

# HIBS Newsletter

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- Term 3 ends **Friday 27 September**
- Term 4 starts **Monday 14 October**

## From the Principal



Tena koutou e te whānau whanui

The International Service trip to Fiji over the last holidays was a great success. All reports have been very positive and the boys developed over the time away. It is such an important part of what we do here at HIBS. Thank you to all members of our community who played a part in enabling this trip to go ahead. It is a life-changing event for our young men who are fortunate enough to attend.

We have completed the enrolment process for Year 7 boys next year. We were once again over-subscribed with a large number of applications for just 96 places. This is the first year we have had to implement the Enrolment Scheme that has been imposed on us by the Ministry of Education. Families are still required to meet our Special Character criteria before being eligible for selection. Boys with a whānau connection to HIBS (brothers of current students, sons of old boys etc), are automatically accepted and all other places are based on a ballot which is overseen by a Justice of the Peace. I am in the process of meeting each new boy going into Year 7 next year. These meetings are no longer part of the selection process, but are an opportunity for each new family to meet the Principal.

We are coming to the end of the winter sports season with semifinals and finals not far off. Winter Tournament Week is during the first week of September which will see our premier teams around the country competing at the highest level. All the best of luck to all teams as the season comes to a close.

Ngā mihi nui

Tom Gordon

**Honour  
Integrity  
Belief  
Service**

*Encourage and Expect Excellence*

# HOUSE AWARDS

Our annual House Awards are coming up in Week 10 of this Term. Details for each House are listed below.

Your son's attendance is compulsory for his House Awards and families are also invited and encouraged to attend. House Awards are a great opportunity to recognise student achievement within the House and parents will gain a greater insight into the Tutor Group and House system.

Students are required to be dressed in their formal uniform and are expected to present the uniform to a high standard on this important occasion.

Formal Uniform for Seniors—Blazer, shirt and tie, long trousers, black socks and polished regulation shoes.

Formal Uniform for Juniors—Short or long trousers, shirt, tie, school socks and polished regulation shoes.

If there is a reason why your son is unable to attend the House Awards, please inform the School as soon as possible by emailing your son's Housemaster.

All House Awards are held in the HIBS Auditorium.



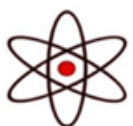
## **Hillary House Awards**

Patrick Houghton

phoughton@hibs.school.nz

**Monday 23 September**

**7pm—8.30pm**



## **Rutherford House Awards**

Gareth Walsh

gwalsh@hibs.school.nz

**Tuesday 24 September**

**7pm—8.30pm**



## **Freyberg House Awards**

Jack Dowd

jdowd@hibs.school.nz

**Wednesday 25 September**

**7pm—8.30pm**



## **Halberg House Awards**

Jessica Anderton

janderton@hibs.school.nz

**Thursday 26 September**

**7pm—8.30pm**



## 2025 Term Dates

Term	Start Date	End Date
1	Thursday 30 January – Year 7 & 13 only Friday 31 January – Full School  Thursday 6 February – Waitangi Day – School Closed	Friday 11 April
2	Monday 28 April  Monday 2 June – King’s Birthday – School Closed  Friday 20 June – Matariki – School Closed	Friday 27 June
3	Monday 14 July	Friday 19 September
4	Monday 6 October  Monday 27 October – Labour Day – School Closed	Friday 5 December

## HIBS FUNDRAISING

We would like to remind everyone that any fundraising activities using the School’s name, must be approved by the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). This ensures that fundraising is equitable and does not conflict with International Service fundraising, which has priority in the community.

If you are interested in organising a fundraiser, please first check with your staff liaison person in the School. Then, visit our website, where you will find a ‘Fundraising Application Form’ under the Quick Links section. Completing this form is the first step in seeking approval. All requests must be submitted at least four weeks before the event.

Once submitted, the Senior Leadership Team will review your application for consideration.

