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Hutt International BOYS' SCHOOL



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KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 6 February—Waitangi Day—School Closed

Friday 7 February—School Closed

Monday 17 February—Commencement Service, 7pm at Lane Park Church, Lane Street, Upper Hutt

Thursday 27 February—Interhouse Octathlon 2020

Monday 2 March—Wednesday 4 March—Year 7 Camp

Saturday 28 March—HIBS Open Day

Monday 30 March—School Closed

Saturday 4 April and Sunday 5 April—Relay for Life Weekend

Thursday 9 April—End of Term 1

Tuesday 28 April—Start of Term 2

DAILY TIMES FOR MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Period	Time
1	8.40-9.30
2	9.35-10.25
Tutor/House Meetings	10.25-10.45
Interval	10.45-11.05
3	11.05-11.55
4	11.55-12.45
Lunch	12.45-1.35
5	1.35-2.25
6	2.25-3.15

PRINCIPALS ASSEMBLIES HELD EACH TUESDAY. NOTE PERIOD TIMES BELOW

Period	Time
1	8.40-9.25
2	9.25-10.10
Interval	10.10-10.30
3	10.30-11.15
4	11.15-12.00
Break	12.00-12.10
Assembly	12.10-12.55
Lunch	12.55-1.45
5	1.45- 2.30
6	2.30-3.15

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



A very warm welcome to the start of 2020 and a special welcome to the families and boys who are starting at HIBS for the first time this year. I hope that all of the boys have taken some time to reflect on what they are hoping to achieve this year.

At the time of writing, the lead story on many news bulletins is the coronavirus which has originated in Wuhan, China, temporarily called "2019-nCov". Not an easy label for media outlets, which is probably why they don't usually call it that. Current reports also indicate that the virus spread to humans through contact with snakes. From New Zealand, it is hard to imagine how this could happen.

As yet we haven't got a clear idea of the level of severity of this coronavirus, a family of viruses that includes the common cold. However, we do know that it can be fatal, in particular for the old or infirmed. Let's hope that it can be contained and cured soon.

When we think of things that are contagious or infectious, we often think of things that affect us negatively, such as diseases. However, I often think of positive characteristics that parents have that are often picked up by their children in much the same way as if they were contagious or infectious.

Some of these, such as good manners and social skills, might seem obvious but it is important that boys assimilate acceptable social behaviour. When boys see parents giving up their time to help others, it is more likely that they will do likewise and make a greater contribution. When parents show that they value education, it is more likely that their son will strive for higher achievement. When parents challenge themselves and show that they value effort over avoiding failure, their sons will be less likely to take the soft options. And when parents are calm when faced with adversity (sometimes caused by their son), the boy is more likely to develop a logical approach to problem solving.

We also look to our senior students to model desirable behaviour and to encourage this in our juniors. A new school year creates a new set of student leaders and fresh opportunities for them to infect others.

Our NCEA results for 2019 are shown later in this newsletter. Our pass rates are again very high at all levels and the overall Level 1 results align closely with previous years. The endorsement rates at Level 2 are down slightly but our major concerns were that the Excellence endorsements and University Entrance pass rates at Level 3 were not up to the very high standards of previous years. While many other schools would covet these results, we have made these areas a major focus for 2020.

Mike Hutchins
Principal



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

2020 TERM DATES

START DATE	END DATE
Thursday 30 January – Year 7, New Year 9 Students and Year 13 Students only	Thursday 9 April
Friday 31 January – Full School	
Thursday 6 February—Waitangi Day — School Closed	
Friday 7 February— School Closed	
Monday 27 April—ANZAC Day— School Closed	Friday 3 July
Tuesday 28 April— Start of Term 2	
Friday 29 May—Mid Term Break— School Closed	
Monday 1 June—Queens Birthday— School Closed	
Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September
Monday 12 October	Friday 4 December

SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2020 ARE:

School Captain
 Deputy School Captain
 Academic School Captain
 Junior School Captain
 Sports Captain
 Arts Captain
 Service Captain
 Media Captain
 BOT Student Rep

Alexander Joyce
 Finn Ihimaera-Smiller
 Ryan Brydges
 Liam McVicar
 Finlay Seeds
 Jack Hegarty
 Joel Lawrence
 Oliver Arrowsmith
 Anton Weitzel

HOUSE LEADERS FOR 2020 ARE:

Freyberg
 Halberg
 Hillary
 Rutherford

Callum Humphries
 Hunter Slee
 James Martel
 Jamie Norris



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

COMMENCEMENT SERVICE—Please note the change in Venue

We have much pleasure in extending to the family and friends of students of Hutt International Boys' School a formal invitation to attend our Commencement Service to be held on Monday 17 February at 7pm at Lane Park Church, Lane Street, Upper Hutt.

Students are required to attend the Commencement Service and be in their **formal uniform**. They must be seated in The Church by 6.45pm. The service will finish at 8pm. Students unaccompanied by family are required to be collected from The Church by 8.00pm.

