

HERETAUNGA COLLEGE

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Newsletter – July 2022

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

Monday 29 August – Friday 2 September Tuesday 6 September Wednesday 7 September Friday 9 September Monday 19 September Friday 30 September Winter Tournament Week
Full School Kaiarahi Conferences – Course Selection, 2pm start
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Learning Conference – Students at home
Senior Derived Exam Week starts
Last day of Term 3

Be Yourself Days

Term 3

Food Bank Thursday 29 September \$2 or a food can

LOOKING AHEAD TO TERM 4 ...

Monday 17 October Tuesday 18 October Tuesday 1 November Tuesday 1 November Friday 4 November Monday 7 November Thursday 1 December Wednesday 7 December First day of Term 4
Sports Prizegiving
Senior Service Awards, 9am
Senior Prizegiving Evening, 6.30pm
Learning Conference – Students at home
NZQA Exams begin
NCEA Accord Day – Students at home
Junior Prizegiving – Students released for the year

Be Yourself Days

Term 4

Loud Shirt Day Friday 21 October \$2, Bright Shirt World Kindness Day Friday 11 November Free

TERM DATES:

Term Three:

Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September

Term Four:

Monday 17 October – Thursday 8 December

TEACHER ONLY DAYS 2022

Friday 26 August - NCEA Training Day Friday 9 September Friday 4 November Thursday 1 December – NCEA Training Day

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2022

Monday 24 October – Labour Day

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm in the Board Room.

FINANCE PAYMENTS

We have numerous amounts of students in our school, and we do not know your child individually. So, when making payments through internet banking please ensure you identify your child/student and what the payment is for.

On a regular basis we receive payments with no student name/number and therefore we are unable to allocate the funds to the correct student's account.

The schools bank account is: Heretaunga College Board of Trustees ASB: 12 – 3478 – 0030501 – 00

SENIOR DERIVED EXAM WEEK: 19-23 SEPTEMBER

Our senior students (Years 11 - 13) will be sitting their Derived Exams in Week 9 of this term. Students do not attend school unless they are scheduled for an exam. The exam timetable and a letter will be sent to all caregivers of our senior students this week via email. Please ensure that you read this letter and take note of some important messages below. We run these exams in the same way that NZQA will run the end of year exams - so the same expectations will be applied:

- 1. Students MUST attend these exams, they are very important if they are unable to be present at the NCEA exams in November/December for unforeseen circumstances, your child's grade will be taken from the Derived Exam results.
- 2. If your child is ill and unable to attend the Derived Exams, you must provide a medical certificate for them to be able to sit the exam at another time. Without this medical certificate your child will not be able to sit their exam at an alternative time to collect a derived grade.
- 3. Please encourage your child to study in preparation for these exams.
- 4. Students MUST be on time to their exam we encourage them to turn up at least 15 minutes before the scheduled time for their exam if students turn up late, they may be refused entry to the exam (as will happen in the NCEA exams at the end of the year) and will not be provided with an alternative time to sit the exam.
- 5. Students MUST wear their full school uniform students not in school uniform will not be permitted into the exam room. No uniform permits will be accepted so please ensure that your child has their correct uniform organised for the day(s) of their exam(s).

VIBE NURSE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS



We are very excited to announce that Vibe Primary Health Care will be available to the students of Heretaunga College. This service provides students with the opportunity to have a positive experience with a health professional onsite. A registered nurse will be available at the College to see students and their whānau for any health interventions.

HOW TO CONTACT US:

You can scan this QR code which is around the school and complete the google form

OR

You can book in with the nurse by emailing us at vibenurse@heretaunga.school.nz or calling us on 0800242828.



TITIRO WHAKAMUA (TEEN PARENT UNIT)

We have had a very busy year so far at the Teen Parent School. Our students work very hard, but we try to have a lot of fun too. Last term we started a course at Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu - the Correspondence School in Wellington. We met with students from He Huarahi Tamariki (the Tawa Teen Parent School) to learn and perform a kapahaka waiata and a contemporary dance. There was much learning, fun and credits gained but most importantly we have seen a new confidence in the girls and their own cultures.



Recently the students had the opportunity to write and produce a children's book for their own tamariki. They studied the conventions of children's books and then applied these to their own books. Their books are fabulous, and their babies loved them!