# CURRICULUM

## SENIOR WRITTEN REPORTS - TERM 3

Year 11-13 Senior reports for the following subjects will be available on the Portal on Friday evening, 6 September:

11/12/13 Design Technology, 11/12/13 Art, 12/13 Visual Art Design, 12/13 Visual Art Photography, 11/12/13 Design & Visual Communication, 11/12/13 Digital Technology, 11/12/13 Physical Education and 12/13 Gateway.

All other 11-13 Senior reports will be available on the Portal on Friday evening, 27 September.

## NCEA LITERACY & NUMERACY

This Term will be the second assessment opportunity for the Literacy-reading, Literacy-writing and Numeracy standards. Year 10 students who did not achieve, or were absent in the first opportunity will sit these assessments.

The dates for these are:

9am Friday 13 September - Reading assessment

9am Monday 16 September - Numeracy assessment

9am Wednesday 18 September - Writing assessment

## SENIOR SUBJECT CHOICE INTERVIEWS

All Year 11 and 12 students will be called from class for a short subject choice interview during the next couple of weeks. Students will benefit more from these interviews if they have taken the time to consider what subjects they might like to take or have identified career options that they are interested in, so they can ask how the School subjects align with these.



## YEAR 11, 12 & 13 DERIVED GRADE EXAMINATIONS

What are these exams?

These exams provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in the external Achievement Standards.

The purpose of these exams is to:

1. Provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding for their external Achievement Standards. These are conducted in exam conditions. Feedback to students from their Teacher following these will highlight what they know well, and the areas they need to focus on developing further heading into the NCEA external examinations in Term 4.
2. Should a student not be able to attend an NCEA examination because of extenuating circumstances beyond their control, then their Derived Grade Examination results can be submitted as a Derived Grade (refer Page 9 of the Senior Curriculum Handbook).

**Please note** - these examinations are NOT optional. It is expected that when the boys sign up to study a course which has external standards, they will sit these examinations, despite perhaps having the credits needed for UE or entry into the next year level course. Even when a student decides that they don't intend to study that subject the following year, it is expected that they will complete the course that they have started.

**DERIVED GRADE EXAMINATIONS are scheduled this year for Terms 3 & 4**

### Term 3

English Levels 2 and 3 and Digital Technologies (DGT) Levels 2 and 3 external Achievement Standard/s will be examined this Term on **Wednesday, 11 September**. Most students will complete their exams digitally.

Level 1 English will also have an actual external Achievement Standard final write-up on **Wednesday 11 September**.

(Please check the next page for Term 4 details)

## YEAR 11, 12 & 13 DERIVED GRADE EXAMINATIONS CONTINUED

### Term 4

All other subjects with relevant external Achievement Standards will have their Derived Grade examinations between Monday 14 October and Friday 18 October. The Derived Grade examination timetable will be published later this Term and will also be emailed to students.

**The Digital Technologies DCAT** (final external exam) for Level 2 and 3 students is scheduled for this Derived Grade examination period.

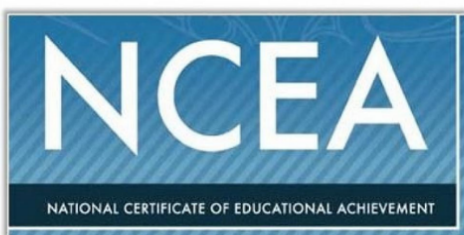
## PARENTS OF YEAR 10, 11 & 12 STUDENTS

Please keep the evening of **Monday 26 August** free so that you can attend our NCEA Information and Subject Selection evening with your son(s).

The evening will start for current **Year 11 and 12 students and their parents at 6.30pm in the Auditorium**. Following this, Heads of Department and staff will be available in the Library to discuss queries or questions you may have about Senior subjects for 2025.

For **current Year 10 students and their parents**, this session will start at **7pm in the Auditorium** with an introduction to NCEA. Following this you will head over to the Library to discuss subject choices for 2025 with the Heads of Department and staff in attendance.

