



EXAMPLE HERETAUNGA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

No.2 – Friday 30 March 2007

A Learning
Environment of
Opportunity &
Challenge

Principal's Message....



Tena Koutou Katoa

Last Tuesday the current Board of Trustees met for the last time. Elections take place this week and a new board will be formed. Three members of the Board, Grant Henderson, Kathy McNabb and Richard Lawrence are standing again as parent representatives while Andrew Mitchell and Lorna Heemi are stepping down. The staff and student representative have already been chosen. Three parents have put their names forward to serve on our Board for the first time. By the time this newsletter is printed voting will have closed.

New Zealand's self managing schools are a distinctive feature of our education system. In most other countries schools are controlled by some central authority. This body will appoint teachers and set policy. In New Zealand it is the schools' board of trustees that has this function and they have a high level of responsibility given to them by the Ministry of Education. The board has a very important role in ensuring that the school is responding to the needs of its students and is setting policies that will lead to improved educational outcomes.

Heretaunga College has been fortunate over the years in the calibre of people that have served on the Board. These people give many hours of their time attending many meetings and assuming the responsibility for ensuring that I am doing my job and that the strategic direction of the school is appropriate. The current board has overseen a series of major school improvement initiatives and has had many tough issues to deal with.

I wish to thank the Board for their hard work and their enormous commitment to the school. They have been probing in the questions they ask of me and serve their

community well in providing good governance for the school. The board has been well lead by Grant Henderson and each member has performed a vital function. I particularly want to acknowledge the contribution made by Lorna Heemi who has served on the board for 12 years. She has been one of the most committed members and has always been available when called upon. She is a strong advocate for the school and she will be greatly missed.

I want to thank the parents who have put their names forward for election. The calibre of these people is such that I am confident that the new, elected board will continue the legacy of previous boards in providing strong governance for the school.

The biggest issue that we have to face is student achievement in NCEA. I can assure parents that we are continuing to work very hard on this issue. In my view the key reason for our poor results at Year 11 in 2006 is student engagement. Students who apply themselves to their schooling, attend classes, and complete their work are, not surprisingly, doing very well. Too many students are not focused on gaining NCEA credits and we have been unsuccessful in motivating them to perform better. So the task we have this year is to identify as early as possible the students who are likely to under perform and to look at ways to help them achieve to their best.

Bruce Hart

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DATES & HOLIDAYS FOR 2007

Term 1

Friday 9 February – Wednesday 4 April

Thursday 5 April – Learning Conference (Staff Only Day)

Good Friday 6 April

Easter Monday 9 April

Term 2

Monday 23 April - Friday 29 June

Friday 1 June – Learning Conference (Staff Only Day)

Monday 4 June – Queens Birthday

Term 3

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Together Aroha Unity – Respecting Community Ngakauui – Respect Others Growing Achieving
– Respect Self

Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September
17 August – Learning Conference (Staff Only Day)

Term 4

Monday 8 October – Friday 14 December
Monday 22 October – Labour Day



Heretaunga College

Achieving a learning environment together

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Office Hours: 8.00am – 4.00pm
Uniform Shop: Tuesday 8.15-8.45am
Thursday 3.20-4.20pm

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS FOR UNIFORM SHOP:
The Uniform Shop will be open on **Thursday 19th April from 3.20pm to 4.20pm.** This is the second week of the holidays.

CANCELLATION:

Newstalk ZB 1035AM
To place a cancellation call **472 1035**
Don't forget the community notice board for advertising your Club's event.
notices@newstalkzb.co.nz

KEY DATES

- ❖ 30 March – Rotorua – Western Heights Tournament
- ❖ 23 April – Term 2 starts
- ❖ 25 April – ANZAC Day
- ❖ 26 April – Junior Report Evening 4.30-6.00pm
- ❖ 27 April – School Cross Country Champs
- ❖ 1 May – Senior Report Evening 4.30-7.30pm
- ❖ 9 May – CSW Cross Country Relay Champs

**HERETAUNGA COLLEGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE** – There will be a sale of uniform items which have recently become available on **Wednesday 18th April from 2 – 4 pm (the second week of the holidays) in the College Interview Room.**

We will happily accept any old uniform items in reasonable condition. Either drop at the office or call Debby on 5278765.

TELECOM CONNECTIONS – The College receives a generous donation from Telecom phone connections when you sponsor Heretaunga College as beneficiary. It's very easy to do – just pick up a form from the office or fill it out online at <http://www.telecom.co.nz/content/0,8748,204098-203274,00.html>

USED PRINTER CARTRIDGES – Please keep these coming. HP, Lexmark and other used cartridges can be recycled and the college benefits. Check at the office for types required, or just bring in the empty ones anyway!

Next meeting: *Tuesday 17 April 2007 @ 7.15pm in the staffroom. All welcome.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month.
Next meeting: *Tuesday 24 April @ 6pm in the staffroom.*

WHANAU HUI

This group meets on the **first Monday** of each month in P3 at 7.00pm, unless otherwise notified. All welcome.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

We are at present working on updating our email contacts. Unfortunately some email addresses were lost in the transfer of data into our new student management system. Also many email addresses have obviously changed as there is a large number of 'non delivery' emails coming back. This newsletter will be emailed out to you as soon as our email contacts are up to date – hopefully within two weeks. If you have already supplied us with your email address and do not receive this newsletter by email (within two weeks) please email gilchists@heretaunga.school.nz and we will add it to our list.

Email is an important way of communication now and we encourage all parents/caregivers to provide us with an email address if they have one. Please advise us on the above email address if you wish to add your email address to our list. Sometimes newsletters containing important information are handed to students to take home but for one reason or another do not always get home. Email is a reliable way of the school communicating with parents and we would appreciate you keeping us up to date with any changes in your email addresses. Thank you.

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