



HERETAUNGA COLLEGE

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Newsletter – February 2018

IMPORTANT DATES

5/3-6/3 – Gateway First Aid Course 1
6/3 – School Photos
8/3 – 11GEO Trip
8/3 – Hutt Zone Athletics
11/3 – Dragon Boat Regatta
12/3-13/3 – 13PE First Aid Course
13/3 – CSW Bowls Champs
14/3-15/3 – Gateway First Aid Course 2
14/3 – CSW Futsal Champs
14/3 – Snr Tech Health & Safety Course
15/3 – Attitude Presentations
15/3 – Regional Zone Athletics
15/3-16/3 – Silver Duke of Ed Overnight
16/3 – World Vision Conference
17/3-18/3 – Relay for Life
19/3 – 10JPN Trip
20/3 – Safe Boating Course/Te Papa Trip
21/3-23/3 – Maori Voices Maoriland Film Festival
23/3 – Mufti Day
4/4-6/4 – Ignite Tongariro Trip
4/4 – Golf – Phillips Cup
6/4 – JCEA due
10/4 – 12 Marine Bio Trip
10/4 - Mufti Day
11/4 – CSW Golf Open
14/4 – Last day of Term One

TERM DATES:

Term One:
Monday 29 January – Friday 13 April

Term Two:
Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July

Term Three:
Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September

Term Four:
Monday 15 October – Friday 7 December

Learning Conference (Teacher Only Day) – Thursday 29 March
Easter – Friday 30 March – Tuesday 3 April

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm in the board room. All welcome to attend.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that March is upon us already and that it is only a few weeks away until Easter and our first break for the year.

I am delighted with the progress the school has made over recent years and although I would never suggest that we are a perfect place the school does feel to me like it is going from strength to strength. There is still plenty to work on and I take pleasure from the initiative and energy that my staff bring to school improvement.

Our results for NCEA in 2017 are strong and show improvement at all levels and especially at Level 3. The overall results are that 83% of our Year 11 cohort achieved Level 1, 86% of our Year 12 students achieved Level 2 and 78% of our Year 13 students achieved Level 3. We are the best performed co-educational school in the Hutt Valley for Level 2 and 3 and the second best for Level 1. In fact our Level 3 results are better than some of the state-integrated schools in the Hutt Valley.

These results are a great affirmation of the reforms we have made over the last few years and of the way our students have responded to them. It is an achievement we can celebrate as a whole school community.

A result of our growing reputation is a growing school roll. We have just over 850 students currently enrolled at the school. The Ministry of Education has now agreed for us to implement an enrolment scheme and the Board has resolved to do so as soon as possible. The initial scheme simply rules out students who do not live in Upper Hutt. Because there has been a delay in implementing the scheme it will need to be reviewed quite early in the year to see if it needs to be tightened further for next year.

A part of this improvement in school is a growth in our number of International students. We have just over 50 students in the school at the moment which is very near our capacity. Apart from the contribution made to the financial growth of the school, they contribute enormously to our school culture. I believe our students are provided with a great opportunity to make friends with people from very different cultures and to learn about some of the different nationalities in the world.

With a very full school it makes even more sense that we have as one of key development areas staff and student well-being. We have put in a number of programmes to support staff well-being based on the idea that a happy staff will encourage happy students. This year we are putting more time and energy into student well-being and providing support for our PRIDE council, (student council), to drive our research and programmes directed at improving student well-being. Our academic mentoring programme in the senior school does help with this but there are many more exciting things that can be done in this space.

The other key focus of school development is our junior curriculum. Having made some successful reforms in the senior school it is now time to turn our attention to our junior programmes with a view to modernising our approach. You will expect to see staff trialing different ideas and strategies as the year unfolds. In fact you may already have seen this as this work started last year.

So be assured that Heretaunga College is not resting on its laurels. At a time when education is under the spotlight by the new government and the current state is under review this school is in a good position to participate and lead the debate about the future of education in this community and for our country. It is an exciting time to be an educator.

ENROLMENT ZONE – HERETAUNGA COLLEGE

In order to avoid overcrowding, or the likelihood of overcrowding, the board of Heretaunga College has adopted an enrolment scheme that has been approved by the Secretary for Education.

Under this scheme, students will be enrolled if they live within the home zone described below.