You should have received a hard copy of the Senior Curriculum Handbook in the mail. You can also access this on the HIBS website by selecting **Curriculum, Senior School** and then clicking on the link to the **Senior Curriculum Handbook 2025**. **\*\* IMPORTANT \*\* Please make sure you bring your copy of the Senior Curriculum Handbook to the NCEA Information and Subject Selection evening.**



## NCEA EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS

NCEA external examinations begin on **Tuesday 5 November**. Please click on the link below to access the NCEA Exam Timetable for 2024 -

<https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/NCEA/2024-Timetable-FINAL-4-3-24.pdf>



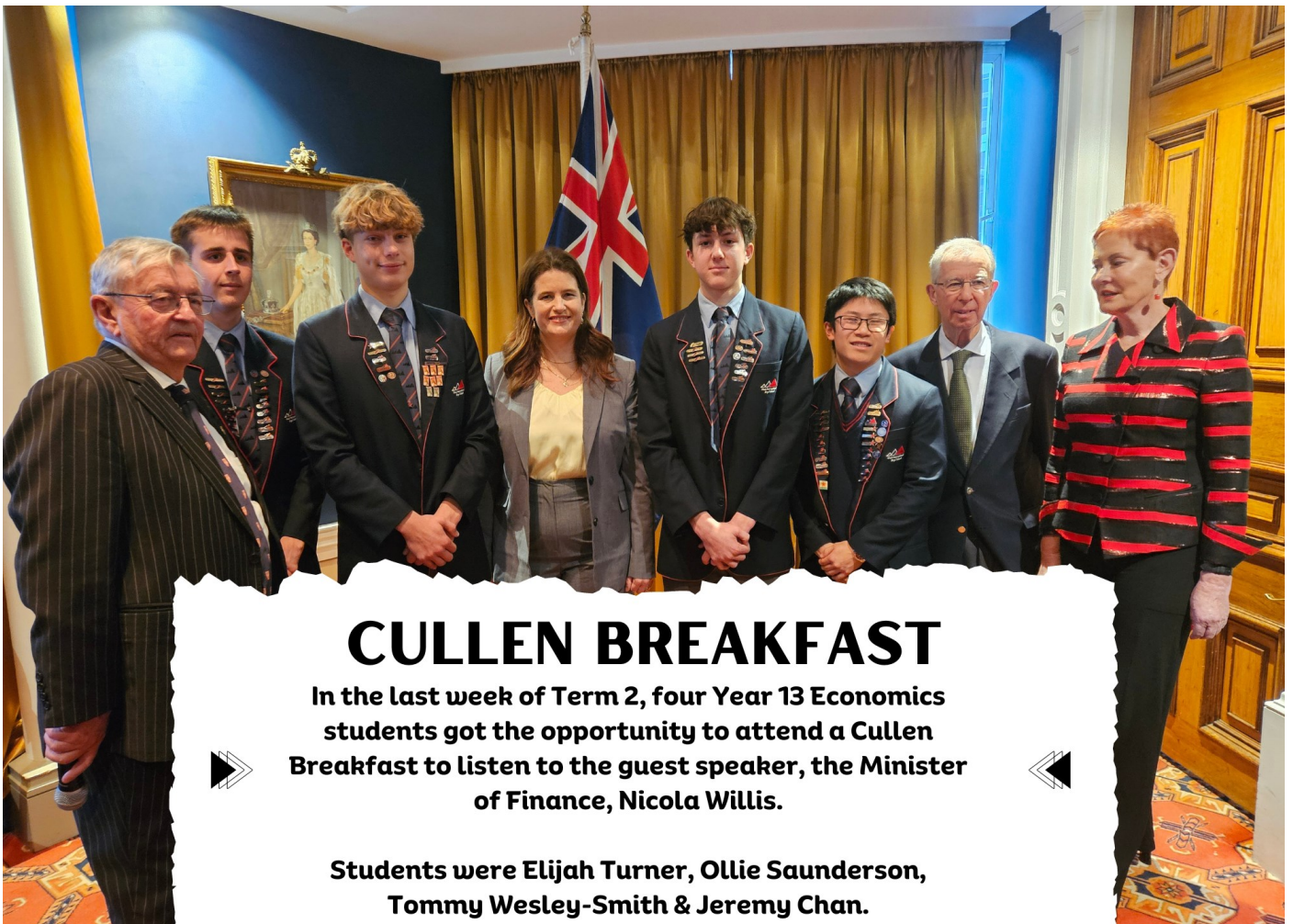
# Debating

## Junior Speaking Competition Dunsheath Plate

All smiles! Perhaps the calm before the storm. HIBS had two representatives for the Junior Speaking Competition – Samuel Knowles and George Tait (both Year 10).

Samuel Knowles delivered a passionate diatribe against the state of pollution in New Zealand rivers. He was selected in the ‘Highly Commended’ category. George spoke engagingly about the impact of mobile phones on teenagers.

Once again, well done boys on a sterling performance. ‘Once more unto the breach my friends’. For the hills!



## CULLEN BREAKFAST

In the last week of Term 2, four Year 13 Economics students got the opportunity to attend a Cullen Breakfast to listen to the guest speaker, the Minister of Finance, Nicola Willis.

Students were Elijah Turner, Ollie Saunderson, Tommy Wesley-Smith & Jeremy Chan.



# HUTT VALLEY CAREER FEST

All of our Year 12 students attended the Hutt Valley Career Fest on 30 July. There were over 65 stallholders for students to engage with, including Universities, Polytechs, Trades Training Organisation, NZ Defence Force, as well as representatives from Hutt Valley and Wellington businesses, so students could learn about jobs that have strong demand. HIBS Old Boy, Hamish Burrows, was there to represent BECA and to talk about land surveying.







