



## HASTINGS BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



### DIARY DATES:

#### SEPTEMBER

- 4 NZSS Rugby at Rotorua
- 9 Junior School Dance
- 10 HBHS 'got talent!!'
- 11 HB Skiing Champs
- 13-15 Senior Examinations

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
**Year 8 Scholarship applications close**

24 Term 3 ends

#### OCTOBER

11 Term 4 begins 8:30am

#### NOVEMBER

- 4 Sportsmen's Dinner
- 12 Senior Prizegiving 10am
- 13 NZQA exams begin
- 22-24 Junior Examinations

#### DECEMBER

- 3 Seniors' sign out day
- 8 Junior Prizegiving 10am
- 10 Term 4 ends.



### Comments from The Headmaster

As Term Three draws to a conclusion we will look back on it being one of our most successful.

Our open night in July was well attended with Year 8 students and their parents who were given an opportunity to see our school and students in action. Our musicians won both the Quartet and Choir section in the Hawke's Bay Competition.

Our Stage Challenge group was simply outstanding – their story of Willie Apiata (Victoria Cross) won the hearts and minds of the judges in the National Competition, placing them third of all schools in New Zealand.

Our sports teams dominated most of the Hawke's Bay finals. Our Junior A Basketball team defeated our Senior B team 68-66 in the Senior Division A final of Senior Basketball. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey defeated St Johns 5-1 in the Division A final. Hosting the Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools' finals all four of our teams won the final. The F Grade rugby team defeated Lindisfarne 48-0, E Grade Division 1 defeated Napier Boys' High School 15-15 (on countback), E Grade Division 2 defeated Havelock North High School 20-19, C. Grade defeated William Colenso 15-0. Results like these are the result of boys giving their best, supported by knowledgeable and dedicated staff.

The Barefoot 7's, a local highlight for junior rugby in Hawke's Bay saw 210 teams compete at Hastings Boys' High School and Akina Park, ably refereed by students of HBHS.

The high speed fibre connection is well on track and we are looking for a Term 4 start. Some 22km of fibre, part of the \$500,000 upgrade, will move our school on to the very heart of information technology based learning.

Year 11-13 students and 10Cu will have reports sent out at the end of the term identifying their progress towards NCEA success. The challenge has been laid down by our achievements in 2009.

The greatest defence to tough economic times is a good education. The first criteria for selection will be academic achievement, backed up by leadership, commitment, dedication and involvement outside the classroom.



R.G. Sturch B.Ed., M.Ed.Amin.(Hons), Headmaster



## Honours Blazer

Congratulations to Tipene Apatu who has recently been awarded the prestigious Hastings Boys' High School Honours Blazer.

## Students of the Term - Term2

Congratulations to Fergus Bramley 9Hi, and Mitchell Bradley 10Cu for their achievements in Term 2. We look forward to the competition 'gaining pace' before the end of year. Well done to all those boys who have achieved Academic, Sporting or Cultural Awards this year. Your work has been commendable.



Fergus Bramley, 9Hi



Mitchell Bradley 10Cu

## 90's Club

The following Year 9 and 10 students have performed outstandingly well with regard to academic achievement throughout Term 3. These students have become members of the prestigious 90's Club. The criterion for this club consists of the following:

- Attendance rate exceeding 95%
- An average of at least a 'merit' in all core common assessment tasks.

Cam Barrett, 9Hi  
 Jaiden Cancian, 9Hi  
 Sam Fergusson, 9Hi  
 Nickalis Jablonski, 9Hi  
 Nicholas Rogers-Rehn, 9Hi  
 James Field, 9Hi  
 Fergus Bramley, 9Hi  
 Jake Webber, 9Hi  
 Jacob Kelly, 9Hi  
 Seamus Drown, 9Hi

Mitchell Bradley, 10Cu  
 Hamish Carruthers, 10Cu  
 Sam Carter, 10Cu  
 Hapi Keil, 10Cu  
 Connor Macklow, 10Cu  
 Scott Ormond, 10Cu  
 Thomas Sturch, 10Cu  
 Jonty Tong, 10Cu  
 Mason Kean, 10Ar



## Ryan Adams, 12Gb

As student representative on the BOT I would like to achieve a togetherness in the school.

