



Newsletter – March 2023

Kia ora koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui o tēnei tau hou. Hello everyone, greetings for this new year.

Nau mai haere mai - A warm welcome to our new students and whānau to Heretaunga College. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child has what they need for their future pathway.

Nau mai haere mai nga kaiako hou - I'd also like to officially welcome our new staff; they bring a wide range of knowledge and experience to Heretaunga College. We are excited to have them join our whānau.

Nau mai hoki mai to all our returning students and staff.

I hope that everyone had a good break and that they were able to connect with and share time with their whānau.

The start of a new year can be confusing and stressful at times for students and caregivers. I know that many of you took advantage of our 3-Way hui with your child's kaiārahi. This is the first part of us building strong effective relationships with the student and their whānau. We want students to feel a strong sense of whanaungatanga, belonging, here at Heretaunga College.

Another opportunity to build relationships with students is at our Be Active Day. This was a hugely successful event for us this year. Students were in their house colours, participating in activities alongside their teachers. I'm sure you have seen the photos on facebook that show what a great day it was this year.

This week, on Thursday 16 March, there is a strike by the teachers. This means that we do not have enough teachers to supervise students so the school will be closed. The Board of Trustees took this decision due to health and safety reasons.

On Friday 24 March 2023 we have a Teacher Only Day. This day is for our teachers to have some professional development together with a group called Poutama Pounamu. This day will support all of our teachers to develop their practice in line with the Refreshed Curriculum and the NCEA Change Programme. These are huge pieces of work for all schools in New Zealand. We are very lucky to have a board that supports this work for our teachers and our students.

Mauri tū, mauri ora, mauri noho, mauri mate

Those who are active thrive, those who are inactive perish

Ngā mihi nui

Fiona Craven

Principal

DATES FOR 2023

TERM DATES 2023:

Term One:
 Tuesday 31 January - Thursday 6 April
 Term Two:
 Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June
 Term Three:
 Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September
 Term Four:
 Monday 9 October - Thursday 7 December

TEACHER ONLY DAYS 2023

Thursday 16 March - PPTA Strike Day
 Friday 24 March - Learning Conference
 Friday 5 May - NCEA Accord Day
 Friday 2 June - Learning Conference
 Friday 8 September - Learning Conference
 Friday 3 November - Learning Conference

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2023

Friday 7 April - Tuesday 11 April - Easter
 Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day
 Monday 5 June - King's Birthday
 Friday 14 July - Matariki
 Monday 23 October - Labour Day

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

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

**PPTA Members are striking on Thursday 16 March 2023.
Therefore, the school will be closed for the day.**

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

School uniform must be worn, from school and in school time and when attending functions associated with the College outside school hours. Those students without the correct uniform may be removed from class and parents/caregivers contacted. Non-regulation uniform items may be confiscated. All clothing and footwear should be clearly named.

It is expected that students arrive at school and leave school wearing their correct uniform unless having attended an after school sports training.

Formal Lavalava also known as Sulu, Tupenu, Ie-Faitaga are also now part of our uniform. These must be black.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons jewellery is not worn with school uniform with the exception of a watch and two plain studs or small sleepers in ears. Body and facial piercings are not allowed except for one (1) small spherical nose stud no more than 2mm in diameter. Bars, rings, loops, chains, spikes etc are NOT permitted. Where a departure to these rules is required for cultural considerations this should be discussed with the Principal prior to enrolment. Tattoos are not to be visible. Necklaces of cultural/religious significance may be worn inside clothing and not be visible. The visible wearing of Taonga is permitted.

Hair

The main criteria governing hair is that it shall be clean and tidy. Extremes of fashion or colour are not permitted in hairstyles or hair accessories.

Makeup

Makeup that portrays a natural look or unobtrusive appearance is acceptable. Nail polish is not permitted with a uniform.

Hats

Caps, school or black only (for sun protection) may be worn in grounds only, during Terms 1 and 4. College beanies only may be worn around the grounds in Terms 2 and 3, not in class.

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.

UNIFORM SHOES

The correct shoes are specified as:

Plain full leather or leather-like flat-heel, lace-up or single strap shoes with back (no canvas and no mesh).

Roman sandals (without socks) with single back-strap, plain black or brown are allowed in Terms 1 and 4.

