HERETAUNGA COLLEGE

Newsletter

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KEY DATES:

4/5 Whanau meeting 530 in staffroom

5/5 Board of Trustees meeting 630pm

6/5 School Cross Country

7/5 Horowhenua Sport Exchange

14/5 Home & School meeting 630pm in the staffroom.

25/5 & 26/5 Stage Challenge Wgtn

29/5 Teacher Only Day

1/6 Queens Birthday Holiday

16/6 Upper Hutt Sport Traditional

18/6 Home & School – Second Hand Uniform Sale at the college

31/8-4/9 – Winter Tournament Week

TERM DATES FOR 2015:

TERM TWO:
Monday 20 April – Friday 3 July
Friday 29 May – Teacher Only Day
Monday 1 June - Queens Birthday

TERM THREE:
Monday 20 July – Friday 25 Sept
Friday 28 Aug – Teacher Only Day

TERM FOUR:
Monday 12 October –
Friday 11 December

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm in the board room.

All welcome to attend.

No.3 - Friday 1 May

Principal's Message

Tena Koutou Katoa

Dear Parents / Caregivers

The Board and I are aware that the school financial systems are not functioning well and are not providing people with accurate information on their school accounts. We are also aware that this is causing you stress and that many of you are feeling quite angry about what has been happening. For this I apologise and assure you that we are doing everything we can to recover the situation.

One of the main reasons for the issues that have arisen is that our systems have not been keeping up-to-date with the flow of incoming financial data. Key tasks required for checking financial records and updating accounts has fallen behind.

We are working hard to restore our accounts to being an accurate reflection of the schools financial position. We have sought advice from MoE, our Auditors and other accounting experts to help us understand the processes that need to be established to rectify the problems. We have reassigned tasks within the office to address immediate issues. Our focus is to firstly ensure that our records don't get further behind and that we are keeping pace with the day-to-day flow of information. Secondly we have to systematically check and where required correct records that go well-back into last year. This process is also under-way.

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A new Finance Manager, Kirsty Fraser, begins next week. She comes to us with many years experience of working on school accounts. After an initial period of induction and training she will have the task of bringing our systems back up to the standard required. This will not happen over night and at this stage I am unable to say how long it will be until our systems are functioning properly and we can give you accurate school accounts.

I do want to assure you however that we do understand the urgency of the situation. We need to resolve this as quickly as possible as the school can't continue to operate without proper financial records.

In the meantime I ask you to be patient with office staff who are doing the best they can in the circumstances. If you have urgent issues that need to be sorted and you feel you are not getting the answers you need then please contact me. However if you are able to be patient and wait a few months for your problem to be resolved that would help us to focus time and resource on identifying and checking the data that is not up-to-date.

Bruce Hart
Principal
hartb@heretaunga.school.nz

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting will be **Thursday 14 May 2015**. This meeting starts at 6.30pm in the staffroom.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment Books are here! Only $60 for loads of fantastic vouchers for restaurants, activities and even accommodation. Buy online or from the school office. All profits go towards a new screen for the hall. Please click the link to lead you to the online payment page. Please spread the word to your friends and family. The more books we sell, the more the school benefits. Thank you from the Home and School Association.
https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105b359

SECOND HAND UNIFORM
Thursday 18 June (Week 9 of this term) we are holding a second hand uniform sale at the school. Watch out for more details on this. If you would like to donate your child's old school uniform, please drop this off at the school office. Contact us at – HomeandSchool@Heretaunga.school.nz

SO & SEW CLOTHING ALTERATIONS for any of your uniform repairs and alterations. They are located at 17 Main St, Upper Hutt. Their hours are as follows:

Monday	10am – 3pm
Tuesday	10am – 3pm
Wednesday	10am – 3pm
Thursday	10am – 6pm
Friday	10am – 3pm

EMAIL & HOME ADDRESSES – IMPORTANT
If you have moved house or changed your email address we need to update our KAMAR pupil files to keep our communications correct. If we do not have correct **postal addresses** then things like **reports, could end up at the wrong address**. Can you please send us any change of home address or email address to: info@heretaunga.school.nz including your name and especially the name(s) of your child(ren).

PANADOL
The College is not permitted to dispense Panadol to students. Parents/Caregivers may leave Panadol at the student reception for a student. The Panadol will be put into an envelope with the student name/form class and kept in the medical kit in the main office.

