

KIA KAHA TE AWHINA 'STRENGTH THROUGH CARING'

HAWERA HIGH SCHOOL | NEWSLETTER NO 15

THURSDAY | 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Kia ora e te whānau,

This week with COVID-19 case numbers rising in other parts of the country and with Auckland still being at Level 3 we have been reminded how lucky we are that we are able to run our school pretty much at normal capacity. At Level 2, day to day school life looks similar to normal but we have had to make a number of changes for when we have visitors, parents and other agencies on site. Thank you for your patience and commitment to keeping our community safe.

It has been great to see how well our students have transitioned this term from at school learning to home learning and back again. Many of our seniors have been making use of Homework Club, I would encourage more students to make use of this quiet space to complete work for subjects and assessments. Homework Club is open to ALL students to attend, students just need to show up and they will be supported. Our students are also very lucky that staff are offering after school tutorials in their subject areas either after school or during the upcoming holidays. Please check in with your child's dean or subject teacher if you are not sure whether they would benefit from attending these sessions.

All Senior Students should have developed a study plan for the preliminary examinations they are starting this week and completing in Week 1 of next term. This study plan should continue as they build up to their final NCEA examinations at the end of the year. Please keep a regular eye on <u>parent portal</u> to see what progress your child has made towards NCEA and please contact Subject Teachers or Deans if you have concerns or queries.

As a result of changes to this term we have had to alter our calendar for next term, as always, we will try and keep this as up to date as possible. We are looking forward to quite a few of our prestigious events next term where we recognise our students' academic, sporting and cultural success. Running these events at Level 2 will provide some challenges for us and it may mean that we will have to make some difficult decisions to ensure we meet Level 2 restrictions. If there are changes to our usual procedures for these events, we will notify you in plenty of time.

We are excited that in a year disrupted by COVID we are still going to be able to offer junior activities for Year 9 and 10 student's next term. We have contingency plans in place, but we are hopeful that these activities can take place in their current form for our students. If your child has not signed up for a junior activity please encourage them to sign up, several our junior activities are either full or filling fast. Students need to get their selection in, or they run the risk of missing the activity they want.

Planning has already started for 2022 and we are looking forward to our Year 8 students visiting next term to get their taste of high school before they are officially welcomed in the New Year. Many of our Year 12 students will also be starting to think about prefect responsibilities for next year as well, students who wish to apply for Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy should have their application to me by 10am on the 15th October. These applications can be handed in to the office or emailed through to me.

Lastly, a huge thank you for all your support this term despite the disruption. We are incredibly thankful that most of our students are on target with their learning. I hope you all have a restful break over the next two weeks.

Kia kaha, te awhina.

Ngā mihi Rachel Williams Principal

Hāwera proposed schooling change

The Ministry has informed us that the Minister has been focused on the Covid response, which means that a decision on the Hāwera schooling network has been delayed.

The Ministry recognises that families will be concerned about what is happening next year, and therefore have informed us that they have proposed that if the final decision is to recapitate the primary schools, that this be implemented from 2023 rather than next year. This would mean the intermediate would operate as normal next year and then in 2023 the primary schools would retain their year 7 students and the intermediate would only have year 8 students on site.

If the final decision is to close Hāwera Intermediate and Hāwera High School, then implementation will also be in 2023 where year 7-13 students would be at the newly formed school.

This means that, regardless of the decision, there would be no changes to schooling in Hāwera for 2022.

Uniform for 2022

With the above information in mind our Board of Trustees has decided that they will wait until the October Board meeting to make a final decision on uniforms for 2022. They have decided to delay this decision in the hope that a decision might be made by the Minister in the next month. The board is very conscious of making a decision on our uniform based on as much information as possible to ensure we get a viable solution for our school community.



HOMEWORK CLUB | Every Mon, Tue & Thu after school

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 3:30pm till 5pm in D6
- We encourage students to make use of this facility
- Afternoon tea will be available
- students can come and go as they wish
- We will have staff available to help with setting up a study plan etc

AFTER SCHOOL ART | Every Wednesday

After School Art on Wednesdays from 3:10 till 5pm for Year 11, 12 and 13 Art and Photography students.

Also the Art department will be open in the school holidays, on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th October | 11am - 3pm for those students to continue work on their folios.