I would like to get more involvement within all aspects of school life such as sports, academic and cultural.

I look forward to serving on the Board of Trustees as it is a great achievement for me.



# Stage Challenge TV Special 2010: National Winners Announced!

## OPEN DIVISION

**First place - Mt Maunganui College**

**Second place - Horowhenua College**

**Third place - Hastings Boys' High School and Tauranga Boys' College (tied)**



*(Photo courtesy of Hawke's Bay Today)*

When it came to the Regional Competition, we were given the following five awards:

- \*Award of Excellence in Lighting Design
- \*Award of Excellence in concept
- \*Award of Excellence in Environment/Social Awareness
- \*Award of excellence in Drama
- \* Stage Challenge Foundation award for Spirit of Stage Challenge

But, we were not given a placing!

However, 9 weeks later when Stage Challenge was broadcast on television as part of 'Sticky TV' the National Judges announced that while every regional winner automatically qualifies for the National Final, they would also be giving out five 'wildcards' throughout the country.

This meant that from all the schools that were not given a first place award, they could choose five schools that they believed should go through to the National Final. To our great surprise they announced that Hastings Boys' High School had been awarded a 'wild card' and we were through to the last round of the competition.



We all sat glued to our television sets for the Stage Challenge Final at 7:30am Saturday, 14th August 2010 when we were both stunned and thrilled to be awarded third place!

The huge amount of time, effort and commitment was definitely worth it and it will be a memory we will never forget. Well done to all involved.

### **SPACPAC Pasifika Cultural Explosion at Hastings Boys' High School**

August 20<sup>th</sup>-2010 - the event had to go on! It was in danger of collapse...but that was unthinkable.

So everybody from the Pacific Teachers' Association put in the time and planning to make the event happen. After weeks of meetings Hastings Boys' High School put their hand up and said 'we would run it, it would be in our hall to offset the cold weather, and it would be a ticket only event.' We managed the parking and the nightmare of people without tickets but everyone was handled with professionalism and the event, although slow to start....hummed.

Hastings Girls' opened with their majestic routine. This year all acts were of a high quality..... Gone are the days of playing a record and dancing to it. Flaxmere College then made a spirited performance while William Colenso's young performers were more into melody. Sacred Heart College, who didn't actually compete, entertained with a nice mix of Pacific Island and Māori items.

Then came the two rivals - St Johns and Hastings Boys' High School. These performances were both of a high quality and with plenty of feeling and emotion to back it up.

A Hastings Boys' High School's Barber Shop quartet entertained while the judges adjourned to make the big decisions. The time lapsed and the crowd were kept waiting, Who would it be???



### Finally the judges appeared....

Flaxmere College were second and they celebrated their first trophy! and we bit a bit harder on our finger nails...Hastings Boys or St Johns?

**The place then erupted - HASTINGS BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL does it again!**

### "More than just a revision lesson" Level 3 English in Wellington-August

Year 13 English students had been looking forward to the stage version of "*The Great Gatsby*" since they had studied Fitzgerald's cutting edge novel in Term 1. When our two school minibuses pulled into the wonderfully central YHA hostel in Wellington we were beyond excited. The students looked smart in their formal school uniforms for the Sunday matinee at Circa Theatre. The standard of acting together with New Zealand playwright Ken Duncam's script did a fantastic job "making the novel come alive" (said Matt Bartlett, who also celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on the trip). Our prefects and honours blazers drew many admiring comments from the other theatre goers, even the lead actor's father seeking out Ben Phibbs and Ryan Jones to ask them what they thought of the performance! Let's hope they retain, like the actors, plenty of lines for their external exam in a couple of months on this text!

