



HASTINGS BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Diary dates:

March

- 07 Initial reports issued
- 07-11 Y9 camps
- 07-11 Dental waka
- 09 Blood Bank
- 11-12 HB V'ball champs
- 11-13 Super 8 Tennis at New Plymouth
- 12-15 Super 8 Golf at Tauranga
- 14/15 Parent Interviews - Junior and Senior
- 19 Rugby vs Sacred Heart at Taupo
- 21-25 Y10 camps
- 24 Māori Careers
- 25 HBHS Choir
- 26 Rugby vs Dannevirke High School
- 27 Zone 4 Touch Rugby
- 28-1 April Summer tournament week

April

- 01 Auckland Pride Choir
- 02 Rugby vs Wellington College
- 04-06 Visit of contributing schools
- 08-10 1st XI Hockey – Western Heights
- 13 Rugby vs Kelston BHS at Hastings
- 14-17 Senior A B'ball at Western Heights
- 15 TERM ONE ENDS

May

- 02 TERM TWO BEGINS at 8:30am

UNIFORM SHOP

Shop Hours are:

Monday to Thursday
1:30pm to 2pm

Tuesday and Thursday only
the shop will open from
3pm to 3:30pm



Headmaster's Comments

Welcome to the beginning of our 2011 school year, the 107th year since our foundation in 1904. I begin by thanking those parents who have supported us throughout previous years and welcome the involvement of our new parents.

Our academic achievement grades in the NCEA examinations will be finalised very soon and I am sure there will be much to be pleased with. The year has started well for us with a very full Year 9 intake, our largest in many years.

As a school we have set ourselves challenging and demanding goals for 2011. Goals we believe will continue to focus our efforts on being the best school possible.

These are:

1. **Maintain or improve current NCEA level of achievement at Levels 1, 2, 3 and University Entrance.**
2. **Successful school-wide implementation of Te Kotahitanga principles.**
3. **Develop student centred, discursive teaching and learning.**
4. **Effective use of data analysis to improve teaching and learning.**
5. **P.A.C.E. focus in all areas of school life.**
6. **Increased effective use of I.C.T. to enhance teaching and learning.**
7. **Improve standards of performance in co-curricular activity.**

Our mission statement and vision for Hastings Boys' High School is:

Hastings Boys' High School upholds the finest traditions of education and is seen as an innovative leader in quality boys' education.

In a stimulating, supportive environment, all students will be given the opportunity to become confident, connected, life-long learners and to develop as future leaders of our community.

Our key word throughout 2011 will be **respect**. Respect for our school, teachers and classmates:

- R** eport to class on time.
- E** very day – wear correct uniform and bring your materials.
- S** hare your ideas in class by raising your hand.
- P** ut downs, swearing and offensive language are not options at this school.
- E** very day - do your utmost to keep the classroom and school tidy and damage-free.
- C** oncentrate on the lessons and tasks at hand.
- T** rust and safety is built on you leaving others and their belongings alone and then the courtesy will be returned to you.

R.G. Sturch, Headmaster

Obituaries

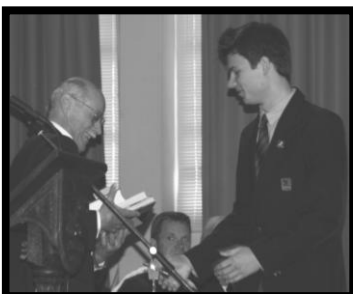
• Ian Cotching



The school was shocked to hear of the sudden death of Ian on the 2nd February. Ian was married to Gaynor who was his childhood sweetheart in Scotland. Ian and Gaynor immigrated to New Zealand and had twin boys Bryn and Blair who became 'old boys' of Hastings Boys' High School. They were both prefects in 1996 and have continued to progress in their adult lives.

Ian was a teacher at this school from 1972-1992 and 1998-2001. While at HBHS Ian set up the Horticulture Department after he and Frank Crist (Headmaster 1965-1984) put a submission to the government for funding, and HBHS was only one of two schools in the country to get the grant. Ian then wrote the National School Certificate paper for Horticulture for three years and he was an educational advisor in the subject. In 1988 he gained a Wolf Fisher Travel Scholarship for his contribution to the teaching of Horticulture. He had mentored many young teachers in his time here and in his later years at Hastings Boys' High School Ian became Head of the Science Department. One aspect of the huge legacy that Ian Cotching will leave behind will be the trees and shrubs that he taught his students to graft and propagate. He was so passionate about botany and horticulture that when he retired from teaching he became an orchardist and latterly farmed alpacas.

