand U17 Indoor Cricket Team to play in the Indoor Cricket World Cup in October 2018. Joey has also been invited to the NZ U19 Emerging Cricket Players Camp in September.

Last week the Hasting's Mayor, Sandra Hazlehurst came to talk to the Y13 students plus boys from 12MM and 12CL. With a full house, Sandra got the enthusiasm going by getting all of the boys to sing the school song..... the point being it was her school song as well , being an old-girl of HGHS. Once the ice was broken, Sandra took us through her family connection to Hastings over many generations starting with the family bakery. the first in the area. Admitting that she was 'only average' at High School, her successes were attributed to her own drive and resilience. She pressed home the message that it is having a goal and the determination to see things through that is important. Finding the passion and enthusiasm for something and really going for it while you can, then knowing when it is time to pass the baton.

Mr M Hayes  
Year 13 Dean



## Rob Ruha visits HBHS

On Monday 6th August, Rob Ruha visited Hastings Boys' High School as part of NZ Music Month. He was warmly welcomed to the school with a pōwhiri and then worked with selected students to deliver a mentoring program. This included composing a song that was about our school and reflected who we are.



## Growing Futures in the Bay - Patton Engineering Welding Initiative

Patton Engineering, the largest structural engineering company in Hawke's Bay, along with a number of other insightful local businesses have decided to tackle the issue of the lack of young people showing interest in a career in the engineering industry, by investing their time and resources into their local community.

As a part of this initiative, Patton Engineering have been taking on 6-8 students on rotation at their premises every second week for hands-on work experience.

"We want to get these kid's attention from grass roots and open their eyes to their real career options, we want to get them motivated and inspired to find their career paths early and get them trained up," says Patton Engineering Managing Director, Johno Williams.

"We feel we have a responsibility to the engineering industry in Hawke's Bay to help make it the best it can be, that's why we're giving the boys hand-on experience to let them see what it's like working in engineering and to find out if it's right for them, then we're training them on-site."

In addition, Patton's have designed and manufactured a new welding workshop with individual welding bays at Hastings Boy's High to accommodate 8 brand new welding machines (the school up until now had just one) funded by One Foundation Trust in Rotorua (who funded 6), Weldwell and Best Forsythe Electrical.

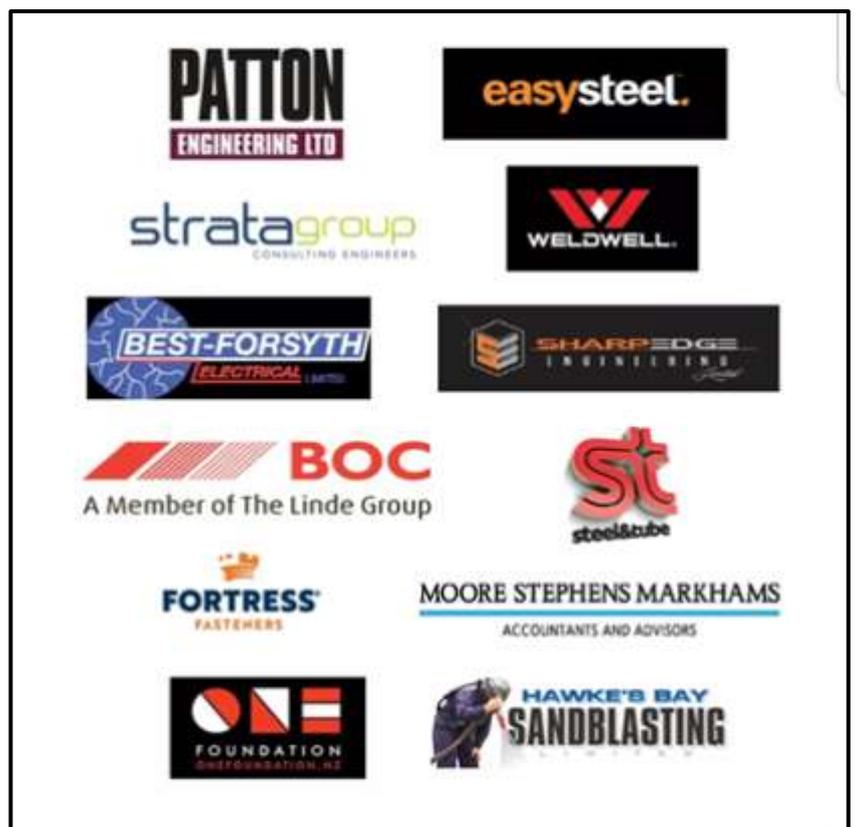
Merit has been seen from many other businesses in its early stages with Strata Group, BOC Gas, Steel & Tube, Fletcher Steel and MSL also coming on board and contributing to the initiative with discounted gas and steel supplies, the provision of equipment such as safety boots, migwire, electrodes and steel, providing massive cost reductions for the engineering department which currently takes up over 40% of the school's total budget.



