

HIBS Newsletter

Issue 1

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- Monday 7 February—
Waitangi Day **SCHOOL
CLOSED**
- Monday 7 March to
Wednesday 9 March—Year
7 School Camp
- Relay for Life—
CANCELLED

From the Principal



Tēnā koutou e te whanāu whanui

Welcome to the start of 2022 after a wonderful summer in New Zealand. A special welcome to new students and parents who are starting at HIBS this year. We all remember our first day at secondary school and I trust that it is a positive and encouraging start for all our young men.

We hope that we are able to have a more settled year than the previous two attempts. There will be challenges and there will be disruptions but I am greatly encouraged by the fact that we are not facing further mass lockdowns. It is so important for our students to be able to learn together in a more normal school environment and to be taking part in all the wonderful co-curricular opportunities that are available here at HIBS.

Please be assured that we will be following all guidelines from the Ministries of Health and Education. All our staff are fully vaccinated and all students and staff will be required to wear a mask when indoors. All our classrooms are well-ventilated and we will be doing all we can to keep our students and staff safe.

Our NCEA results have arrived and we are very pleased with the pass rates and endorsements that our students have achieved. We have 100% pass rates at Level 1, 98.9% at Level 2 and 100% at Level 3; 93% of our Year 13 students gained University Entrance. Most encouragingly, of our Year 11 students 47.3% gained an Excellence Endorsement at Level 1. All of these are very strong results and we will continue to have the highest expectations of all our students in 2022.

I have been warmly welcomed to Wellington by all the people I have met since arriving in mid-January and I am very much looking forward to meeting our students, parents and the wider HIBS community over the coming weeks and months.

Ngā mihi nui

Tom Gordon

**Honour
Integrity
Belief
Service**

Encourage and Expect Excellence

Congratulations!

SCHOOL LEADERS 2022

School Captain	Benjamin Wilson
Deputy School Captain	Isaac Cheung
Academic School Captain	Siva Sriram
Junior School Captain	Parker Giggins
Sports Captain	Lucas Jelley
Arts Captain	Archie Thom
Service Captain	Charles Baylis
Media Captain	William Pettit

House Captains are:

Freyberg
Halberg
Hillary
Rutherford

House Captain
Daniel Makowem
Samuel Williamson
Matthew Brock
Fiach Gahan

Deputy House Captain
Cole Weaver
Xavier Hickson
Jacob Sutherland
Jackson Moyle



Sam Williamson received his cap for HIBS 1st XI Cricket. He received this playing against Rathkeale College 1st XI.



Finlay Hourigan



Lewis Jeffreys



Harrison Kowalczyk

These boys were selected in the Year 9 Development Wellington Cricket Team, and took part in the Year 10 Wellington Cricket Development Tournament.



Harrison Kowalczyk was also selected in the Wellington U15 (NAGT) Football team for 2021.



HIBS SCHOOL APP

For current HIBS parents – please update your HIBS School App subscription via your mobile phone, to ensure that you receive the correct alert messages for your son's year level and for any groups that he may be involved in.

For new HIBS parents – you can download the HIBS School App free on your iPhone or Android via the Apps store / School Apps and then add School, select Hutt International Boys' School. This will allow you to subscribe to your son's year level and other groups that he may be involved in and will ensure that you receive important alert messages. Please make sure you also select the Parent/Caregiver option.

For more information, please contact the School Office.



MASKS

As mentioned by Tom Gordon on page 1 of this Newsletter, all staff and students are required to wear a mask when indoors. Please have your son bring his own mask to school, preferably with his name on it. If he is wearing a surgical mask, his name can be written on the inside.

ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME

If your son is going to be away during the school Term time, please ensure you email admin@hibs.school.nz with all his details including the reason for his absence. If the absence is longer than three days, permission is needed from the Principal, Tom Gordon. Please email tgordon@hibs.school.nz with the reason why your son will be away.