AFTER SCHOOL PHYSICS | Every Wednesday & Thursday

Mr Prasad will be running after school Physics classes every Wednesday & Thursday | 3:15pm to 4:30pm until the exams begin.

SENIOR TEXTILES | Holiday Workshop

There will be a Senior Textiles workshop on Monday 4th October at school (1st Monday of the holidays) 10am to 1pm. A chance to finish your practical work. *Bring snacks and drinks!*

IMPORTANT | Cups & Trophies

Could all students who received a cup or trophy at last year's prizegiving please return them to the school office as soon as possible. It is the time of year where we need to be getting ready for this year's prizegiving's.

SENIOR PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS | Information

Exams have begun today and tomorrow and continue on 20 October to 22 October (Wed-Fri first week of Term 4). All year levels will be required to be in full school uniform regardless of whether they are in class or in examinations for this week. Each day there will be 2 exam sessions, Morning: 9am-12pm; Afternoon 1-4pm.

Year 12 and Year 13 students will be given study leave during exams; Year 11 students are required to attend their classes as usual. We have made this decision so that teachers can support the Year 11 students throughout the examination period as this is their first time sitting preliminary examinations.

Selected Year 12 and Year 13 students may also be asked to attend school during this time if they have minimal external examinations on their NZQA timetable. Selected students will be informed by their deans if they are required to be at school, whilst at school they will be completing internal assessments.

SUBJECT SELECTION 2022

Subject selection for 2022 is now closed on DreamCatcher. Most students have selected their subjects for 2022, any students who have not selected subjects for next year should meet with their deans to get this sorted on Kamar. Our school timetable is developed based on student's choice so it is imperative that the students choose wisely.

SPEECH SUCCESS | Year 9 and 10 Speech Finals

Well done to all our Year 9 and 10 Speech finalists who entertained Ms Williams with some very interesting and informing speeches in the Resource Centre this week. As always, the level of delivery and preparation was outstanding.

Congratulations to the following place getters:

Year 9

1st Place Charlotte Tippett

2nd Place Julia Scott

3rd Place Olivia Smith



ANIMALS SENIOR/STAPE

Year 10

1st Place Brenna Johnson

2nd Place Tial Te Wiki

3rd Place Otis Cleaver

HOCKEY SUCCESS | U15 Taranaki Hockey Representative

Congratulations and well done to Mcallum Kalin who has been named in the U15
Taranaki Hockey Team to play in a regional tournament in Stratford starting on Sunday.

Good luck Mcallum!





WOW!

We have such clever and talented students at our school.

Three of our Year 10 Te Wera students, Chrissy Southey, Emily Wiley and Dimeka Robinson have weaved this beautiful flax arrangement. The girls have been working with Esther from Enviro Schools as part of their Community Action Day work this year.

PTA FUNDRAISER | Comedy Quiz Night

The PTA Fundraiser has been postponed due to COVID19 restrictions to Saturday, 30th October. This will only go ahead on this date if we are back at Level 1.

THANK YOU! | Subway Hawera

We wish to say a huge thank you to Monica and the team at Subway who have donated a generous amount of \$10 subway vouchers for the school to use for our PB4L student rewards programme and to go towards spot prizes for the PTA fundraiser.

THANK YOU! | Apollo Projects for sports funding

Apollo Projects had committed to providing funding to support our students attend Winter Tournament Week. Due to being unable to attend they have graciously allowed us to reuse the funds to support our students to continue to participate in sports.

Apollo Projects is a nationwide Design and Build Construction company who have worked in Taranaki for a number of years at the Fonterra Whareroa site and have recently been appointed to build



the new Stratford Aquatic facility. Apollo is a specialist in Food and Beverage manufacturing and storage and in sports and aquatics. They have built many of New Zealand's aquatic and sport facilities, so this area is one very close their hearts. Apollo are already very active in supporting the communities in which they operate and are now making an even bigger commitment through supporting schools in Taranaki.