MAKING PAYMENTS AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
If you wish to make a payment at the school office, this can be done from 8.00am until 2.15pm each day. The close of time allows for cash up and banking to be completed.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!
The Digital and Design Technologies Department is now on Facebook. Search us and like our page "HC Digi Design Tech" so you can see our showcase of awesome work that is happening in the school.

FREE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

- **Maths -** Tuition available every Wednesday in Morgan 5 from 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. All welcome.
- **English Revision -** This is being held every Thursday after school in Grace Wing (3.30 - 4.30 pm). Feel free to come to the learning space and get yourself sorted with any work that you want one-to-one teacher help with. English teachers will be along presently to assist you. If you are stuck on your reading responses, this would be a good time to get some help. You may also have poetry, stories, speeches, story-boarding, opinion writing, essays or any other tasks that you'd like some help with. If you have missed part of a film viewing, this could be a good time to catch-up. We would far rather help you now than risk you not submitting an assessment because you didn't know what to do. We are more than willing to help you **before** your deadline. Don't leave it any later! We can also provide hot water and microwave usage to those wanting to work hard.

CALCULATORS
Every student taking a Maths course should have a calculator. 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.

HORSEY HOMESTAYS WANTED
The International Department are looking for specific homestays who can offer support to German students arriving in Term 3 who are keen horse riders. There would have to be a strong commitment from these families to support the student regularly throughout their visit by taking them to lessons and any other horse-riding events. Please contact Sally Vaughan by email vaughans@heretaunga.school.nz

LOST PROPERTY
We have a number of clothing items in our school lost property from last term. If you think your child may have an item in lost property you are welcome to come into the office to check. A lot of the clothing is un-named. Anything not collected by **Friday 8 May**, will be disposed of.

HPV VACCINATION SURVEY - participants wanted
Parents and caregivers of children and young people aged 9–23 years are invited to participate in a survey investigating knowledge and attitudes around HPV vaccination. The survey is anonymous and should take 5-10 minutes.

Please access the online survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9K657Z7parentscaregivers or request a hard copy by calling **04 979 3106**. The researcher is a PhD candidate at the Centre of Public Health Research, Massey University. For further information please go to:
http://publichealth.massey.ac.nz/home/research/recruiting-projects/hpv-human-papillomavirus-vaccination-study/
or contact k.page@massey.ac.nz.

LIBRARY NEWS….

National Library service resumes - for now. Thank you to everyone who signed the petition or contacted the Minister after we wrote about the changes to this service in the last newsletter. We are very glad to update you with the fact that the service has been reinstated for the rest of the year. While disappointed that this is only a temporary reinstatement, at least we will now have more time to adjust to the changes.

Re-draft Creative Writing Competition
This is a national competition for anyone aged 13-19. We have a copy of last year's anthology in the library so students can see the standard expected. Entries close Wednesday 30 September. See Mrs Walton for an entry form.

Volunteer wanted
We would like someone to come help us with book processing in the library. It would be approximately 2 hours a week during term time dependant on how many books we have. If you are interested in helping us or would like further information please email the librarian at waltonc@heretaunga.school.nz.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS...

Term One has been super busy for the Performing Arts Department with Term Two shaping up to be even busier! Here is what has been happening and how you could support these students…

Stage Challenge
Rehearsals are well underway and students have been working hard to perfect their dance moves. Our backstage team are busy creating our outfits and props for the day, and we've already tested out some fabulous face paint and stage make up looks. Our fundraising hasn't finished yet so please support us as Stacey Harman and her team are doing well and coming up with a lot of creative ideas. Performance day is at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua on Monday 25 May at 7pm. Tickets go on sale 12 May and are Adult: $42, Child (under 12 years old): $29. Tickets can be purchased from http://www.ticketdirect.co.nz

Smokefree Rockquest Competition
Heretaunga College's all-girl rock band, Slak-J, are heading to their very first Rockquest. They've been spending many hours in the studio crafting their song and are looking forward to performing it on the day. The regional heats for Rockquest are on 16 May. More information to follow once entries close.

NCEA Solo Performance evening
Join us for an intimate evening of solo performances presented by our NCEA Level 2 and 3 students. This will start at 6pm on Thursday 28 May, location to be confirmed.

