

# HIBS Newsletter

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## From the Principal



Tēnā koutou e te whanāu whanui

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to all of our new students and new families to HIBS for 2024, and welcome back to our returning students and families. The first day of a new school year is always an exciting event and I hope the boys are ready to start afresh.

We extend a very warm welcome to our new teachers at HIBS. Ms Camille Young and Ms Joya de Geus who will both be teaching Technology and Design & Visual Communication (DVC), Mr Bailey Walsh who is joining the Physical Education Department, Mr Joshua Garcia-Hernandez who will be teaching Spanish and Matua Iana Takarangi and Jingwen Zhang who will both be teaching Te Reo Māori. Our new Science Technician is Mr Aaron Xiao.

It has been a sizzling summer around New Zealand and I hope you are well rested and ready for 2024. I am looking forward to another busy and productive year at HIBS and I hope to see you over the coming months at functions, events, performances and sports fixtures.

Ngā mihi nui

Tom Gordon

*Encourage and Expect Excellence*

**Honour  
Integrity  
Belief  
Service**



## SCHOOL LEADERS 2024

**School Captain**

Rhys Evans

**Deputy School Captain/Academic School Captain**

Jeremy Chan

**Junior School Captain**

Joshua Molloy

**Sports Captain**

Sean Carter

**Service Captain**

Elijah Turner

**Media Captain**

Benjamin Cobbum

**Enviro Captain**

Frank Lawton

**Te Manutaki Captain**

Felix Middelplaats

House Captains are:

Freyberg

**House Captain**

Monty Holden

Halberg

Thomas Wesley-Smith

Hillary

George White

Rutherford

Connor Gatward

**Deputy House Captain**

Oliver Saunderson

James Bain

Logan Mitchell

Fletcher Thompson



## 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.





## ACCOUNTS UPDATE

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 invoice 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, Uniform Shop payments and any sports related school trips or other incidentals. NO SCHOOL FEES.**

If you require further information please contact the Accounts Office.

## 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.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

If your son is going to be absent for any reason, please notify the School Office by either:

- ◆ Emailing [admin@hibs.school.nz](mailto:admin@hibs.school.nz) or
- ◆ Using the HIBS School App or
- ◆ Phoning the office—(04) 528 6227

If the absence is for longer than three days, permission must be sought from our Principal, Mr Gordon. Please email [tgordon@hibs.school.nz](mailto:tgordon@hibs.school.nz) with the reason why your son will be away.



## 2024 TERM DATES

|        | START DATE   | END DATE            |
|--------|--|---------------------|
| TERM 1 | Thursday 1 February<br>—Year 7, new Year 9 & 10 students and Year 13 only<br>Friday 2 February— <b>Full School</b><br><br>Tuesday 6 February—Waitangi Day— <b>School Closed</b><br><br><b>Easter</b> —Good Friday 29 March, Easter Monday 1 April & Easter Tuesday 2 April— <b>School Closed</b> | Friday 12 April     |
| TERM 2 | Monday 29 April<br><br>Monday 3 June—King’s Birthday— <b>School Closed</b><br><br>Friday 28 June—Matariki— <b>School Closed</b>  | Friday 5 July       |
| TERM 3 | Monday 22 July   | Friday 27 September |
| TERM 4 | Monday 14 October<br><br>Monday 28 October—Labour Day— <b>School Closed</b>  | Friday 6 December   |

## YEAR 7 CAMP

The Year 7 Camp will be held at YMCA in Kaitoke from Monday 19 February to Wednesday 21 February. More information will be emailed soon.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Just a reminder all Uniform Shop purchases must be paid for before items are handed out. Payment can be made via cash, EFT-POS, online banking or by calling Sandy with your credit card details. The Uniform Shop is open between 8am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday.

# Curriculum



## HIBS NCEA RESULTS 2023

| 2023                          | NCEA Level 1       | NCEA Level 2         | NCEA Level 3         |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Pass Rate                     | 100%               | 98.8%                | 98.8%                |
| NCEA endorsed with Excellence | 37.5%              | 25.8%                | 14.2%                |
| NCEA endorsed with Merit      | 44.7%              | 41.1%                | 40.4%                |
| Year 13 University Entrance   | <b>2021</b><br>93% | <b>2022</b><br>88.4% | <b>2023</b><br>92.8% |

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.

## ASSESSMENT PLANNERS

Year 10 through to 13 Assessment Planners will be published by email and will be 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, 15 March. This grade-based report will be followed by parent interviews.

## PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thursday 21 March—1pm to 4pm (Online), Tuesday 26 March—4pm to 8pm (Face to face), with a further interview evening early in Term 2.

## COURSE CONFIRMATION

The majority of students have courses confirmed for the 2024 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 2 February.

## LITERACY & NUMERACY

Our 2023 Year 10 students achieved success in the first year of the Literacy and Numeracy Corequisite Assessment—95.9% gained the Numeracy Corequisite, 98% gained Literacy Reading and 91.7% gained Literacy Writing.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**1 FEB**

## **YEAR 13 AND NEW ENTRANTS DAY**

FOR YEAR 7 STUDENTS, NEW YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS & YEAR 13 STUDENTS

**2 FEB**

## **FIRST DAY FOR FULL SCHOOL**

8.40AM START FOR ALL STUDENTS

**6 FEB**

## **WAITANGI DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

**14 FEB**

## **YEAR 7 BYO PICNIC**

4PM - INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

**14 FEB**

## **2023 YEAR 10 DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

2.30PM to 3.15PM FOR CURRENT YEAR 11 STUDENTS - PARENTS WELCOME

**19 FEB TO  
21 FEB**

## **YEAR 7 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP**

HELD AT THE YMCA IN KAITOKE

**19 & 20 FEB**

## **MUSIC & ART CELEBRATION EVENING**

5PM to 7PM 19 FEB & 8.30AM to 1.30PM 20 FEB - ART DISPLAY FOR PARENTS TO VIEW - AUDITORIUM

**21 FEB**

## **YEAR 10 PARENTS' EVENING**

7PM - HIBS AUDITORIUM

**27 FEB**

## **COMMENCEMENT SERVICE**

FOR STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES - 7PM TO 8PM - LANE PARK CHURCH, UPPER HUTT