The school timetable remains the same for the day. The students finish at 3.15pm.

Formal uniform for Juniors:

Shorts or long trousers, shirt and tie, school socks and **polished** regulation shoes. **No Jersey**.

Formal uniform for Seniors:

Blazer, shirt and tie, long trousers, black socks and **polished** regulation shoes.

Please present the uniform to a high standard on this special occasion.

DRAFT NCEA PASS RATES

Below is a summary of the provisional NCEA results for 2019. The figures show the percentage of students at each year level, based on the school roll at the 1st of July, who achieved the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) for their level of study. Included also is the percentage of Year 13 students achieving University Entrance.

The percentage of National Certificates Achieved by HIBS Students as at the end of 2019 compared with 2018 and 2017.

Comparisons with national figures will be included in a future newsletter, as will the list of top performing individual students.

	NCEA Level 1			NCEA Level 2			NCEA Level 3		
	2019	2018	2017	2019	2018	2017	2019	2018	2017
Pass Rate	97.7%	100%	100%	98.8%	98.9%	97.8%	90.2%	95.5%	97.7%
NCEA endorsed with Excellence	40.8%	33.6%	36.7%	26.1%	30.2%	31.5%	10.09%	14.1%	20.6%
NCEA endorsed with Merit	36.5%	47.8%	45.9%	38.6%	39.5%	40.09%	35.3%	32.9%	40.2%
Year 13 University Entrance	2019 76.8%			2018 83.1%			2017 93.1%		



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

HIBS SCHOOL APP

For Parents and students who have downloaded the HIBS App on your phone, you will need to update your alert subscription to the current year level and groups that are applicable. This will enable you to receive the correct alert notices.

If you would like to have the HIBS School App on your iPhone or Android, you can download it for free through your App store. This will give you access to daily notices, contact information, the term calendar and other useful information and you will receive messages from HIBS via your cell phone.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open Monday 27 January—Thursday 30 January 8.30am—2.30pm.

The shop will resume normal hours on Friday 31 January. Hours are **Monday—Thursday open at interval and lunchtime. Closed Friday.**

Uniform prices are listed on the school website: <http://www.hibs.school.nz/enrolments/uniform-shop/>

UNIFORM

We have had several requests to confirm uniform requirements for 2020. Please contact Mr Johnson (527 2210) with any further queries.

Shoes

Regulation shoes for Year 7 to 10 students are black, leather, polishable standard lace-up school shoes. Only senior students have the option of wearing slip-on shoes. Summer sandals must be black or brown fully strapped - no backless sandals or flip flops.

Hair

Hair should be clean, tidy, groomed (brushed or combed) and of a natural colour (one colour only). Hair must be cut back off the face, and if worn long should be tied back. No 'dreads' or braids are permitted.

General Uniform

Parents will be familiar with the requirements of the correct wearing of our school uniform. While the uniform is generally worn well please note the following areas where students tend to push the boundaries:

- a) No t-shirts or 'polyprops' should be visible under school shirts, in particular the wearing of long-sleeved 'polyprops' under short sleeved shirts.
- b) Socks under long pants should be of a dark colour (not white).
- c) Ties may be worn at any time of the year. They are compulsory during Terms 2 and 3, and at formal events such as Commencement Service and Prizegiving.



FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

As we have different bank accounts for various payments, it is imperative when setting up internet banking that separate payees are made for each account rather than one payee just for HIBS.

When making payments to HIBS please use your son's name and enrolment number as a reference.

Hutt International Boys' School

Account Number 03-0502-0273738-00—**This account is for School Fees ONLY**

Hutt International Boys' School

Account Number 03-0502-0126981-00—**This account is for art packs, graphics packs and any other stationery items, music fees, Eastbourne bus and any sports related school trips or other incidentals. NO SCHOOL FEES.**

Hutt International Boys' School

Account Number 03-0502-126981-07—**This account is for Uniform purchases ONLY**

Please do not hesitate to contact the Accounts Office if you require further information regarding this.

INTERHOUSE OCTATHLON 2020

The 2020 InterHouse Octathlon Competition is being held in Term 1 on Thursday 27 February at school. Parents are welcome to attend the event from 9:00am and a full programme runs until 3:15pm. Students are required to participate in all athletic events and will be in paired tutor groups.

The following items are essential for Octathlon Day:

Shorts (or similar sports gear)

Sun hat

Sun block

Drink bottle

Lunch

NO jeans

House Singlets (compulsory)

Students will be able to purchase drinks and small food items out on the Racetrack from the Canteen staff.

EXTRA STATIONERY ITEMS

Students are reminded that any money for extra items on their stationery list such as Art Packs, textbooks, the HIBS Learning Journal (\$15) etc is to be put into the Blue Box near the Accounts office as soon as possible. There are envelopes at the Blue Box and **students should put their name, class and indicate what the money is for.**

YEAR 7 CAMP

This year the Year 7 Camp will be held at YMCA in Kaitoke from Monday 2 March to Wednesday 4 March. More information to be distributed soon.