- The northern boundary runs from the summit of Rimutaka Hill north in a straight line to Marchant Road including Kiwi Ranch Road. It continues from the summit south west in a straight line to Colletts Road.
- Akatarawa Road up to 2420 Akatarawa Road and below are in zone.
- The boundary continues up to the summit of Akatarawa Road then in a straight line to the end of Bulls Run Road.
- The boundary runs along Bulls Run Road to where it intersects with Moonshine Hill Road (at 677 Moonshine Hill Road). All sections below this including Riverstone Terraces are in zone.
- The boundary intersects where Fergusson Drive intersects SH2 and Western Hutt Road and Eastern Hutt Road at the Silverstream Bridge.
- Silverstream, Pinehaven and Mangaroa Valley to the northern end of Colletts Road, Whitemans Valley and all lateral roads off it are in zone.
- Silverstream to Blue Mountains Road and all lateral roads off it, up to the end of Kakariki Way are in zone.

Which is effectively the legal boundary of Upper Hutt City.

The enrolment of out of zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education Act 1989. The enrolment scheme, which includes a precise description of the home zone, may be viewed at the school office or on our school website where copies of the scheme are also available.

YEAR 13 CAMP

Year 13 Camp was a great chance for all of us year 13's to kick off our last year at Heretaunga College. Our time away was full of laughs, challenges and lots of house planning. It was great way for all of us to see who the natural born leaders, artists and athletes were in our year group and for the house leaders it was a great opportunity to pick their winning team for this year.

Thanks to the crazy weather this year's camp was burning hot and we were able to participate in all of the activities that the teachers had planned from river crossings and stretcher building to house banners and a late night game of go-home-stay-home spotlight (and we got to sneak in a few swims too). We all would have had a great sleep had it not been for Mr Pearson walking past our rooms at 6am yelling 'Good Morning' in his naturally cheery tone but if it weren't for the hard work and time that the teachers and the people from Wellesley Country park in Akatarawa put in then none of this would have been possible.

From all of the Year 13's at HC we say a big thank you and we cherish the memories that we made together at camp without you we would not be the leaders we are today.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Please ensure that your child brings a note from home if they are wearing a non-uniform item at school. They need to bring this to Ms Lucas' office at the start of the day.

A reminder that shoes must be plain, black leather (not mesh or canvas) and there is no jewellery other than TWO studs or sleepers in the ears (no facial piercings).

Jackets need to be plain, black jackets (without colours or logos) and caps/beanies also plain black without colours or logos.

We welcome your support in ensuring that our students follow the uniform requirements.

LATE TO SCHOOL

This year if your child is late to school they need to head to Ms Lucas' office in the first instance. It is best if they have a note. If a student is late without a note an email letter will be sent home.

For students who are habitually late, meetings with parents will occur. Even 10 minutes late to the start of the day has a significant impact upon a child's learning and preparedness for the school day. Across a number of days this impact can compromise their success. Thank you for your support.

WORKBOOKS FROM HERETAUNGA COLLEGE (STATIONERY)

Thank you to all parents/caregiver who have completed their student's stationery list and returned this with payment to the school. Your son/daughter should now have received their workbooks. If they have not received these but you have returned your stationery list please get them to come to the main office to discuss this with us.

If you have paid for workbooks via a one off payment or automatic payment your son/daughter **MUST** still return a stationery list to the main office in order for us to process order.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tom Joyce 9HN. Tom placed second in the Wellington Junior Track Championships. He competed in the Under 15 Boys section.



Congratulations to Euclid Papier who has received a letter from the Prime Minister, Jacinda Adern congratulating him on his leadership of Bye Bye Plastic Bags Hutt Valley. She is very impressed that he cares so much about our country and supports him in his quest.

PARKING / DISABLED PARKING

We would ask that parents do not park in the school carpark before and after school. The parking within the school grounds is limited. Our disabled parks are for holders of a disability parking card only.
We would also request you do not use the grass as a turning point. Thank you

HERETAUNGA COLLEGE SCHOOL BALL 2018

The Ball will be held at:
Trentham Gardens
(Trentham Race Course)
7 July 2018
7.00pm – 11.45pm (precise timing TBC)

The full cost of each ticket will be \$105 and is to be paid according to the schedule below (including any partner tickets):

First payment: \$35 due on the 6th of April (non-refundable);
Second payment: \$35 due on the 11th of May; and
Third payment: \$35 due on the 8th of June.

LIBRARY NEWS

We're a lot harder to miss now that our building has been painted a nice bright red. Come and have a look if you haven't already.

Welcome to our new librarian, Kate Leamy. Kate has been working hard to get our library up and running for 2018. We've got 39 student librarians helping at breaks and lots of books have been issued so far. If you have any library questions please email leamyk@heretaunga.school.nz or message us through our Facebook page (Heretaunga College Library).