• Brian Cunningham



Hastings Boys' High School was saddened to hear of the death of Brian Cunningham (1956-1960) on the 17th January 2011 after a battle with cancer. He has been a constant supporter of the school and always took pride in attending Senior Prizegiving and our Sportsmen's Dinner; the last of which he attended was in 2010. He served the community as a lawyer and was practising in Wellington where he retired just before his death last year.

Both men will be sorely missed from this school community and we offer both families our sympathy and condolences.



New Staff

Left to right – Miss S. Lane (Drama)
Mr M. Hardgrave-Abe (ESOL),
Mr T. Teki (Sports Director) and
Mrs A. Bradley (Office Staff)

Gap Students



Rob Horsefall-Turner
(left) and
Joshua Atkins (right)

NCEA Scholarship winners 2010

Angus Chapman was successful in winning Scholarships for English and Calculus in the 2010 NCEA examinations and Christopher O'Neill successful for winning a Scholarship in English. Mr Sturch welcomed the two boys back to a recent assembly and congratulated them both on their success.

Angus Chapman, Mr Sturch, Christopher O'Neill (left to right)



Year 9 breakfast with 'Fathers and Sons'



As part of our school wide policy of involving families and the wider community with the ongoing learning of our students, our second 'Father/Son' breakfast was held in week four of the first term.

All Year 9 students and a male relation or friend were invited to school to discuss the academic pathways of the students from Years 9 to 13 and the importance of the parents to the success of this.... albeit over a rather large English style breakfast.

It enabled the parents to become more aware of how they can assist the student with his academic progress which in turn also assists the school with its goals.

In conjunction with this it was also a great opportunity for different parents and friends to meet each other and become familiar with those who all combine to form the wider Hastings Boys' High School community.

It was fantastic to see a great turn out of students, family members and friends and the feedback from the morning was nothing but positive.

I look forward to future occasions such as this.

Jason Bird, Year 9 Dean



Year 9 Barbecues to meet families



Once again the Year 9 form class BBQs proved a huge success with an overwhelming number of parents, brothers, sisters and grandparents attending. It was a delight to be able to meet the families of our Year 9 students and to be able to welcome them personally to the school. It was

also a great opportunity, in a relaxed environment, for the parents to meet the Form Teacher of their son as well as the Dean and Senior Management.

Outlined at the barbecues was the importance of family input to the education of their son and how we can collectively, both school and at home, gain the best possible education for their son whilst attending Hastings Boys' High School. Whether over a sublimely cooked sausage or meat pattie, the barbecues again proved their worth.

Jason Bird, Year 9 Dean.



Fees

Summer sports fees are due on Friday, 18th March. If fees are not paid, boys will not be able to play in their chosen sport. School fees are added to the current statement which is enclosed. Automatic payments are available. Please phone our school bursar Ms Tostevin, if you are interested in this facility. A reminder to any boys participating in Cultural Activities this year (Drama, Music, Kapa Haka, Polynesian) that they are required to pay \$55.00 for this option, however as an incentive if this fee is paid before the 18th March it will be reduced to \$45.00. Please note that this Cultural Fee includes a Cultural t-shirt.

Leaders' Camp

The 2011 Prefects' Camp was held at Omatua Guide Camp from the 6th to the 8th February. The three days were packed with activities designed to test the 26 prefects' mental and physical boundaries, along with their teamwork and leadership skills.



Day one entailed firemen's training at the Napier fire station where the boys were made to push their limits and the group learned that a little encouragement goes a long way. On day two Dave from 'Youth to Men' set a number of challenging activities designed to take people out of their comfort zones and to problem solve.



The camp concluded with a 40km bicycle ride back to school where the boys pulled together and worked as a team to overcome the task. It was a great experience and a special thank you goes to Mr Bond,

Mr Barrett, Mr Dentice and our gap student Josh for their support around the camp. We also thank Mr Sturch and Mr Curran for joining us on the bike ride home. *Report by Luke Bradley (Head Boy)*



Prefect Leaders



Luke Bradley
Head Boy



Ryan Adams
Deputy Head Boy



Reuben Henry
Sports Captain



Uefa Pio
Cultural Captain

2011 Prefects

Woo Lim Choi, Samuel Deihl, Cairns Dixon-Cudd, Tyrell Gemmell, Cameron Gichard, Timothy Greene, Daniel Gregory-Campbell, Te Rira Huirama, Harley Jones, Gaganpreet Kooner, Viliami Lata, Vincent Miller, Connor Rapley, Jack Savage, Alfred Te Paea, Jake Vesty, Chance Whati, Benjamin Williams, Douglas Hokianga, Turua Quilter, Jayden Wiggins, Brett Wilson.



Relay for Life

Our prefects took part in the Relay for Life on the night of Saturday, 26th February, where it is hoped the Hawke's Bay Cancer Society will benefit by more than \$150,000:00. This is a 24-hour relay where participants run, skip or walk to raise money for the cause. Some of our boys dressed up for the event which was a good team effort where the prefects bonded well together and enjoyed themselves. Mr Sturch also joined the boys on Sunday morning as did other parents of the boys.

