



HERETAUNGA COLLEGE

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Newsletter – March 2022

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Kia ora whānau

Welcome to the first Heretaunga College Newsletter for 2022.

It has been a while since school started this year but it has already been very busy.

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions we did not have a full school welcome to all of our new students and staff, but our Executive Student Leaders and staff produced an online version for PRIDE classes to watch. I also made sure that I visited all of our Year 9 PRIDE classes to welcome them to the school face to face. I will be visiting them again towards the end of term for a Meet the Principal question session.

Our Executive Student Leaders have been working hard to work with the COVID-19 restrictions so that events actually happen. We all saw this with the hugely successful Be Active Day which allowed students and staff to come together outside and enjoy some great relationship building activities. Obviously there was also some good old competition which finished up with the relay races in houses at the end of the day. Someone will have to remind me who won the relay at the end where the staff participated.

As we work together through this phase of our COVID-19 experience, I would like to repeat the fact that our students are doing really well with their mask wearing. It is challenging and difficult for all, but we are all showing our PRIDE values by doing our best and wearing our masks. Looking at the cases that are currently in the school, all of the staff who have contracted COVID-19 have done so outside of school. School is still the safest place to be during the current outbreak.

You will notice in the 'Important Dates This Term' section that we have a Learning Conference Day (Teacher Only Day) on Friday 25 March 2022. We will be using this day to develop our Hybrid Learning to enable students to continue to be connected to their teachers even when they have to self-isolate.

We are aware that there is a lot of information that comes out to you between newsletters and so we are looking at what our newsletter could look like in the future. If you have any ideas then please let us know at info@heretaunga.school.nz

I hope everyone enjoys the last of the good weather!

Fiona Craven
Principal

TERM DATES:

Term One:

Thursday 3 February – Thursday 14 April

Term Two:

Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

Term Three:

Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September

Term Four:

Monday 17 October – Thursday 8 December

TEACHER ONLY DAYS 2022

Friday 25 March

Wednesday 18 May – NCEA Training Day

Friday 3 June

Friday 26 August - NCEA Training Day

Friday 9 September

Friday 4 November

Thursday 1 December – NCEA Training Day

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2022

Friday 15 April – Tuesday 19 April – Easter

Monday 25 April – Anzac Day

Monday 6 June – Queens Birthday

Friday 24 June – Matariki

Monday 24 October – Labour Day

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

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Monday 21 March	- University of Auckland Info Talk
Friday 25 March	- Learning Conference (Teacher Only Day – no students at school)
Monday 28 March	- University of Otago Info Talk
Friday 1 April	- Photos – Catch Up for those who missed the day
Tuesday 12 April	- Year 12 Leadership Day
Thursday 14 April	- Last Day of Term 1

LOOKING AHEAD TO TERM 2 ...

Monday 2 May	- First Day of Term 2
Thursday 12 May	- Senior Wellness Conference
Wednesday 18 May	- NCEA Teacher Accord Day (no students at school)
Friday 27 May	- Junior Enrichment Programme
Monday 6 June	- Queens' Birthday Holiday
Wednesday 8 June	- Year 8 Open Evening – 6.00pm
Friday 24 June	- Matariki Holiday
Monday 28 June	- Senior Subject Caregiver Evening – 4.00pm
Tuesday 5 July	- Junior Kaiarahi 3-way Conferences with parent/caregiver and student (2.00pm)
Wednesday 6 July	- Junior Kaiarahi 3-way Conferences with parent/caregiver and student (3.00pm)

WINTER OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE

Open to all Year 12 and Year 13 students, our winter visit to Hillary Outdoors (O.P.C.) will take place from 31 July – 5 August 2022 inclusive (Week 2, Term 3). Climb a mountain, explore a cave, play in the snow or conquer the big swing! Join us for a week of fun, adventure, teamwork and new challenges in and around Tongariro National Park. This is a week you'll never forget! Only 10 places available, first in, first served! Students can pick up an information pack from Mr. Carter in Morgan 5 and can borrow the promo DVD overnight.

STUDENT WORK



Tyrone Tala - Year 13

Tyrone has spent many hours decorating our rubbish bin by the new Languages Wing and the end result is amazing. He has also started work on a Patu, wood carved club. He is a very talented young man.



YOUTHTOWN YOUTH HUB FOR STUDENTS

There is a Youthtown Youth Hub now running at 2/24 Lane Street, Wallaceville which is open throughout the term - Monday to Friday from 3pm to 6pm.

Term 1 – Monday-Friday - 3pm-6pm

Monday, Wednesday and Friday	Tuesday	Thursday
Hang out – Chance for young people just to hang out with their friends, opportunity for staff to build rapport with young people. For young people to connect with space.	Learn to cook – young people are taught how to cook a meal or baking following a recipe. The aim is, over 10 weeks, to learn how to follow a recipe correctly and make a meal/baking and at the end have a cookbook made with recipes used over that time.	Quizzes/Brain teasers/young people activities – This can be done as an individual or in a group. Earn points every week. Team or individual with the most points at the end of the term wins a prize.

SCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS REHEARSAL TIMES 2022

Drum Line - Monday afternoon break in the Band Room (be there for a 1.30pm start - 10mins 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.

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?

The SVA Award pins can be awarded by any nominated person at your school.
You can also register independently online to receive these pins.



Member Pin
5 hours



Bronze Award Pin
32 hours



Silver Award Pin
250 hours



Gold Award Pin
500 hours

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.

Got any questions? See Mrs Pike

FREE AFTER SCHOOL MATHS TUITION

Free afterschool Maths tuition in Morgan 5 every Wednesday 2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. 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 car parks 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 students 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

Making Payments

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:

Heretaunga College Board of Trustees ASB: 12 – 3478 – 0030501 – 00

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 user name and password, please contact the school office.

The Athlete's Foot

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 Simply nominate your school in store

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MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING APPEAL

WELLINGTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
 Wellington HOSPITALS FOUNDATION
whf.org.nz/donate

Recycling for Charity has teamed up with Wellington Hospitals Foundation, Official charity of Wellington Regional Children's Hospital

Mobile phones can be dropped into the dropbox at the college office.

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