# WHĀNAU RŌPŪ WANANGA

On Sunday, 16 June our Whānau Rōpū came together to wānanga the development of te rautaki Māori (Māori strategy) for HIBS. Participants included kaiako (teachers), tama tane (young men), and parents, all contributing their whakaaro (thoughts) and perspectives.

The wānanga was not only an opportunity to provide a platform for kōrero to be heard, it was also a great space to whakawhānaungatanga. Our tama tane shared their aspirations for the kura, parents discussed how our young men can thrive, and staff highlighted opportunities within the school.

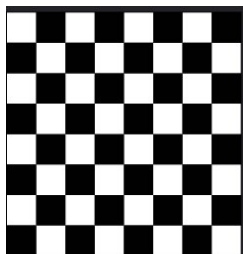
The main outcome of the day was the development of a three year HIBS rautaki Māori (Draft Māori Strategic Plan). This strategy will support HIBS in becoming a bi-cultural environment where our tama tane and whānau thrive as Māori and as part of the school community. It focuses on enhancing student engagement, promoting inclusive practices, and supporting the school to build their cultural capability.

This wānanga was a great reminder of the value of collective kōrero. As we move forward, we look forward to turning these insights into actions, to shape the future of our ākonga (students) and HIBS.

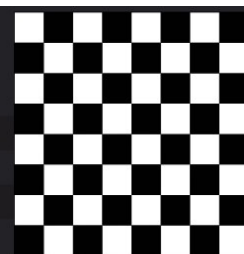
If you are interested in finding out more about our Whānau Rōpū, please email the HIBS office - [admin@hibs.school.nz](mailto:admin@hibs.school.nz).







# CHESS



At the end of last Term, our Chess teams competed in the Wellington Regional Tournaments.

The Secondary A & B teams placed 5th and 8th out of 24 teams and Ryan Currier earned his Chess Badge for having represented the HIBS A team in five Regional or National Tournaments.

The Intermediate A, B & C teams placed 1st, 6th and 10th respectively, with the A team qualifying for the Nationals at the end of this Term.