BigSing competition
The choir have also been rehearsing hard since the start of the year for the annual BigSing competition. This year the numbers have swelled to over 50 students and they are sounding amazing. The choir heads to Wellington on Thursday 4 June to compete at the Michael Fowler Centre. Tickets for the Gala concert are available from Ticketek.

Feel free to email brownliem@heretaunga.school.nz if you would like to find out more about any of these events.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OPEN EVENING
Kelburn Campus
Tuesday 5 May, 6pm to 8.30pm

This is a chance for parents and students to have a guided tour of Victoria University Kelburn Campus and also hear presentations from Faculty staff and students.

LOVES ME NOT 2015

This event is on **Tuesday 19 May 2015**. All year 12 students will attend a full-day course at Heretaunga College. This is a programme that has been designed to engage young people in the sometimes difficult subject of healthy relationships.

'Loves Me Not' is a primary prevention workshop to help young people take action about issues that impact them and their community, and to empower them to become agents for change for themselves, for friends and family, and for the wider community. This programme will be delivered by a combination of specially trained Heretaunga College staff, police and members of local non-government organisations. Students will be split into groups of approximately 25, and each group will have one facilitator from each of the above mentioned organisations.

The workshop will run during normal school hours, from 8.40am until 3.15pm, with breaks being at normal times. It is envisaged that the day will begin with a brief welcome in the Grace Wing at 8.40am and we expect workshops to start shortly after 9.00am. Students are required to wear full school uniform.

NATIONAL YOUTH DRAMA SCHOOL

For the first week of the April school holidays, over Easter break, myself, Shannon Pettengell, Megan Snyman, Shayana Tanirau and Bianca Currie went to the National Youth Drama School. It was honestly the best experience of my life so far. Nothing could compare to NYDS.

The school began on the 4th of April and went until the 12th of April, and just like that, it was sadly over. The course that I was involved with was the short film intensive acting class. We spent the week devising, creating and shooting a short film.

Shannon was in the presenting for screen and stage class. They spent the week learning all of the tricks on how to M.C. and got to present at all of the events and showings of work, that happened throughout the week.

Megan was in the directing class where she got to learn all about directing for theatre. She directed actors from the advanced acting class.

Shayana was in the slapstick comedy class, which was a class that combined comedy with physical theatre, clown and stage combat.

Bianca was in the comedy and improvisation for theatre class. She got to explore how to perform comically in scripted and improvised ways.

All of the tutors at NYDS were incredibly talented and successful in their chosen field. It was just so amazing to be amongst such incredible people with such creative minds. It was also so nice to be around the students, as I felt so comfortable being around people with the same passions as me. I felt like I could truly be myself around them and that was an amazing feeling.

If you have a passion for performing in any way, shape or form, I urge you to go to NYDS. It changed my life for the better and I hope it can do the same for you.

Alana Peek 13LC

Tweens & Teens Toolbox parenting group - from The Parenting Place

How to stay onside (and slightly ahead!) of your teenager.
We will show you that although these years can be challenging, they can actually be some of the best years of your life - and theirs!

Lower Hutt:
Wednesdays 29 April – 3 June
7pm to 9pm

Upper Hutt:
Fridays 1 May – 5 June
10am to 12pm

Bookings are essential. Cost: $75 individual, $110 couple (subsidies are available)

Free for foster & adoptive parents and grandparents raising grandchildren, thanks to govt funding.

Visit **theparentingplace.com** or contact Natalie on 934 8483 E: HuttKapiti@theparentingplace.com

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SCHOOL BALL SPECIAL

Priceless Tan & Nails
Shelley Gething
31a Ward Street
Upper Hutt

Phone: 027 2555783 or
04 5273743

or pick up a card from the student reception at school for the price list.