ACCEPTABLE STYLES:



THE FOLLOWING STYLES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE:



Birkenstocks are not permitted to be worn at school.

SENIOR STUDENTS - YOUR NCEA PORTAL

Why register for your NCEA Learner Login?

There are many advantages of registering and regularly logging in to your NCEA student portal! Through your NCEA Learner Login you can:

- Have access to all of your NCEA standard information
- Check the accuracy of your NCEA entries and results
- Order copies of your qualification certificates
- Request reviews or reconsiderations for your external exam papers
- Print official copies of your Record of Achievement
- Log in for the Digital External examinations for some of your courses

How do you register online / create an account?

1. You will need to have your school email address, your user name (your first name, dot, your last name e.g sally.robinson).
2. You will need to create a password. You can then save these details.
3. When you have created your account, you can then log in to your NCEA student portal. Click on 'student login', then type your school email address and your password.

You will then have access to your NCEA portal. If you have never logged in before, you will need your NSN number. Your Kaiārahi has access to this via Kamar. Go to: student details - enrolment.

The screenshot shows the NZQA website header with navigation links: HOME, QUALIFICATIONS & STANDARDS, NCEA, MĀORI & PASIFIKA, PROVIDERS & PARTNERS, INTERNATIONAL, and ABOUT US. Below the header is a search bar and a 'Contact us' button. The main content area is titled 'Login Options' and includes links for 'Create an account - Students & Learners', 'Students & Learners login help', 'National Student Number (NSN)', 'TEO online services for registered providers', 'Online access for new providers', and 'Online TEO applications'. There is also a 'Student Services' section with a link to 'Students & Learners Login' and a description of services for current and past students.

What will you see?

Your Name: e.g Sally Robinson

The screenshot shows the NCEA Learner Login portal for Sally Robinson. It features a yellow banner with the text 'Access your completed NCEA and NZ Scholarship assessments | Tirohia ō whakamātautau kua mākahia'. Below the banner is a section titled 'My School Entries & Results' which shows that in 2022, Sally achieved 26 credits at Level 1 (or above) and is entitled to 5 Level 1 Learning Recognition Credits. There is a 'View as a PDF' link. Below this is a section for 'Qualifications' and 'Course Endorsements'. At the bottom is a 'Credit Summary - All Years' table.

	TOTAL ACHIEVED CREDITS	STANDARD TYPE UNIT / ACHIEVEMENT	ASSESSMENT TYPE INTERNAL / EXTERNAL	RESULT ACHIEVED / NEXT EXCELLENCE
LEVEL 1	26	0 / 26	14 / 12	4 / 14
TOTAL	26	0 / 26	14 / 12	4 / 14

Here you will be able to access all the important information related to your NCEA progress, entries, endorsements, standards entries and credit summary. You can also get online access to your exam papers from the previous year to see how the paper was marked. This helps in situations where you wish to apply for a reconsideration of your exam grade.



TEEN PARENT SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

At Titiro Whakamua, the Teen Parent School, we wanted to support the staff and students from some of the other TPU's that were affected by Cyclone Gabrielle so we decided to have a bake sale. It was a great team effort - our students and staff all worked hard to make enough food for HC staff and students. Big thanks to the HC students (who were so polite!!!) and staff (they were polite too!) who came and bought our food! We pretty much sold out which was awesome! And a HUGE thank you to Ms Leith and Ms Fraser for their help on the day! Over \$700 was raised and more was donated as well!

VISIT FROM TRIDENT HIGH SCHOOL, WHAKATANE

On Friday 3 March Trident High School from Whakatane came to the school for a friendly game of football. Both teams showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Heretaunga College took the win, 7-0.



CUPCAKE DECORATING

Kai is a great way to bring people together! On Friday 10 March, the Wellness Captains, Kyra and Ella, organised free cupcake decorating during morning break with the support of their fellow student leaders. Students of all year levels lined up to decorate their cupcakes. Here are some of the highlights from the event:



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Wednesday 8 March we celebrated International Women's Day with a breakfast in the staffroom attended by members of the community, the council, staff and students. Our guest speaker Dr Hannah James spoke about women's empowerment in Central America, offering some great insights and observations.