Two players also won "board" prizes - Carrig Murray from the A team was unbeaten on board three and Leon Hotop from the C team, won five of his six matches on board four.

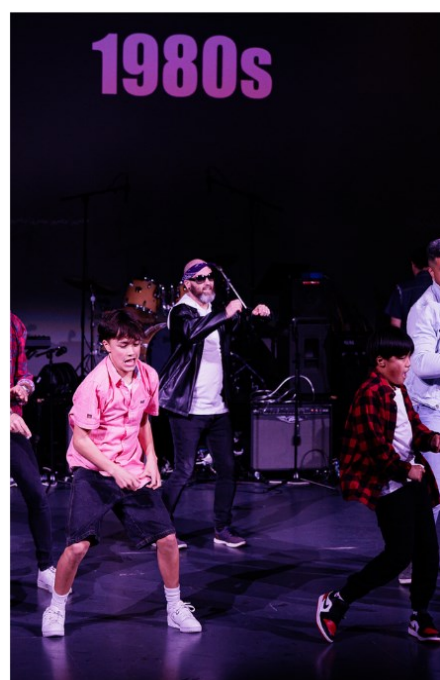




# HIBS Variety Show

We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone that came along and supported the recent HIBS Variety Show. Huge love also goes to our wonderful PSA. They once again played a key role in supporting staff and students on the night, ensuring the smooth running of the show. Please enjoy a few photo highlights of the night.

You are welcome to head to the [Variety Show gallery](#) where you can download photos for free until the end of August  
- (Photo credit AT Photo)









# HIBS MUSIC



During the July school holidays, Timothy Wang (Year 9) came first in both the Piano Solo and Violin Concerto Solo competition at the Hutt Performing Arts Piano & Instrumental competition. Justin Wang (Year 7) won a bronze medal in the Cello Concerto competition.

Their Chamber Group, 'The JOT Pot Trio', won a silver medal in the Open Age Group. This newly formed ensemble was invited to play at the VUW Music Futures Concert on 26 July as the youngest ever group to perform.

In April, Sebastian Green (Year 11) was invited to audition for a place in the Victoria University Star programme. After a successful audition, he had the opportunity to play as part of the cello ensemble, which was a wonderful opportunity to play at a very high level. Sebastian also took part in the Capital Music competition, where he won the cup. His Trio also won the Ensemble Section.

The New Zealand Chamber competition was held near the end of last term at Victoria University. HIBS had boys involved in five different groups. The boys all played well and represented the school admirably. The Jayjay's Trio, made up of Jacob Tsai (Year 8), Jacob Song and Justin Wang (both Year 7), were probably the youngest ensemble there. Timothy and Sebastian were each part of Chamber Groups that progressed through to the Regional Finals of the NZ Chamber Competition. A fantastic achievement!



# PERFORMING ARTS

## DRAMA PERFORMANCE EVENING

We enjoyed a fabulous Drama Performance Evening in July and so many people came along, that we almost ran out of chairs!

Our Year 10 Drama class performed a series of scenes based around the theme 'Blind Dates That Go Wrong'. Throughout, the play also followed the narrative thread of two friends that eventually realised they wanted to be more than friends and their story concluded with a very sweet proposal. We were so impressed with the way in which this class worked together to produce a substantial play and how they committed to playing a range of eccentric characters in front of so many people.

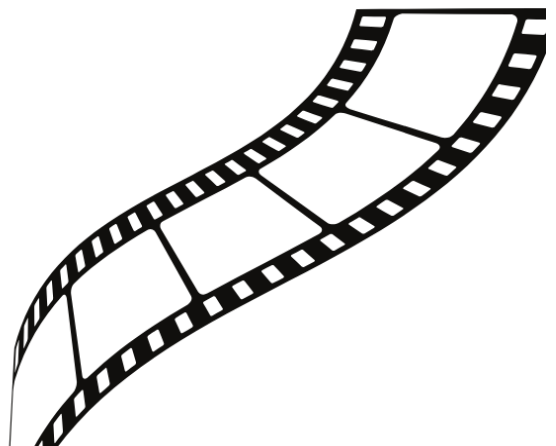
Our Year 12 class has been studying the theatre form of *Commedia del' Arte*. Their performance showcased the features of this genre including the use of mask, costume and stock characters, with very particular ways of speaking and moving. The students did a particularly good job of capturing the comic context of this theatre form and had the audience rolling on the ground with laughter.