After the theatre we headed to see the 8pm showing of "Inception" at Reading cinemas. That proved perfect for our thematic study this year on 'alienation and difference'. The conversations about the plot line continued back at the hostel as Matt blew out his candles on the chocolate cakes provided by Mrs Harris and Mrs Paaymans.

The hostel put on a free backpackers bagel breakfast on Monday morning which ensured an early rising for our hungry scholars. Heading to Te Papa Museum for a sportswriters talk and a big fry up for Mr Simons before driving smoothly back to Hastings Boys' High School made the trip go very quickly and smoothly. Overall, this was 'education outside of the classroom' at its cultural best. Thank you to all the parents who funded their sons on this great experience.



Mrs Harris

### Success for School Choir

On Saturday 31 July Hastings Boys' High School's Choir competed in the **Regional Young Singers in Harmony Competition**. Across the boys and girls sections, there were four choruses and ten quartets. It provided a wonderful opportunity for our keen singers to gain confidence in performing their music and listening to what other talented singers had to offer.

Our boys enjoyed their success in winning both the boys sections:

- Our Choir, Dynamic Sounds, won the Chorus trophy
- One of our quartets, Bravo, with Jesse Whaanga, Ben Kemp, Niu Kaiuha and Tiemi Amner won the quartet section

## National Finals of Young Singers in Harmony Competition 2010

As reported by Liam Mataira, a member of Dynamic Sounds

On Wednesday, 12 August, the HBHS Chorus "Dynamic Sounds" left for Hamilton Founders' Theatre to compete in the National Barbershop competitions. The ride up was great but getting to Hamilton was the best part, knowing we were just one day away from performing.

The first night the teachers provided dinner. It was delicious. We practised hard on Wednesday night. On Thursday all the boys got up early to prepare for the day. We arrived at the auditorium where the competition was being held.

During the morning, our very own HBHS quartet "Bravo" sang their 2 songs. Jesse Whanga was lead, Tiemi Amner was bass, Ben Kemp sang baritone and Niu Kaiuha sang tenor. We were proud of their performance. It was amazing being around so much talent.

In the afternoon, our chorus "Dynamic Sounds" competed. We were fourth on so after that we could just sit back and enjoy the other schools' performances. While we did not get a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>, we were placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of all NZ boys' schools - which is pretty good.

That night there was a parade of champions where all the champions performed. We went to support HGHS quartet, "Off the Brax" who were placed second in the girl's quartet competition. It was great hearing the winning groups again and making friends with singers from other schools.



Back at the motel, we relaxed with games that Jason had brought.

The next day we went to the singing workshop where we learned the Mickey Mouse warm up vocal exercises. Then everyone "ripped open the shower curtain" and just had fun. After our goodbyes it was travelling home time.

The trip was my first to Nationals, it was an awesome experience and I want to be there next year.

### Some thoughts from Tamafaiga Auga Matamata

It was now time for the chorus to perform. We were all assembled in a soundproof room and practised about five times. About half an hour later we were called up and it was our turn to perform. I distinctly remember walking on stage. It was shrouded with a blanket of darkness. Whispers from the audience rained upon us. When we stood in our positions, Mrs Roberts checked to see if everyone was settled and then signalled to the MC that we were ready. The MC introduced us and we were blinded by white bright light that towered above us. Slowly we breathed in unison and with a wave of Mrs Roberts hand we started singing.

## School Examinations Years 11-13

All senior students have compulsory examinations or some form of assessment from **Monday 13 September to Wednesday, 15 September.**

**Junior students will attend school as normal over this examination period.**

If a senior student is ill on these days, a medical certificate will be required.

**There is no exam leave for any senior student over this period.**



## English - Year 9 Myths and Legends

Students have been investigating a range of myths and legends from New Zealand and around the world. They have been writing their own myths and students from 9Sm have been creating their own personalised shields which they have based their myths upon. The Year 9 group were fortunate to be visited by Stacey Lane, a medieval re-enactor who brought her weapons; swords, knives, helmets and shields to share with the boys. Wearing the armour made students aware of how difficult it was for our Roman and Greek heroes.