STUDENTS FEELING UNWELL DURING SCHOOL TIME

If your son is feeling unwell at school, please ensure he knows to come to the School Office. The Office staff will phone parents/caregivers explaining the situation if necessary.



DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREA

For the safety of our students, zoned areas have been allocated for pick up and drop off for the students before and after school. The designated parking areas are across the road from Performing Arts, at the east end of Granville Street near the Army Camp.

Please use this area when your son is travelling to and from school by car.

The car parks inside the school gates are for staff and visitor parking only. Please do not drop your son off at the admin building via the school gates nor on the yellow lines by the Admin fence or the bus stop area.

CANTEEN

Due to supply issues, the Canteen is unable to guarantee stock of certain items, therefore, the Kindo Online ordering system will not be available until Monday 21 March 2022.

ACCOUNTS

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 Independent 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 03-0502-0126981-07 —**This account is for Uniform purchases ONLY**

If you require further information please contact the Accounts Office.



TERM DATES 2022

	START DATE	END DATE
TERM 1	Thursday 3 February – New (Year 7 and Year 9) students starting in 2022 and Year 13 students Friday 4 February - Full School Waitangi Day (observed): Monday 7 February – School Closed	Thursday 14 April (School Holidays include Good Friday 15 April, Easter Monday 18 April, Easter Tuesday 19 April and Anzac Day Monday 25 April).
TERM 2	Monday 2 May Queen's Birthday: – School Closed on Friday 3 June & Monday 6 June Matariki Friday 24 June – School Closed	Friday 8 July
TERM 3	Monday 25 July	Friday 30 September
TERM 4	Monday 17 October Labour Day: Monday 24 October – School Closed	Friday 9 December

INTERHOUSE OCTATHLON 2022

The 2022 Interhouse Octathlon Competition is being held in Term 1 on Wednesday 23 February at School. The event runs 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	Sunblock
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.

YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 Camp will be held at YMCA in Kaitoke from Monday 7 March to Wednesday 9 March. More information will be emailed soon.

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HIBS NCEA RESULTS 2021

2021	NCEA Level 1	NCEA Level 2	NCEA Level 3
Pass Rate	98.9%*	98.9%	100%
NCEA endorsed with Excellence	46.7%	30.4%	19.7%
NCEA endorsed with Merit	39.1%	39.1%	31.3%
Year 13 University Entrance	2019 76.8%	2020 92.5%	2021 93%

** includes a student who left in July 2021*

Despite the challenges the staff and students faced with COVID disruptions in 2021, our ākonga gained another set of fantastic academic results in the senior school. We congratulate all our ākonga on their fine achievement and look forward to seeing their continued progress as they begin their new year.

YEAR 11, 12 AND 13 STUDENTS

In the next three weeks, the senior students will be setting their academic goals for the year on the Portal. Please, discuss your son's results with him as he considers his academic goals for the year ahead.

MOTIVATION GRADE CERTIFICATES 2021

Given we weren't able to award these Certificates at the end of 2021, we will announce award winners in Year group assemblies this Friday, and hand out the certificates after each respective Assembly. We wanted to formally congratulate these boys for their sustained work ethic through the second half of 2021.

ASSESSMENT PLANNERS

Year 10 through to 13 Assessment Planners will be published by email and on the HIBS website (click on Curriculum/Junior/Senior School and open the link) mid-February. These documents provide an overview of the timing of academic assessments scheduled for each course at each year level.

Please be aware at times these are updated. If you are using a hard copy to refer to at home, please check this for changes on the website periodically.

INTERIM REPORTS

Interim Reports will be available on the Portal this Term on Friday, 18 March. This grade-based report will be followed by parent interviews. At this stage, we are hoping to hold both face-to-face and online interviews. Depending on the situation with COVID these interviews may all have to be via the online mode.

COURSE CONFIRMATION

The majority of students have courses confirmed for the 2022 school year. However, there are still a small number who are working through these changes with Ms Moore and Ms Hullena. We plan to finalise these courses for students in this situation on Friday 4 February.