We are excited to celebrate our 25th birthday this year. We have a lovely weekend of events planned for Labour Weekend to mark this milestone.



IIRRARY

It has been a very busy time in the Library this term. In preparation for the Library renovation, I packed up the collection and moved some to the new Library space and the rest into storage.





The Library will be operating out of the two new prefabs behind the Armoury for at least the next year. Although it is smaller than the old Library it is a lovely new, warm and dry space. Classes can still come through and all students are welcome.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT ROADSHOW

Heretaunga College Music Department hit the road with concerts at Maidstone Intermediate, Fergusson Intermediate and Upper Hutt School. Here are some snaps from our performance at Fergusson Intermediate.







GERMAN REGIONAL ORAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to Tinkisha Patel and Victor Christie, who participated in the German Regional Oral Competition at Victoria University on Saturday 13th August. Victor Christie Year 10, received an Excellence Certificate, and Tinkisha Patel came 1st (equal) in the Year 11 category. Schools involved were Wellington College, Wellington Girls' College, Rudolf Steiner School, Newlands College and Samuel Marsden.

SCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS REHEARSAL TIMES 2022

Drum Line - Monday afternoon break in the Band Room (be there for a 1.30pm start-10 mins before end of Spell 4) **Phoenix Chorale Choir** - Tuesday morning break in the Hall (meet in the Music Room)

Jazz Band - Wednesday morning break in the Music Room

String Ensemble - Thursday morning break in the Music Room

Guitar Ensemble - Friday morning break in the Music Room

Bands - All bands have a session time with our tutors. Please check the music lessons timetable for these.





Under 18 Wellington Representative for Lawn Bowls

Marshall Kenny was selected for the U18 Wellington Representative Lawn Bowls team again this year. They travelled to Hastings in the holidays and competed in a secondary regional quad tournament against Hawkes Bay, Waikato and Wairarapa. Marshall Kenny played in the triples and doubles. Wellington took out the triples and singles trophies and drew the doubles (but Hawkes Bay took the trophy on points differential). The Wellington team took out the overall trophy. Well done Marshall Kenny.

Cricket Wellington

Congratulations to Cassey Busby Year 10 and Keisha Pegg Year 9 who have been offered and accepted positions on the Young Leaders 2022-2023 programme through Cricket Wellington.

Pop In and Play - Years 9 and 10 Sports

In Term 3 we will be running fun sports sessions during morning break in the Sports Centre, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Monday - Badminton and Table Tennis

Tuesday - Floorball

Wednesday - Basketball

Please come along and play - would love to see you.

Summer Sports Registrations

Summer Sports Registration forms were emailed to caregivers this week. Please sign in to register to play in Term 4. Sports on offer are:

Bowls – Thursday Cricket – Boys Saturday Cricket – Girls Thursday Floorball – Thursday Futsal – Tuesday Touch – Tuesday Volleyball - Wednesday

Plus, additions of social badminton (Monday) at Heretaunga College and table tennis (Thursday) at Heretaunga College and Upper Hutt College.

College Sports Events September 2022

There are a number of one-off tournaments through September 2022. If skateboarding, Ki o Rahi, Floorball or Athletics interest you, please email sports@heretaunga.school.nz detailing the sport you wish to participate in.

Sports Prizegiving - Save the Date

Sports Prizegiving will be held on the night of Thursday 27 October 2022 in the Heretaunga School Hall. More information will follow on this event.

Girls Football

A super year for the football girls ended on Wednesday. With three teams and 40-odd players engaged this year, we had some great wins, close losses, but always lived the #oneteamonedream mantra that underpins our sport.

HC3 finished 5th and HC2 3rd in the same HV3 competition. Both teams had a large number of new players, and to see them develop and gel through the season was fantastic. The teams had challenges with the weather and with other teams disappointingly defaulting games, but both teams fully met their commitments on and off the field and set in place a really positive base for next year and beyond. Thank you to Emma and Delaney for their coaching and mentoring of the teams.



HC1 finished top of the HV2 grade, and on Wednesday won the Division 2 Regional final 7 - 0 vs the previously unbeaten WGC3. The team won all its games this year and travels to Rotorua for Winter Tournament Week on Sunday. This year will see Ravai, Holly, Amy, Emma and Lily hang up their boots for the last time after playing for Heretaunga College since Year 9 - thank you all for being so amazing!

