

# HIBS Newsletter

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BOYS' SCHOOL



## From the Principal

Tena koutou e te whanau whanui

Video Message from Tom Gordon: <https://youtu.be/QUamCayTGOo>

We are now well underway, and already at the end of week 5. I have enjoyed visiting classrooms and seeing the boys engaged in their learning. Sports have continued, and it has been wonderful to see our boys representing the school in cricket, touch, futsal, volleyball, bowls, golf, and tennis. I am so pleased that we have still been able to play these sports given the restrictions in place. Of course, other co-curricular activities like music, drama and cultural events have continued within school, where possible.

With the easing of the requirements for isolation due to COVID we have most of the students back in class. There has been a small number of students who have tested positive, and they are all isolating at home. We wish them a speedy recovery and look forward to having them back at school when they are able. Can I ask that you keep at home any student who is displaying symptoms until he returns a negative test. We have plans in place if and when we have a greater number of cases of both boys and staff who test positive. I am pleased to report that at the time of writing this, no staff member has tested positive.

Because symptoms can come on quickly we have been encouraging the boys to take learning materials home with them each night. If boys are home as a result of a positive COVID test result or are a household contact, they can access their learning online via Google Classroom, and in the senior school using other APPs they are familiar with in specific classes. For example, OneNote in Design Technology.

We managed to run a restricted Commencement Service last week. It was not the grand event that it has been in the past but it was important that we be able to issue each Year 7 boy with a Bible and each Year 13 boy with his school tie, all donated by the Board of Proprietors. It was good that so many of you managed to follow the ceremony online.

Thank you for your continuing support of the school.

Nga mihi nui  
Tom Gordon

**Honour  
Integrity  
Belief  
Service**

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- Monday 7 March to Wednesday 9 March—Year 7 School Camp
- Relay for Life—**CANCELLED**
- Monday 28 March—PSA AGM 7pm in the staffroom

*Encourage and Expect Excellence*



## **COVID GUIDELINES**

Please follow the Ministry of Health guidelines if your son is a household contact. He must remain in isolation for ten days and be tested. He can only return to school on Day 11 if he receives a negative test and has no COVID symptoms. During this time if your son tests positive, please advise the school office and his ten day isolation period will start again from this date. If you are unsure, please ring Healthline or your Medical Centre.

## **ONLINE LEARNING WHILE ISOLATING AT HOME**

Thank you to all those parents who have kept us informed as soon as their son has gained a positive COVID test result or has become a household contact.

We are encouraging the boys to take home their learning materials every night.

## **JUNIOR SCHOOL**

In the junior school, classwork will predominantly be accessed through Google Classroom. Generally, this will include learning content and tasks that can be completed independently over a week. Teachers will provide generic feedback to students about their learning online.

## **SENIOR SCHOOL**

The above information applies to our senior classes also, however, teachers of senior classes are using a range of different techniques to ensure their ākonga are able to continue with their current learning and assessment tasks while working from home.

## **YEAR 11 - 13 NCEA ASSESSMENTS**

Boys who have tested positive for COVID and are unwell and have an upcoming assessment due, should contact their teachers as soon as they are able to discuss the possibility of an extension or re-assessment opportunity.

# Congratulations!



Seth Palmer-Rennie competed in the Oceania Powerlifting Championships in Christchurch. He was selected to represent New Zealand after winning both the Under 18 and the Junior Under 24 top male lifter at the World Powerlifting NZ Nationals. Seth lifted 175kg in the Squat, 127kg in the Bench, 240kg in the Deadlift, placing him 1st for the Youth Under 85kg class, and setting a new New Zealand record with a total of 542kg.



Tyrone Trego was part of the New Zealand Junior Under 20 4x100 metres Sprint Relay Team who won Silver at the Capital Classic in Wellington.



Jack Silver won the Open Men Division at the Waterski New Zealand Open. He was 1st in Tricks, 2nd in Slalom and 3rd in Jump.

Jack also won the Under 17 Tricks, Slalom, Jump and overall events.



Cory Lovell, was selected for the New Zealand Basketball Academy Under 17 showcase team, with a planned tournament scheduled for April 2022.

He recently trialled for the Wellington Saints, and has been invited back to be part of the wider training squad.



Mitchell Heberley broke the Wellington record for 15 year old boys in 100 metre Butterfly at the summer champs in a time of 58.42 seconds. This record had been standing since 2011.



Lachlan Bailey was selected in the Hutt Valley Men's Senior Rep team to play Wellington City in a three-day match held at the Basin Reserve.



Carter Lowther represented Wellington in the Under 17 Lower North Island Softball Tournament in Palmerston North. Wellington finished 2nd in the three-day tournament.

# Congratulations!



Nkhata Hollywell was selected for the Under 19 New Zealand Aotearoa Maori Football team. He played two games against the New Zealand College selective team where he was overall MVP.



Conrad Jones



Rylee Poki

Conrad and Rylee won Silver in the Board Relay at the 2022 Capital Coast Junior Championships representing Tita-hi Bay Surfclub held at Maranui SLC.



William Holden



Aiden Soper



Cameron Bealing

These boys won a Bronze Medal in the Novice 8 at the New Zealand Rowing Nationals held at Lake Ruataniwha, rowing for Petone Rowing Club.

Tyrone Trego completed his first solo flight on 30 December 2021.





## **YEAR 7 CAMP**

We are excited that the Year 7 Camp to be held at the Kaitoki YMCA can proceed as planned.

Please be assured that all necessary precautions will be taken to ensure all COVID protocols are adhered to.

