



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Tena Koutou Katoa

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are again committed to working as hard as we can to lift our NCEA performance particularly in external exams. The national focus is on all students achieving NCEA Level 2. Yet many students are underperforming in Level 1 and thus making it hard for them to access level 2.

Having had good success in having students lead change in behaviour in the school, we are now trying this approach with achievement. Our head students, Robert and Nick, have conducted a series of interviews with students regarding their results last year, their preparation and their attitudes to success.

As a result of this we will be holding a series of day seminars for students in Year 11 & 12. These seminars will have workshops that focus on strategies that will help students to be successful in preparing for exams. These workshops are being designed and led by senior students. The days will be funded by the school and lunch will be provided. Dates will be published in the near future.

A couple of clear messages arise from the data that Robert and Nick gathered. The first is that the success of students in NCEA last year was directly related to the time that was invested in preparing for exams. Students who did not achieve NCEA credits in exams had invariably done very little preparation. Students who gained excellence had invested the most time in preparing for exams. Another point that arose is that most students believed they could have done better. What we are trying to do is to ensure that students have done the best preparation for exams that they can. The school exams in term 3 will give an opportunity for students to practise strategies that they have learned in the workshops.

Another issue that has arisen this year is the behaviour of students in Ward Street. This has been a concern at times in the past and is again now. The key concerns are students congregating in the streets around the dairy and buses. This creates a public nuisance for members of the public and is, at times, also a traffic risk. We are also concerned about large numbers of students gathering in properties on Ward Street and Miro Street. One address, 13 Ward Street, we believe is not a safe place for students. This address is frequented by ex-students of the college and people not connected to the school. Activities that take place there would be of concern to most parents.

To give clarity to students on the behaviour expected the Board of Trustees has approved the following rule:

Students are not allowed to congregate in Ward Street & Miro Street or in properties that can be accessed from these streets on any day that the school is open for instruction from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of a scheduled programme or event including time table classes for that day and until 30 minutes following the end of that programme, event or timetabled classes on that day.

The intention of this rule is to have student's proceed into the school grounds in the morning when they arrive and not loiter in the streets. Similarly in the afternoon the expectation is that students are moving away from the school. If they are waiting for a bus then they should be on the courts and not on the pavement. If they are waiting for a parent then they should wait inside the school grounds. This does not replace any current rules. For example bus students cannot use the dairy until after 3.30 and with the permission of the teacher in charge at the bus queue. This rule is for safety as we don't want bus students running across the road at what is a peak traffic time. We have had accidents in the past.

From term 3 the bus stop will be moved along Ward street to a new student entrance in front of D wing. A shelter has also been constructed next to the drama room.

Congratulations to Charlizza Harris on winning her section of the regional Manu Korero competition. Charlizza will travel to Tauranga in September to compete at the National event.

As new buildings and facilities grow around us the daily work continues as normal. Well not quite as normal. I would like to thank the staff and students who are working hard to keep things as normal as possible. Construction noise has required classes to move from time to time while occasional disruption to heating, power and gas supply have provided additional problems. Wet days pose extra difficulty with the mud that appears in outside pedestrian areas. The project is still on schedule with the new facilities opening in term 3. We are delighted with what is emerging from the chaos and know that the disruptions endured will be more than compensated for by the quality of the completed facilities.

Bruce Hart
Principal
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Key Dates:

14 June	Home & School meeting 6:45pm in the staffroom.
21 June	TAUNGA Project 5-6pm
24 June	12PED Coaching at Maidstone
27-28 June	Coca Cola Careers Expo
12 July	TAUNGA Project 5-6pm
12 July	Home & School meeting 6:45pm in the staffroom.
14 July	Senior Report evening 4:30-7:00pm
15 July	End of Term 2

HERETAUNGA COLLEGE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Heretaunga College Home and School Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the staffroom - **our next meeting is Tuesday 14 June, at 6.45on in the college staffroom.** We are a group that fundraisers for some of the "extras" for the school. We welcome any new members or anyone who would like to come and see what we are about. If you would like further information please contact: **Joanne on 934 7251**

Entertainment Books

The new 2011/2012 entertainment book is available for purchase from the school office for \$60. Heretaunga College earns \$12 for each book that is sold. There are many discounts available including Silver Spoon Café/Restaurant, Fig Tree Café, Little India, Ascot Cinema, H2OXtream, Video Ezy, McDonalds as well as many more in the Wellington region and also discounts for accommodation & attractions in Australia. These are all valid until 1 June 2012. Please help the college to fundraise for valuable resources for your child by purchasing an entertainment book.

College Umbrellas

The Beast (Junior) is Here! The high-quality, super-tough large umbrella currently sported around the college by teachers is now available - in a slightly smaller version - to everyone. The umbrella is maroon and white with the college crest on two panels. It is very resistant to winds, and even if it does manage to be turned inside out, it will right with no damage. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.** The Beast Junior, at 76cm radius is a full sized golf umbrella but slightly smaller than the full Beast (by 4cm radius). You can purchase the JUNIOR BEAST now from the school office for **only \$20. Be in quick, they are selling fast.**

Ball Expo – 5 July

This Expo will take place at the Heretaunga Christian Centre, 51 Lane Street, Upper Hutt. Support our local retailers as they showcase what they have available for ball goers this ball season. There will be demonstrations and giveaways on the night, with raffles available to win fabulous prizes and goods for sale at amazing prices. Supper will also be provided. Tickets cost \$10:00 and are available from Heretaunga College Office, Upper Hutt i-site, 90 Main Street or PSIS, 151 Main Street, Upper Hutt.

All proceeds go to Heretaunga College 2012 German Trip.