Look out for our next performance evening scheduled for **Monday, 9 September** where classes will perform a tragic Greek Theatre play and excerpts from 'The Importance of Being Earnest', by Oscar Wilde.

## DRAMA CLUB

Our Drama Club now has more than 40 members and over the course of this Term, we will be rehearsing a hilarious pantomime by Geoff Bamber, entitled 'Babes in the Wood'.

If you would like to come along to see this play, it will be performed on **Thursday, 31 October** (Week 3, Term 4). More details about the time and venue will be published in the lead up to this event.





# CONGRATULATIONS

## DANCE



We want to congratulate the following students on some top results in the NZCAF Regional Competition in July. This means that their Dance Crews have qualified to attend the Nationals in Queenstown later this year. Well done to Justin Xu, Joshua Young and Thomas Jones.



Congratulations also goes to Fynn Burns-Esam who achieved several top placings in the HVPAC Competition during the July holidays.

**School of Music Showcase**  
**13th September 7.00pm**  
**Hutt International Boys School Auditorium**  
**tickets \$10**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## TEN PIN BOWLING

Ben Pettit recently competed in the 2024 World Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships (U21) in Incheon, Korea. With 140 of the best tenpin bowlers competing from 38 countries,

Ben finished 3rd and received the bronze medal. This is New Zealand's first medal at any Tenpin Bowling World Championships in 40 years (since the 1984 World Cup in Australia).



## HOCKEY

The following boys have been selected for Wellington Hockey Representative Teams - (L-R) Liam Bateson, Sachin Govind, Joshua Hamlyn (all selected for the U16 Representative team and Ashton Herrick (selected for the U18 team).



Also a special congratulations to Ashton Herrick and the Wellington U18 Representative team who competed in the U18 National Hockey Tournament in the first week of the holidays. The team went up against Hawkes Bay, playing for 3rd and 4th place. In a tough final and going into a penalty shootout, Wellington came out on top, taking the bronze medal.



# CONGRATULATIONS

## RUGBY

Three HIBS boys have been selected for the Wellington U16 Rugby representative team - Thomas Prichard (U16 Gold team); Will Ashton (U16 White team) and Liam Phelps (U16 Black team).



The Wellington Centurions U18 squad of 29 players also features three HIBS 1st XV players. Congratulations to Rhys Evans, Sean Carter and George White on their selection.



Felix Middelplaats was selected for the Wellington U17 Māori Boys team.



## ATHLETICS



Asher Robertson was selected for the New Zealand Youth Athletics team that competed at the Oceania Athletics Championships in Suva, Fiji.

Asher competed in the U18 age group and completed in the following events with impressive results:

High Jump (4th)

400m Hurdles (6th)

Long Jump (7th)

4 x 400m Relay Team (Bronze Medal)

4 x 100m Relay Team (Bronze Medal)



## CROSS COUNTRY

Jacob Rice and Hugo Millar represented HIBS at the NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country in June and came home with some pleasing results. Jacob placed 16th out of 121 runners in the Year 9 3km race. Hugo placed 18th out of 121 runners in the Junior 4km race. Both boys represented their Wellington A Relay teams with Jacob earning bronze for the Year 9 team and Hugo's team placing 4th.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## FLOORBALL

Hyugo Preston was selected as one of three wider squad members and a non-travelling reserve for the NZ U19 Mens Floorball team, which is selected every two years to play in the World Floorball Championships. He is the youngest in the squad and the only one who will be eligible for three campaigns. No other player in New Zealand has achieved this at his age.