All the teams would like to thank their parents, caregivers, other family members, staff and friends for making their football journey happen. We also want to thank all the students and supporters who have volunteered to referee and helped with transport and lollies and all the other jobs, like putting up and taking down the nets and flags, that it takes to make a game happen. The girls also want to send a massive thank you to John Booth and his canine sidekick Gus for their fantastic preparation and maintenance of the grounds - they are the best in the region - and to the office staff who help with payments and managing the finances. Finally, a huge shout out to Caroline and Simone for all their work in the Sports Office.

WINTER OPC 2022



The snow drifted down while we ate dinner in Waiouru and a surreal sunset greeted us as we drove over the Desert Road. So began our week at Hillary Outdoors on the Central Plateau in Week 2 of this term. Twenty Year 12 and Year 13 students, accompanied by Ms Orr and Mr Carter braved a range of winter weather to challenge themselves in the outdoors. A white frost greeted us on Monday, as we attempted elements on the high ropes course and flew 20 metres above the gorge on the flying fox, after

negotiating 211 "Jenny Craig"

steps!

Tuesday and Wednesday saw both groups tramping. In steady rain; one group tramped in Tongariro National Park,

including a river crossing. The wood burner in Whakapapaiti Hut was kept well-primed! The other group preferred a bush track at a lower elevation, taking a break to complete a cliff-face abseil and then caving before camping out overnight. Wetas, glow-worms and what felt like tight squeezes in the caves were memorable, with teamwork overcoming all! Names like "the toaster", "panini-maker" and "corkscrew" are names given to gaps where the limestone passages let us through.





After unpacking and getting cleaned up on Wednesday, it was back to the high ropes course for some outdoor climbing and the freefall of the Big Swing! Table-tennis back at the lodge was very popular. A blue-sky day greeted us on Thursday for our snow day on Whakapapa. Most students tried snowboarding for the first time, with a few of us skiing instead. The

sunshine belied the cool temperature and everyone improved their skills, even if they all spent some time involuntarily sitting down on the snow! Volleyball before dinner and hot pools afterwards were welcome additional activities.



Caving and indoor climbing on Friday completed our visit, and all too soon it was time to say goodbye to our instructors Sarah and Matt, and drive home via the Chocolate Eclair shop in Ohakune! Winter OPC once again proved a great experience that students will never forget!

STUDENT VOLUNTEER ARMY

Collect your first badge now!!!!

Heretaunga College is a member of the Student Volunteer Army Foundation. This means that all of our students can register their volunteering hours to receive a SVA pin badge for free! So, get registered and start logging your hours. This can be done retrospectively – you can log hours that you have already done. Register here:

service.sva.org.nz



HOW DOES IT WORK?





Gold Award Pi

VOLUNTEERING IS...

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If you're doing something to help other people and you're not doing it to make money then that's volunteering. Whether you're putting out cones at sports events, organising the school ball, caring for a sick whanau member, washing dogs at the SPCA, planting trees or picking up plastic rubbish at the beach you're making contribution to your community and that counts.

FREE AFTER SCHOOL MATHS TUITION

Free afterschool Maths tuition in Morgan 5 every Wednesday 2.30pm - 3.30pm. All welcome!

EMAILS FROM SCHOOL

Please remember to check your spam/junk box for emails from Heretaunga College. Once you say that the email from us is safe it should automatically start arriving in your inbox.

If your email address has changed or you have recently obtained an address, please advise the school office so your student's file can be updated.

CONTACT DETAILS

Have you changed your contact details?

Please advise the office of any changes to your address, phone numbers, email address or emergency contact details. Details can be changed by phone, email or through the parent portal. If you are unable to access the portal, please contact the college office for assistance.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

If you have any uniform, you no longer require, please consider donating this to the main office. We are looking for both **junior and senior uniforms**, together with **socks and shoes**. Good quality items are sold for a minimal fee and this money goes towards pastoral care for students and families in need. Any lesser quality items are used in emergency situations.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parking At Heretaunga College

Please do not park on the lawn at any time. If there are no parking spaces within the college carparks, then please park on the street.

Signing In/Out of College

Students are reminded to sign in at the student office if you are late to school.

All students should have a note explaining their lateness or parents should ring the College absence line (939 9370 Ext 814) or email absences@heretaunga.school.nz

When signing out to attend appointments students are required to present a note/text to the office.