Congratulations to the following students from Heretaunga College Girls Choir who performed for the Regional Heats of the National Big Sing Competition at Wellington Town Hall on Wednesday 8 June:

Abby Moya
Kudzai Zvenyika
Sina Sua
Ana Sua
Kayla Driskel
Monique Sempio
Nikita Scully
Liddy Muese-Asiata
Hannah Sipaia
Lisa Vena
Talalelei Keni
Muta Keni
Cheyenne Sam

Although this relatively small group had only been singing together for one term, their performance was professional and full of soul. They were great ambassadors for the school. Great effort girls!

The **Technology Department** need your help.....

They are still seeking the following items:

- more old socks (clean)
- ice-cream containers
- plastic containers with lids

Library and Information Centre

We have been looking at ways to communicate library information to the whole school community and have developed a blog for this purpose. We'd love it if you could have a look and make comments at <http://heretaunga.blogspot.com>

We recently entered two junior teams in the Upper Hutt Library Quiz. Both teams represented Heretaunga College well but unfortunately didn't place in the event. Congratulations to those involved.

Our hard-working librarians are still achieving certificates with the latest two being Dorian McAdam and Alistair Gardyne both getting their bronze certificates. Many others are well on track too. You can see what they've been up to if you read the student book reviews and the posts in the blog.

Healthy Taunga Fortnight

Weeks 4 and 5 saw our annual Healthy Taunga Fortnight take place. This is a fortnight where we look at healthy lifestyles and the importance of pushing play and eating healthy. Every day during the fortnight there were daily quiz competitions, food facts and jokes, and activities for students and staff to take part in during morning break. Some of these activities included dodge ball, House obstacle competition, House fear factor competition, mural competition, zumba, learn an Indian dance, ready steady cook as well as the form class quiz competition which was won by 10DN.

Blue house was the dominant house during the house competitions and came out on top in all but one of the competitions. This was due to fantastic leadership and organisation by Blue House Leader Riley Willis.

A huge thanks to all the students and staff who are in the Healthy Taunga Action Group for their organisation of this fortnight and to the student leadership team for their role and most importantly to the students and staff for getting involved and making it a successful time.

Calculators

We are still selling the Sharp EL-531 scientific calculator for \$18 and the Casio fx-9750G11 Graphics calculator for \$90 – the cheapest prices in town! And we engrave your son's/daughter's name for free! Order through the student office.

Free Afterschool Maths Tuition

This free tuition is available every Wednesday in room P7, from 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. All welcome.

Free Economics Tuition

This is held every Wednesday 3:15-4:15 in C7 for all NCEA year levels. All welcomed.

Winter O.P.C. Trip

Our **2011 winter** visit to the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand (O.P.C.) will take place from Sunday 21st August to Friday 26th August inclusive (the 4th week of Term 3). We are taking ten Year 12 and Year 13 students. If you would like your son or daughter to go away for a week of fun, challenge, team-building and new experiences in and around Tongariro National Park under the guidance of a qualified instructor, get them to rush their deposit to the College office as soon as possible. First in, first served! Students may obtain an information pack from Mr. Carter and are welcome to borrow the 15-minute promotional DVD overnight.

Parenting Expo Upper Hutt

This will be held at Expressions. The difference this year is we are aiming the expo at PARENTS OF TEENS.

Information is so readily available to parents of younger children and it seems that parents have no idea what is going to come around the corner as their child/ren transform into a teenagers.

We will be holding this event on **Thursday 16 June from 2pm-7pm**. This event is **totally free** and is open to the public.

The expo will offer:

- 33 exhibitors
- Two entertainment acts
- Goody bags to the first 250 people to arrive
- National Bestselling Author Eva-Maria will deliver TWO one hour sessions (Bookings are essential for the free talks with Eva-Maria)
- Eva-Marias books will be given to the first 100 to arrive at EACH session.

For further information please call 04 5272794 or email community@uhcc.govt.nz

SPORT

Congratulations to

- ❖ **Taylor Green** for making the Under 15 Hutt Valley Rep Netball Team. *Well done Taylor.*
- ❖ **Siobhan Fox** and **Shai Laban-Filihiahekava** for making the U15 Hutt Valley Netball Development Team. *Well done Siobhan and Shai.*
- ❖ **Caitlin Boyd** - U17 Hutt Valley Netball Team. *Well done Caitlin*
- ❖ **Girls 1st XI Football Team** who won their game on Thursday 9th June 3-0 against Queen Margaret's College. *Well done girls!*

This girl's team, along with our hockey boys, play in the highest division of competition out of all our sports teams. Excellent results for these teams.

Congratulations to the following Hockey players who have made rep teams this year:

James Manning - Wellington U18A

Ryan Purdie - Wellington U15A

Lewis Johnson - Wellington U15B

Drew MacNee - Wellington U15B

Jacob Hamlin - Hutt Valley U18

Jared Alkema - Hutt Valley U18

Lawson Davison - Hutt Valley U18

Ben Potgieter - Hutt Valley U18

Samuel McQuillan - Hutt Valley U18

Hayden Flanagan - Hutt Valley U15

David Marinan - Hutt Valley U15

Kate Stevenson - Hutt Valley U18

Boys Hockey

Grading rounds have finished and our teams have been very successful!

The 3rd XI Team has achieved grade promotion from R4 to R3 for the rest of the season. They won an exciting playoff game on Stokes.

The 2nd XI Team has achieved grade promotion from R2 to R1 for the rest of the season. They won their playoff game 8-0.

The 1st XI Team will remain in P2 for the rest of the season, with the aim of making it to this year's final!