## Methamphetamine Awareness talk

Keith O'Driscoll from the Methcon Group delivered a very hard hitting and thought provoking message to all students about the effects that the drug 'P' is having on our society.

He used a range of resources including some very graphic video footage of 'real-life users' who have succumbed to the addiction.

This address served as a very good talking point in the Year 10 health programme where we are currently completing a unit of work based on drugs.



## A message from your Public Health Nurse

This term I have noticed a big increase in the number of students presenting with scabies. Scabies is caused by tiny insects which burrow along the skin, laying eggs as they go. Above the eggs small blisters form, surrounded by red patches – these are very itchy. Scabies is also contagious and can spread very easily from person to person, therefore everyone will need to be treated if one person has it in your household. It is very important to treat scabies as:



- Continued skin scratching can lead to serious skin infections,
- Untreated skin infections can lead to kidney and blood infections,
- People who have scabies for a long time may be prone to permanent scarring of the skin and the continuous scratching can make it difficult for students to learn and concentrate.

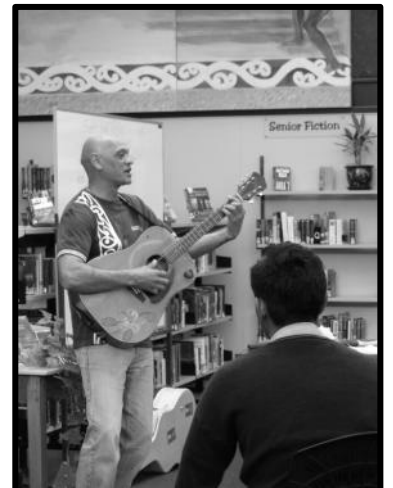
Please feel free to contact me in my clinic 870 3314 if you would like to access treatment at a reduced cost. This can be very helpful for providing treatment for families.

## Apirana Taylor

- *novelist, poet, playwright,*
- *storyteller, teacher, painter, musician and actor.*

Apirana worked in Wellington, helping form Māori theatre at a time when no such theatre existed. In the early 1980s he was with the theatre troupe Te Ohu Whakaari. Apirana has taught taha Māori and drama at Polytechnics and at Toi Whakaari, The New Zealand Drama School. He has travelled internationally as a poet and storyteller.

Apirana has written from the time he was really young, writing short stories, plays, radio plays, novels and poems. He came to speak to selected students on the 20<sup>th</sup> August when he focused on the possibility of being a writer.



## Visit from The Ross Shield Team and Barefoot 7's



The 2010 Ross Shield team played a very defensive game against our F Grade team who had to work hard against such a strong side.



The Barefoot 7's again saw 1400 hundred girls and boys enjoying the experience of playing barefoot rugby. A team of HBHS students guided them through the day by refereeing.

## Successful Rugby Team Captains on Finals' Day



L to R Joe Walding-Karaitiana (Captain E Grade Division 1)  
Chance Whati (Captain C Grade)  
Connor Macklow (Vice Captain F Grade )  
Josh Kupa (Captain E Grade Division 2)

### Earthquake preparedness

#### Before an earthquake

- practice your earthquake drill: DROP, COVER and HOLD
- identify safe places very close to you at home/school/workplace such as under a sturdy table, or next to an interior wall,
- protect property. Secure objects and your home. Keep insurance up to date.

#### During an earthquake

- move no more than a few steps to a safe place, drop, cover and hold,
- do not run outside,
- if in a lift, stop at the nearest floor and get out, drop, cover and hold, if you are driving, pull over to the side of the road and stay in the vehicle until the shaking stops.

#### When shaking stops

- treat injuries and put out small fires,
- turn off water, electricity, gas and heating at mains if it is safe, evacuate if fires cannot be controlled,
- check your neighbours,
- be prepared for aftershocks.

# Term 3 was such a busy term!