For me, it is all about celebrating and acknowledging the political, social and cultural achievements women have made. The reason I am so passionate about the day is because I, like I suspect many girls and women, have grown up being compared to males in ways that are not fair. As a female in society, I have a different set of standards applied that women understand but often men don't see. When he voices an opinion, he is smart and articulate - when I do the same, I'm whiny. He shows leadership skills, it's lauded but when I do the same, I'm being bossy.

I've also grown up playing a sport where I was the only girl in my team, and have heard the subtle and not-so-subtle putdowns. Like most women, I have been catcalled and have had things said about my body. Because of all these shared experiences, I think it's important to celebrate the strides women have made in history to get us to the point where we can now celebrate being women, remember the challenges we face and continue to strive for equity.

Kenzie and I are very grateful for those who helped the event take place, and we particularly liked the quote Ms Lucas used in her final remarks, from Maya Angelou: "Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women."

Tyrah Pearson
Community Captain

WINTER OPC - YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS.

Winter OPC is open to all Year 12 and Year 13 students, our winter visit to Hillary Outdoors (OPC) will take place from Sunday 13 August – Friday 18 August 2023 inclusive (week 2, Term 5). Climb a mountain, explore a cave, play in the snow, 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.

RELAY FOR LIFE 2023

We are once again taking part in the event, to raise funds for the Cancer Society. The event will take place at the Trentham Racecourse, from 3pm to 8am, on Saturday 29 April and Sunday 30 April. Students will jog or walk laps around a track (around 450 metres long) set up opposite the grandstand at the venue, and can choose to fundraise for the cause in a variety of ways.

The event helps celebrate the lives of those who have experienced a cancer journey and remember loved ones lost. Funds from the event enable the Cancer Society to provide support for people with all types of cancer, fund world-class cancer research, provide their Cancer Information Helpline and deliver cancer-related education and advocacy. More than 20,000 people around New Zealand are expected to take part, with 3,000 plus expected at Trentham.

TO REGISTER, STUDENTS GO TO THE CANCER SOCIETY'S RELAY FOR LIFE PAGE ON THEIR WEBSITE – or just Google 'Relay for Life Wellington' and follow the instructions to register. There is a cost of \$20 so you will need to be able to pay online as you go. The link is: <https://relayforlife.org.nz/wellington>. Our team's name is 'Heretaunga College R4L 2023' – join our team!!! STUDENTS MUST REGISTER BY SUNDAY 16 APRIL.

We would love you to get involved! Any questions, please talk to your Community Captains, Kenzie Pierce and Tyrah Pearson.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS

YOU CAN NOTIFY BY:

Phone: 939 9370 press 1 for absences
Email: absences@heretaunga.school.nz
Schoolbridge App - download from the Apple store / Galaxy store / Play store
Use your kamar log in to access.

LIBRARY

It has been a great start to the year for us in the Library. We are settled into our temporary space, which is warm and light – just a little small.

We have a wonderful group of students who are this year's Student Library Assistants. They run the Library at breaks which really helps out with the workload. There are always new books being added to the collection, so keep an eye on the New Books Shelf. If there is anything you would like the Library to purchase, come and see me.

We have a selection of games and Lego that you can use during breaks.

If you need any help with research for any subject, just ask. There are lots of books and websites that we can point you to.

We are open before school from 8.15 am and at morning and afternoon breaks, so if you want a calm place to hang out come on in.

Ms. Leamy

If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books – Roald Dahl.

FINANCE PAYMENTS

We have numerous students in our school and we do not know your student individually. So when making payments through internet banking please ensure you identify your 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

MUSIC REHEARSALS

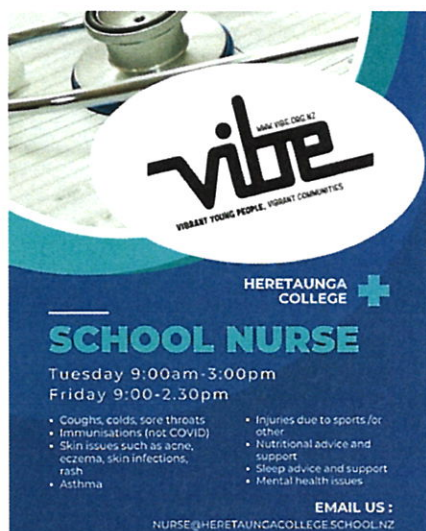
Phoenix Chorale Choir - Tuesday and Thursday morning break in the Music Room