NEW ENROLMENTS | for 2022

Enrol online at https://parentportal.hawerahs.school.nz/index.php/enrolment click the Start New Enrolment Application button

For more information and a copy of the 2022 prospectus see our website https://www.hawerahs.school.nz/

Timeline of BoT Student Representative Elections - Nominations have closed

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER	DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO SUBMIT VIDEO
Last day of the holidays	Presentations to Miss Williams to be put in Form Class Teams to be viewed by
	students
TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER	VOTING TAKES PLACE –
	FORM TIME
	Form Teachers hand out and then collect voting slips
WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER	LATE VOTES TO OFFICE BY 11 AM
	Teachers bring votes to office (or late voters must have note from teacher verifying
	them as a late voter as per voting day absentees list)
	ELECTION CLOSES 3:10pm AND VOTES COUNTED
FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER	RESULTS ANNOUNCED

CALENDAR | Uncoming Events

October Upo	coming Events
Fri 1	Senior Preliminary Examinations – Part 1 (digital online examinations and English exams)
Fri 1	End of Term 3
Sat 2 to Sun 17	School Holidays Art department open Thu 14 and Fri 15 October 11am – 3pm for those students to continue work on their folios
F : 0 + 0 + 40	Textiles Workshop Mon 4 October 10am – 1pm
Fri 8 to Sun 10	Wananga 3
Mon 18	Term 4 begins
Wed 20 – Fri 22	Senior Preliminary Examinations – Part 2
Mon 25	Labour Day
Wed 27	Board of Trustees Meeting – 6pm HHS Boardroom
Fri 29 to Sun 31	Wananga 4
Sat 30	PTA Fundraiser – Comedy Quiz Night – Doors Open 6pm – Hawera Community Centre (R18 Event)
November	
Mon 8	PTA Meeting – 6pm Boardroom
Tue 9	Level 1 DCAT Exam – 9am to 12pm
Wed 10	Level 2 DCAT Exam – 9am to 12pm
Thu 11	Level 3 DCAT Exam – 9am to 12pm
Tue 16	Year 13 Prizegiving – 7pm in the HUB
Wed 17	Year 11-12 Prizegiving – 11:30 in the HUB
Fri 19	Staff Only Day
Mon 22	NZQA Exams Begin – <u>Timetable.pdf</u>
Mon 22 to Fri 26	Year 8 school visits
Mon 29	Junior Planning Successful Pathways Interviews (3:30pm to 7pm) 15 minute interviews with Form Teacher
Tue 30	NCEA Accord Day – Staff Only Day
December	
Wed 1	Junior Planning Successful Pathways Interviews (3:30pm to 7pm) 15 minute interviews with Form Teacher
Tue 7 to Fri 10	Junior Activities
Wed 15	Junior Reports Issued
	Year 9-10 Prizegiving – 9:30am in the HUB
	End of Term 4 – school finishes after Prizegiving

TSSSA | Upcoming Events

October	
Thu 21	BMX
Wed 27	Touch
November	
Thu 4	Junior Quick Rip
Tue 9	Junior Cricket 6s
Mon 15 to Fri 19	Modified Sports Week

CONTACT | our Sports Co-ordinator, Marsha Collingwood for more information on TSSSA Events. m.collingwood@hawerahs.school.nz

CALENDAR | events can also be viewed through Parent Portal Parent Portal Link and the Hāwera High School website https://www.hawerahs.school.nz/

SHARE | If you have any student achievement news to share, please email us at enquiries@hawerahs.school.nz so we can share this with the school community in our next newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE | ALL ADVERTISED EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO COVID ALERT LEVEL CONDITIONS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT

Normanby Athletics Club 2021-2022 Season

First Registration Night & Coaching: Monday 11th October 5.45pm Club nights commence on the 18th October Normanby Domain Registrations for all ages.

New and old members welcome.

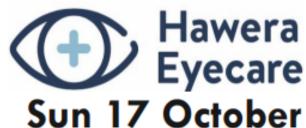
Contacts: Karen Brooks 278 3374 or Steve Gray 272 8445





FUN RUN &

hosted by Hawera Athletics



Hawera Showgrounds

3 / 5 / 10km

Start: 10am

(9.30am for 10km walkers)



Complete events for chances to win **QUALITY SPOT PRIZES** including Nexans Travel Prizes!

http://www.athleticstaranaki.org.nz/nexanshawera















\$50 Marbles Dinner Vouchers chool, Primary & Secondary Stu



Note: Events are organised by TET Athletics Taranaki and affiliated Harrier, Running & Walking Clubs.