Students will assemble at 8.30 on Monday morning outside P-Block in the basketball courts or if raining assemble under the sail; ready to depart in buses at 8.45am.

Students will arrive back at HIBS on Wednesday at 2.30pm and can be collected from outside P-Block.

We apologise once again, we cannot invite you on to the school site to meet the boys when they return. However, we will publish photos and a video recap of your son's start to his time at HIBS. More details about this will follow.

Craig Stevenson

Director of Junior School

## **UNIFORM PRICE INCREASE**

Due to our uniform supplier increasing their costs and the price increase of freight, we have had to increase the HIBS uniform prices effective from the start of Term 2. You can find a full list of prices on our school website.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE**

The Cancer Society has cancelled the 'Relay for Life' (RFL) event at the Trentham Racecourse this year due to the implications of the current COVID pandemic. They are still running an online campaign. HIBS will look at the possibility of running some kind of event later in the year to replace the RFL and support the Cancer Society.

## **TRAIN STUDENTS—JUNIORS WITH SCOOTERS**

It has come to our attention that there are a few Junior students coming off the morning train and riding their scooters down the middle of the road to school instead of the footpaths. This is of course dangerous for the students and we ask parents to talk with their sons about this.

## **PSA AGM**

The PSA AGM is being held on Monday 28 March at 7pm in the staffroom.

## **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.

# Curriculum



## SENIOR CURRICULUM

Unfortunately in 2021, we were unable to hold our **NCEA and Subject Information Evening**. This evening provides parents new to NCEA and those with son's moving into Year 12 and 13 with valuable information about navigating NCEA. One way that you can become more familiar with the processes and requirements of NCEA and Assessment is to read through the front end of the Senior Curriculum Handbooks, pages 6-13 AND highlight the following:

1. National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA)
2. Accessing Special Assessment Conditions (SAC)
3. Applying for a Derived Grade
4. Appealing Internal Results in NCEA Assessments
5. Late Work and Student Absence,
6. Breaches of Rules and Misconduct in Assessment, and
7. Reassessment
8. Requirements for University Entrance.

Please take some time to read through this information as it has relevance to the learning and assessment your son is completing in Year 11, 12 and 13, and to a lesser extent in Year 10.

## HIBS PORTAL/SENIOR STUDENTS

All Year 11, 12 and 13 students can log in to the Portal to access their NCEA results to date as the year progresses. HIBS students should have their login and password to do this. These have not changed. If you have misplaced your login and password information, please contact the office staff.

## INTERIM REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On the evening of Friday 18 March, Interim Reports will be published on the Portal. This initial grade only report will be followed up in Week 8 and 9 with Parent/Teacher Interviews. This year all interviews will be conducted online. Further details will be emailed soon to explain:

1. how to book interviews via the School Interviews site, and,
2. how to login to your interview once it has been booked.

## ASSESSMENT PLANNERS

Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 parents have been emailed the Assessment Planners for 2022. These Assessment Planners provide a guide for NCEA Assessments in each of their subjects throughout the year. Please be aware that these dates sometimes change and the most up-to-date version can be found on the HIBS website under Curriculum.

## ACADEMIC GOAL SETTING

Year 11, 12 and 13 students are currently considering their 2022 academic goals which are to be completed on the portal in March. Selecting appropriate courses for study is the first step in gaining academic success, followed closely by effective goal setting. Please take time to discuss your son's goals for 2022 in the upcoming weeks.

# WELCOME

## WELCOME TO YEAR 7 STUDENTS IN 2022

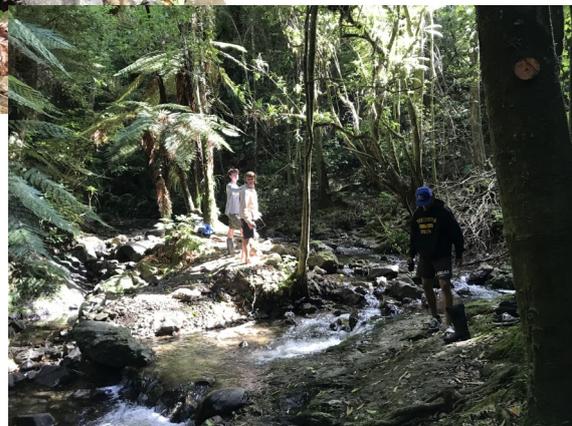
The Year 7 students have had an excellent start to school this year. Below are some photos of them in their tutor groups.



# BIOLOGY



Year 12 Biology Field Trip to Dry Creek, Friday 25th February: investigating patterns in the forest stream community as part of their first internal assessment.



You are invited to 'Exhibitionists' - HIBS pop up Art Gallery featuring Level 1, 2 & 3 folios as well as selected Junior Art. You will hear music from current and past HIBS students. We hope to see you there. As with all HIBS events we ask attendees to be COVID vaccinated, wear a mask, and to scan in using the QR code and hand sanitiser on arrival. Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**FREE ENTRY**

**HIBS PRESENTS**

# **EXHIBITIONISTS**



**STUDENT ART EXHIBITION**

**HIBS AUDITORIUM**

**TUESDAY 8 MARCH**

**5PM-7PM**

**LEVEL 1, 2 AND 3 ART**

**SELECTED JUNIOR ART**

**REFRESHMENTS/NIBBLES/LIVE MUSIC**

**SCHOOL COVID PROTOCOLS APPLY**

## LIBRARY DISPLAYS IN MARCH

Below are the displays we have in the Library during March.



## ENTERTAINMENT MEMBERSHIPS

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