International Boys Welcomed

Congratulations to Woo Lim Choi who has been made a prefect of the school for 2011. Woo Lim came from South Korea and has been at this school since the 3rd November 2008.

On the 23rd February all homestays and international students gathered together for a barbecue and an evening of fellowship. Very shy boys soon became friends with other children and homestay parents and all enjoyed the food and the occasion which was also shared with staff from the school.



Texting

The school is embarking on a new programme whereby if a student is absent parents will receive a text message from the school stating that 'your son is not present.' This will give parents the opportunity to phone back the school or email to give a reason for their son's absence.

Dental Waka

The school dental waka will be at school from the 7th March to examine all students who have not registered with their own dentist. Students will be called for an examination if this applies to them.

Debating and Oratory News

For the second year running, Hastings Boys' High School will compete in the regional finals of the Russell McVeagh Debating Competition this coming weekend. Ms Lane and Mrs Harris have been coaching the 12/13 Team in preparation. Good luck to Zane Walker, Lucas Duross, Oliver Chapman and Julian Browne. The Hawke's Bay Schools' Team will be selected from the six debating rounds. In other news, Brendan Dockary is one of six finalists in the RSA Cyril Bassett VC Speech competition with a six minute speech on 'New Zealanders at War'. Brendan will compete at the Napier RSA at 10am on Saturday 12th March.

This subject matter embraces New Zealanders who served in the South Africa War, World War One, World War Two, the occupation force in Japan, the Korean War, operations in Malaya and Borneo, Vietnam War, Afghanistan, and numerous Peacekeeping operations such as East Timor and the Middle East.

Speechmakers may choose a particular war/operation or to cover them collectively; or they may choose to profile a servicemen from the past or a living veteran; or an aspect of the commemoration of war (Anzac Day/war memorials).

were quick to capitalize lifting the run rate and placing us under extreme pressure. We could not respond and Hereworth reached our total with 2 overs to spare for the loss of 3 wickets. Hereworth deserved the win, however our boys learnt a very good lesson in how to play disciplined cricket. Our Year 9 cricket players are very talented and have since recorded some very good wins over both Lindisfarne Colts and Gisborne Boys' High School.

SWIMMING SPORTS Report

House Swimming Sports

House leaders and senior students this year are extremely eager to create a real sense of passion and pride in their Houses. This was evident in their approach to Swimming Sports which was the first House event of 2011. The participation levels of all year levels increased again as the senior students led from the front. The large intake of Year 9 students saw an excellent injection of enthusiasm. All the house and championship events were enormously competitive with houses having various degrees of success in the different year levels.

The victorious houses at each year level were:

Swimming Sports 2011 - Scores By Year Level By House						
	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Seniors	Total	Placing
Heretaunga	50	78	68	163	359	3 rd
Manu Huia	197	121	93	60	471	1 st
Te Kahu	63	115	30	126	334	4 th
Te Mata	79	70	131	97	377	2 nd
Totals	389	384	322	446	1541	

Congratulations to the winning House which was Manu Huia. Whilst well led by their senior students the large winning margin was primarily due to the dominance in Year 9 and the excellent results in Year 10.

Swimming Sports Championship Events

The Championship races at the 2011 swimming sports proved to be as hard fought as ever with some very close races contested. There were however some standout swimmers. Year 9 student Joshua Greening won all of his races except one contributing a massive 66 points to Manu Huia's Year 9 total of 197 points. Another dominant display was delivered by Year 10 student Thomas Hulena winning every race he competed in providing 70 points for his house Te Kahu. Whilst the Year 11 competition was more even Te Mata's Thomas Sturch won the Year 11 title with 61 points. The senior swimming champion was Daniel Gregory-Campbell. Daniel won every race contributing the maximum 70 points to Heretaunga's Senior Year Level total of 163 points! Congratulations to the boys shown below for their top 3 placing in the 2011 Hastings Boys' Swimming Sport Championships.

Swimming Champions 2011

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Year 9	Joshua Greening	Adam Colman	Kaleb Jones
Year 10	Thomas Hulena	Michael Burnham	Andrew Bowden
Year 11	Thomas Sturch	Sam Carter	Waven Hapi
Year 12 / 13	Daniel Gregory-Campbell	Mitch Glasgow	Jay Barrett



Left to Right

Thomas Sturch (Year 11)

Thomas Hulena (Year 10)

Joshua Greening (Year 9)

Daniel Gregory-Campbell (Senior)

Was absent for this photograph, due to the National Swimming Championships

Swimming Sports 2011 at the Aquatic Centre



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