Phelix Bargh 10Cd  
chatting to  
Lawrence Yule MP  
for Tuketuki



## Thank you to these businesses for their input into the initiative



## Hawke's Bay Science Fair



Earlier in August Hastings Boys' High School competed alongside other Hawke's Bay Schools in the HB Science Fair. We sent a large group of students making up 7 teams and they all did very well. Third equal on the night was the team of: Louis Sykes, Stefan Krekeler and Harry Tran.

Titration Team: James Heffernan, Jacob Murdoch, Josh Alderton  
Prexcy Sicuya, Tom Moffett, Sukhman Singh

Technology Challenge Teams: Ben Barclay, Arnie Cave  
Sam Connor, Dominic Hantz

Science Quiz Teams: Zayne Andersen, Josh Leach, Riley Bogard-Allan  
Louis Sykes, Stefan Krekeler, Harry Tran  
Tawhied Zaman, Chamith Nanayakkara, Sam Brown

## Year 11 Economics trip to MTG Napier

At the beginning of term three the Year 11 Economics class visited the MTG in Napier as part of an assessment on Napier port and its economic value to New Zealand. We were lucky enough to learn about the Napier Port's humble beginnings and its development through to what it is today. We also learnt about how the Napier Port interacts with the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors of our economy and the importance of this interdependent relationship. This was vital information in the preparation to our assessment.

After talking to MTG staff we headed up Bluff Hill and met with Andrew, a staff member at Napier Port. While enjoying the great view from the Bluff Hill lookout, Andrew shared with us interesting facts about Hawkes Bay apple and forestry exports. It was a great learning experience outside of the classroom and definitely highlighted the significance of the Port's role in our economy.

*Daemon Brough 11At*



## In the Footsteps of Rongokako

This term, Year 9 English classes have been focusing on Myths and Legends. As a part of this unit this term all year nine classes went on a trip to explore the relationships between Hawke's Bay and the people that live here. It also helped to give us some inspiration for myths we will be writing. The first stop was at Ngā Pou o Heretaunga, outside the Hastings Library. There, Mr Te Huia spoke to us about who the Pou represented and the respective marae that they come from. We also learned that it is the only collection of Pou in New Zealand that face their own marae.



As we got off the bus from Hastings we arrived at the MTG (Museum Theatre Gallery) in Napier. For many of us it was a different experience. It was actually quite different to what I expected and not in a bad way. When I walked in I immediately noticed the ancient weapons Māori chiefs held in combat. It was actually quite amazing how it related to what Mr Te Huia spoke about as we were able to see the great Tiaha he spoke about. Other items of interest were waka paddles as well as a greenstone pounamu which had been hit by a digger in Havelock North in 1996.



We moved across the street to look at Pania of the Reef. As we saw Pania, we read the myth which gave us a deeper understanding of Pania's story.

As the day moved on we walked a short distance over to the Napier Pier where we were able to get a nice overview of the Hawke's Bay coastline which we sketched in our books. The purpose of this was to show us how Hawke's Bay is shaped like Maui's fish hook and we learned the name for Hawke's Bay, Te Matau a Maui which means Maui's fish hook.



To wrap up our trip, we found a spot sheltered from the rain and sat down for some writing.

As we arrived back at HBHS, we had new knowledge gathered to create some modern twists on traditional myths.

*Many thanks to Mr Te Huia for sharing his knowledge and insights into Te Ao Māori - the Maori world.*



*By Jackson McKay 9Hi and Arnie Cave 9Hi*

## HBHS 1st XV at school assembly on Poetry Day



See next month's newsletter for a full report on Poetry Week at HBHS