WINTER O.P.C. TRIP 2018

Our winter visit to the Hillary Outdoors Centre (O.P.C.) will take place from Sunday 29th July - Friday 3rd August inclusive (the 2nd 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.

CALCULATORS

Does your son/daughter have a calculator that they can bring to school every day? If not, then they can obtain a Sharp EL-531 WH scientific calculator through the College for the low price of \$18. And we engrave the calculator with the name of your son/daughter for free! We are also selling Casio Graphics calculators for \$98! To get this essential piece of technology, get your son/daughter to pay and order at the student office.

AFTERSCHOOL MATHS TUITION

Free afterschool Maths tuition is available every Wednesday in Morgan 5, from 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. All welcome!



YEAR 12 MARINE BIOLOGY

On Friday 23 February the class went diving at Scorching Bay, Wellington. This is part of their course.

WHANAU GROUP

The Whanau Group is made up of Kaiako (staff), Tauira (students) and Maatua (parents) interested in improving the success rate of Maaori and Pasifika students in the college. The work of this group aims to enhance the development of all Tauira (students) who attend this school through developing the relationship between the school, home and the community.

The Whanau group has monthly meetings. The meetings are normally from 6.30-7.30 pm. The Whanau Group is facilitated by the Matua Mike and SMT.

Meetings begin with a karakia, korero and then the sharing of kai. Important ideas, issues and concerns are discussed in these meetings in a relaxed environment. All are welcome to attend.

Next Hui 19 March at 6.30pm in the Whare (P5 behind the netball courts)

Check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1281421745204120/>

PARENT PORTAL

If you have mislaid or are unsure of your portal access code please email Babette Moehricke, Deputy Principal on moehrickeb@heretaunga.school.nz

CHINESE HOMESTAY FAMILIES REQUIRED

Are you a Chinese family who would be interested in becoming a host family for a Chinese student? The International Department have had a request for a family to host a student from Term 2 until the end of the year. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing please contact Nadine Te Pohe, Homestay Co-ordinator - tepohen@heretaunga.school.nz or 9399370 ext 844



UGLY SHAKESPEARE

We are having Ugly Shakespeare visit on the 22nd March. Some Senior English classes, drama classes and all of year 10 will be attending. Information has been sent home to all families.

GOLF AT SILVERSTREAM DRIVING RANGE

Students are making the most of coaching sessions at Silverstream Driving Range. This is a new 6 week course offered to students as part of our after-school sports.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT HERETAUNGA COLLEGE

Homework Club

In Morgan 6 on Wednesdays from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Maths Tuition

Free afterschool Maths tuition is available every Wednesday in Morgan 5, from 3.30pm. – 4.30pm. All welcome!

Vibe

Vibe are available for appointments for students each day. Appointments can be made at the Main Office.

CALCULATORS

We are selling the Sharp EL-531 scientific calculator for \$18 and the Casio Graphics calculator for \$98 - still the cheapest prices in town! And we engrave your child's name for free! Orders and payment through the student office.

NCEA STUDENT APP UPDATE

An updated version of the NCEA Student App can now be downloaded from either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. It is available to use in English and Te Reo Maori, is free to download and can be used from any smart device.

This version displays and better supports multiple levels of NCEA and new users can simply add credits from previous years without having to also add standards information first. This means that students can track their progress towards various NCEA levels over multiple calendar years more quickly and easily. The App allows students to plan, select and set their NCEA credit goals and targets and to see how they are tracking towards NCEA Levels One, Two and Three, including Literacy, Numeracy and University Entrance.

More information can be found on the NZQA website: www.nzqa.govt.nz/audience-pages/students/ncea-app/

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

Tax Donation Receipts

Donation receipts will be emailed out in the first week of April so you can claim a third back with the IRD. A reminder if you would like to have the 2018 donation included in this it will have to be paid by Thursday the 29th of March this year due to Good Friday.

Making Payments

Cash or cheque payments can be made at the college office between 8.00am and 2.15pm daily. However, Eftpos facilities are 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.

Thank you to those of you who have altered your automatic payments to our new bank as below. The BNZ old account will be closed from 31 March 2018.

Please note our new account number below:

Heretaunga College Board of Trustees

ASB: 12 – 3478 – 0030501 – 00

If you have any queries regarding your student's account, please contact the finance team via email accounts@heretaunga.school.nz or phone 939-9370 – Kirsty on ext 803 or Ady on ext 809.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop hours are:

Tuesday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Friday: 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Payment is to be made at the time of uniform purchase. If you have an account with the school, prior approval from the finance team is required before uniform can be put on your student's account.