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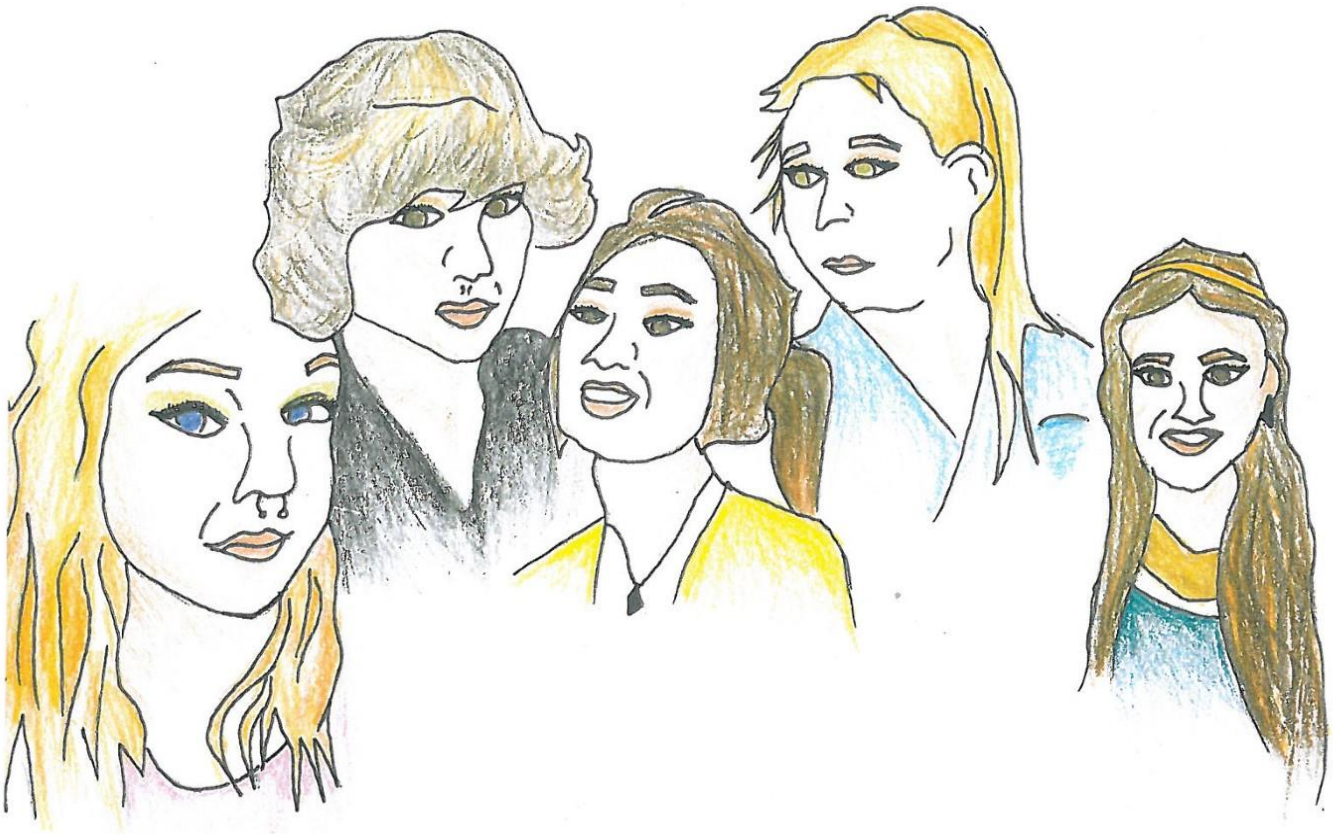

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coming to rockquest 2015

Sat. May 16th 2015

SHEILAH WINN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

On the last Monday of last term, after much hard work, memorisation and disco training, 10 Heretaunga College students got up on stage at Wellington East Girl's College, and did us proud.

Performing a scene from one of Shakespeare's greatest comedies (at least in my opinion), 'Much Ado about Nothing', these students brought every character to life, and lit up the stage with their energy and enthusiasm.

While our team did not bring home a prize, they did receive some lovely feedback from the marking panel, with my personal favourite being 'Great dance break, it was a joy to watch'. Each and every actor on stage sparkled, with some assistance from the revolving disco ball, and all 70's aficionados in the audience enjoyed the authenticity of the costumes and the moves, as well as some quality acting.

Shakespeare himself was a man who recreated setting to engage his audience, and this troupe's 70's treatment of a masquerade ball was true to the essence of the bard.

My thanks and congratulations to all the team: Ben Tortise, Shannon Pettengell, Maddison Te Pohe, Megan Synman, Chelsea van Heerden, Ruth Banda, Shayana Tanirau, Scott Brieseman, Alana Peek, Emily Leason, and special thanks to Zac Turner for stepping in at the last minute.