If a student is unwell, they are required to come to the student office where office staff will call a parent.

Uniform

A reminder to parents to make contact with Jacqui Lucas, Deputy Principal if there is an issue regarding uniform. **Please name your student's uniform.** We can return lost items quicker if they are named.

Absences Email Address

To advise an absence please call 939 9370 and press 1 OR email absences@heretaunga.school.nz

Panadol

We do NOT supply students with Panadol. If your son/daughter requires pain relief whilst at school, they must bring it from home. The Student Office will store this for your son/daughter in a locked drawer.

From the Finance Team

Cash payments can be made at the college office between 8.00am and 2.15pm daily, with Eftpos facilities available until 3.15pm. Students can make payments before school starts each morning and during school break times only.

Alternatively, payments can be made online. The schools bank account is:

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Please ensure that you note what the payment is for i.e. Netball and, if known, your student ID number.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Kirsty or Ady at accounts@heretaunga.school.nz or ring 939 9370 and ask for the Finance team.

Fizz-free School

Heretaunga College is a fizz-free school. Please remind your son/daughter of this rule. Fizzy drinks will be confiscated from students.

Parent KAMAR Portal

Access to School Reports and Other Information

Each parent has access to the parent portal via the school internet page (www.heretaunga.school.nz). You find the link in the top right-hand corner. Here you can access all of your children's academic data such as attendance, school reports, current results and teachers' comments as well as pastoral entries. Alternatively, you can download the Kamar app from the Apple Store or Google Play store. Access details were emailed out but if you have misplaced your username and password, please contact the school office.







Does your child require further support, over and above what can be offered at school?

Would your child benefit from bespoke and nurturing learning sessions from a highly experienced teacher designed to accelerate learning and boost confidence? We would love to help. We are a team of dedicated teachers, specialising in English and Maths support, for primary, intermediate and college students. Visit www.boostyourlearning.co.nz for more information or contact Jenny 021 223 3349 to book a free consultation.



SETTLEMENT

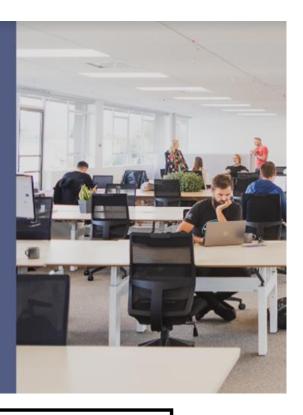
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Nga Manu kicks off Conservation Club for kids



CONSERVATION WEEK - September 5th to 11th

Nga Manu Nature Reserve is giving kids the opportunity to get up close with bugs and grubs and learn to build their own bio-dome during Conservation Week.

Conservation Club will comprise of four one-hour sessions after school from September 6th to 9th.

Bugs & Grubs Explore the world of creepy critters with Ranger Rhys

Wednesday 7th Sept: 3:30–4:45pm Friday 9th Sept: 3:30–4:45pm \$15.00 each or \$12.00 for Friends of Nga Manu Trust

Ages 6+ Limited places (8 max per session)



Build a bio-dome

Children will build a bio-dome from leaf litter and microorganisms and propagate native seeds

with Amanda from Enviroschools Tuesday 6th Sept: 3.30-4.45pm Thursday 8th Sept: 3.30-4.45pm

\$15.00 each or \$12.00 for Friends of Nga Manu Trust

Ages 6+ Limited places (8 max per session)



Want to come to both? Price for both sessions: \$25 per person or \$20 for Friends of Nga Manu Trust.

Can't make it to any of these? During the weekend of September 10th and 11th, we have a variety of family activities that will appeal to all.

Saturday 10th: Ranger talks on bush birds and whio as well as two eel feedings. At 12.30pm, there's a composting workshop with Eilish, KCDC's waste minimisation advisor.

Sunday 11th: Ranger talks on tuatara and geckos and two eel feedings. At 12.30pm, there will be a trapping and pest information session.

Nga Manu's Spring Wildlife Fundraiser on September 10th & 11th is a Preloved Clothing and More sale.

Clothing, including retro, vintage and designer items, shoes, accessories, and nature books will all be for sale at Robin's Nest, starting at 10am both days.



More details are on our website: ngamanu.org.nz