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 user name and password, please send an email to Mrs Moehricke: moehricketb@heretaunga.school.nz.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.

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).

When signing out to attend appointments students are required to present a note 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 that a note MUST be provided if there is an issue regarding uniform.

Please name your students uniform. We can return lost items quicker if they are named.

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 medical box.



NOMINATIONS OPEN 1-31 MARCH

Council is excited to announce the categories for the 2018 Upper Hutt City Young Achievers Awards! The awards are a great way to celebrate and support local young people and their achievements.

As of this year each category winner will be given a grant to support further learning and development opportunities (how cool is that). Here is a link to this year's award categories, as well as video footage of last year's award ceremony: <https://upperhuttcity.com/community/awards/young-achiever-awards/>

The 2018 Young Achievers Awards will take place:

When: Wednesday 6 June

Where: Expressions Whirinaki Arts and Entertainment Centre, Upper Hutt

Time: 6pm-8.30pm

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served in the foyer from 6pm, followed by the award ceremony in the Gillies Group Theatre from 6.30pm

Tania Wilkinson, Community Development Advisor

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND AFTER SCHOOL COMPUTER CLASSES

School Holiday and After School Computer Classes for ages 5 – 15

New class; Stop Motion Animation. Also Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, Python or Java, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Video Editing, Build a PC and if young, the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499 2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Wellington City Venue, [2 Woodward St](#), Corner Lambton Quay and Woodward St

Teachers required for school holiday computer class.

We require a teacher for our Minecraft, Roblox, web design, Java, Python and Scratch coding classes in the school holidays.

For further information, contact Ed Brown: Call 021-050-1288, or e-mail ed@grandtraining.co.nz.

RED CROSS APPEAL – 18 APRIL 2018

Red Cross Appeal organisers are looking for students who would like to donate a couple of hours of their time to join the Red Cross Appeal which is happening on 18 April. If you would like to help with the appeal please ring Tony Hunt on 5278187 or text him on 0212674462 before 5 April. Please leave your name, school and phone number so that Tony can get back to you. This is during the school holidays but the Red Cross would be very appreciative of any time given. All students will need parental permission

The student price for Scottish Country Dancing is \$3

2018

"Raising resilient children."

Workshop Series.

Topics: Tough times, Risk taking, Anxiety, Setting Limits.

Facilitated by Madeleine Taylor, People Skills Consultant.

Dates: 15th March, 12th April, 10th May, 7th June, 2018
9.30am -12.30 pm

Venue: Knowledge Shop, 31 Phillip St, Johnsonville, New Zealand

Are you a parent/parent educator/teacher/early childhood teacher/grandparent/counsellor/social worker/youth worker?
Then this workshop is for you.

Cost for four workshops is \$200.00 plus GST
Or \$50 per person per workshop

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH

Madeleine's accreditation: DSW, Certified Mediator, Registered Social Worker, Cert Level 2 Executive Coach ICF. Plus:

- 2013 Five day training in "How much is Enough?"
- 2014 Teaching Certification
- 2015 Training Rights in NZ
- 2016 Inaugural Train the Trainer Course
- 2017 5 day Train the Trainer

What the course covers:

- Understanding parenting role when facing difficult behaviour
- Understanding the impact of doing nothing
- Practical and fun learning with tools to help you.

Contact Madeleine ph/text 0272115488, or email: madeleine.taylor@stra.co.nz and secure your place now.
Limited spaces available.

Scottish Country Dancing

—Upper Hutt—

Give it a go in 2018!

Social group dancing—not highland dancing

No partner required

When: Wednesday evenings (March-November)

Time: 7:30—9:30 pm

Cost: \$5 per night

Where: Wesley Centre, Benzie Ave, Upper Hutt

Questions? Phone: Kath 970 5751

Email: upperhuttscdc@gmail.com

RAISING RESILIENT KIDS

2018

PARENTS YOU ARE WELCOME

Building resilience helps children not only to deal with current difficulties that are a part of everyday life, but also to develop the basic skills and habits that will help them deal with challenges later in life, during adolescence and adulthood.

Resilience is important for children's mental health. Children with greater resilience are better able to manage stress, which is a common response to difficult events.

TIME: 7 PM - 9PM
DATE: MAY 1ST

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SILVERSTREAM, WELLINGTON

\$10 pp or \$15 per couple

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OUR SPEAKER



Kathryn Berkett

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AQUA BEATZ

Friday 23 March

7 - 10pm



H2O Xtream, Corner Benham & Brown Streets Upper Hutt
For more information, tel: 04 527 2113 or visit: www.h2oxtream.com