## SWIMMING

Justin Feng participated in the Wellington Swimming Junior Sprint Challenge and was awarded with the following medals -

3 x gold medals - 50m free; 50m backstroke and 100m individual medley

1 x silver medal - butterfly

1 x bronze medal - 50m breaststroke

## INDOOR CRICKET

The following boys were selected for the 17 and Under Wellington Indoor Cricket team that played in the Junior Indoor Nationals in Christchurch during the school holidays - Fin Hourigan, Joey Treacy, Connor Gatward, Joel Gracie and Carter Birmingham.





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# TABLE TENNIS

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On Friday 9 August, our Senior Table Tennis team competed at the CSW Regional Table Tennis competition. The boys won all of their matches, taking the title of regional champions.

Congratulations to (L-R) George Baird, Jamie Cameron, Harry Allen and Aryav Bhawan.

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# HOCKEY

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Our U15 Hockey team took part in the annual Miskimmin Cup competition. HIBS were the current holders after winning the final 7-1 last year. In this year's competition, seven teams took part, and then each team played six short matches over the day. HIBS managed to win three, draw one and lose two matches, finishing in a very respectable 3rd place.

Our 1st XI Hockey team are finishing off their season and currently sit in 4th place in the Premier 1 competition. The team are preparing for the National tournament, the Rankin Cup, taking place in Tauranga during Winter Tournament Week.

The Year 7 & 8 team are also preparing for their tournament in Tauranga at the annual AIMS Games event.





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# BADMINTON

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Congratulations to our Junior Badminton doubles teams who competed at the CSW championships. Liam Smith and Timothy Wang finished runners up in the main draw. Arya Elamurugan and Thuhin Mahadevan won the plate competition.

The Year 7 & 8 weekly competition has started at the Naenae Badminton Hall each Thursday, with HIBS having four teams competing.



The Senior team have almost completed their season in the Premier Grade and are looking forward to the CSW Singles Championships and the National competitions taking place later this Term.

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# RUGBY

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The HIBS U65kg Rugby team had a great end to their season, winning the competition final against an unbeaten Rongotai College side. The team had faced Rongotai the week before losing that match, but in the final the boys produced an outstanding performance to win the game 15-8. Congratulations to the players and coaches. The U55kg team also competed in a final against Wellington College in the Division 1 Ina Hansen Cup. The boys lost 38-12, but had an outstanding season.

Our 2nd XV played a hard fought match in their semi-final, but lost to a strong St Pat's Town side. Well done to Bren Todd and his team for an excellent season.

The 1st XV had a big win in their final match of the season against Paraparaumu, winning 34-10. It was a frustrating season for the team where a lot of tight games didn't go their way, but the team consistently displayed an outstanding level of effort, positivity, attitude and application.

Our Year 7 & 8 teams have some matches coming up in the next few weeks against various schools and clubs as they prepare for their Hawkes Bay tour at the end of this Term.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

23 AUG

## SPORTS PHOTOS

### YEAR 9 & 10 DANCE

7PM TO 10PM IN THE HIBS AUDITORIUM

24 AUG

## YEAR 7 & 8 DANCE

7PM TO 9.30PM IN THE HIBS AUDITORIUM

26 AUG

## NCEA SUBJECT INFORMATION EVENING

FOR CURRENT YR 11, 11 & 12 STUDENTS & PARENTS

HIBS AUDITORIUM - 6.30PM FOR YRS 11 & 12; 7PM FOR YEAR 10

2 SEPT

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS

6 SEPT

## SENIOR REPORTS FOR SELECTED SUBJECTS

(REFER CURRICULUM SECTION FOR SUBJECT DETAILS) - PUBLISHED ON THE PORTAL IN THE EVENING

9 SEPT

## BOT MEETING

6PM IN THE STAFFROOM



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