Drumline - Wednesday morning break in Studio 1

Jazz Band - Wednesday morning break in the Music Room

Guitar/bass/ukulele ensemble - Friday morning break in the Music Room

VIBE NURSE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS



The poster features a stethoscope at the top. Below it is the 'vibe' logo with the tagline 'VIBANT YOUNG PEOPLE. VIBANT COMMUNITIES.' and 'MAK VIBE DGB NZ'. The text 'HERETAUNGA COLLEGE' is followed by a blue cross icon. The main heading is 'SCHOOL NURSE' in large blue letters. Below this, the hours are listed: 'Tuesday 9:00am-3:00pm' and 'Friday 9:00-2.30pm'. A list of services includes: 'Coughs, colds, sore throats', 'Immunisations (incl. COVID)', 'Skin issues such as acne, eczema, skin infections, rash', 'Asthma', 'Injuries due to sports/other', 'Nutritional advice and support', 'Sleep advice and support', and 'Mental health issues'. At the bottom, it says 'EMAIL US: NURSE@HERETAUNGACOLLEGE.SCHOOL.NZ'.

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.



You can help Kickstart get a share of \$100k from Vodafone NZ

Kickstart is fortunate to be profiled this month on One Good Kiwi.

For the month of March, we get a share of \$100k, based on how many people we get to vote for us on the One Good Kiwi App. It's \$100k put into a pool of funding by Vodafone NZ for the NZ general public to decide on how much money the 10 selected charities get based on the proportion of votes.

It's super simple - people just have to download the onegoodkiwi app, sign up, and then give their 10 tokens to us for the month (just scroll across till you get to the Kickstart video and then press the green button 10 times to give us all your tokens for the month). You can also do it from the one good kiwi website where you get 5 tokens to donate.

All the funds raised will go toward mentoring rangatahi in Upper Hutt.

Would love it if people could support us by voting, and encouraging others to vote. Whether that's through Facebook, or through email sharing the link for people to do it.

Here's the link on Facebook with Jordan talking about how you can vote for us:

https://www.facebook.com/reel/581414834011008?s=single_unit

The best option is to download the app (you get 10 votes you can give to us). You also get five tokens by going to the one good kiwi website.

<https://onegoodkiwi.nz/>

If you want to see how we are currently tracking for votes you can check that out here:

<https://onegoodkiwi.nz/recipients/>. Essentially every 1% that we get in the votes provides 20 much needed mentoring sessions for rangatahi.

Thanks heaps for your support!

Kind Regards

Paul Thompson, Director of Youth Services

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
10 hours



Silver Award Pin
25 hours



Gold Award Pin
50 hours

VOLUNTEERING IS...

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.

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 Press 1**) or email absences@heretaunga.school.nz or send via Schoolbridge App.

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 user name and password, please contact the school office.

Shoe Clinic
The fitting choice

SCHOOL REWARDS PROGRAM

For every pair of school shoes sold, Shoe Clinic will give a \$10 donation to your school, helping give your child more opportunities ...
Simply nominate your school in store

18 Stores Nationwide - www.shoeclinik.co.nz

The Athlete's Foot

GET FITTED BY THE EXPERTS TODAY

In partnership with
HERETAUNGA COLLEGE

\$10 DONATED BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL
Every time you buy a pair of shoes.

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING APPEAL

WELLINGTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

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

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY: RECYCLING FOR CHARITY

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

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www.boostyourlearning.co.nz for more information or contact Jenny 021 223 3349 to book a free consultation.

SAIL ON A LEGENDARY ROUND THE WORLD MAXI YACHT

Steinlager ② LION NEW ZEALAND

HINEMOANA

Our female-specific youth development programme is delivered over 5 days of sailing and kayaking.

Two nights sailing on the internationally renowned maxi yachts, Lion NZ or Steinlager2. Everybody on board has the opportunity to learn to sail the boats, help with the preparation of meals and sleep aboard.

Two nights are spent on the water with Auckland Sea Kayaks, where students learn how to kayak and camp in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH (OPTIONAL)

The programme is structured in a way that allows the participants to participate and complete components of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award (DOE). The programme components meet the requirements for the Adventurous Journey and as such, any participants who are interested in using this programme for DOE can do so.

For further information check out www.nzsailingtrust.com/hine-moana

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