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Principal's Report

Kia ora e te whānau

Term Three has fast come to an end. Our senior students completed their preliminary examinations in Week 9. This gave students an opportunity to see how well prepared they are for the end of year examinations. It also gave teachers an opportunity to give students specific feedback about their learning and the content areas students need to focus on before the end of year examinations. This year due to the building work that is being carried out around the school our end of year examinations will be held in the Hub. Students should head straight over to the Hub when they arrive for their examinations. Senior students should all have a study programme put in place so that they are prepared thoroughly for these examinations. They should also remember to read the examination conditions set out by NZQA very carefully, particularly around the use of devices and watches. NZQA rules were amended a couple of years ago and students are no longer permitted to wear watches during NZQA examinations. If students are unsure about any of the procedures around examinations, then they should speak to a teacher or our NZQA liaison Pauline Hurley.

Whilst seniors have been busy completing their examinations, our junior students have continued their learning programmes. It has been great to see how respectful our junior students have been during this time. All of our students continue to be respectful and responsible around the building work happening in the school and we are very proud of them for this.

All of our Year 9 to 12 students should have now completed subject selection using Dreamcatcher. If they have not completed their subject selection they need to do so urgently. If they need any help completing subject selection they should get in contact with their Dean.

We are also busy taking enrolments for 2020. If you know families that have not yet received an enrolment form, please send them to our main office to collect one. As many of you would also be aware, we have been running a Year 9 Te Wera programme for the first time this year. Next year we are extending this programme into Year 10 and continuing to run it in Year 9. If current Year 8 students wish to be part of this programme, then they need to collect and fill in an application form at the office. Current Year 9 students who weren't in the programme in 2019 but want to be part of the programme in 2020 should also collect an application form from the office. Current Year 9 students in the Te Wera programme do not need to reapply. If you have any questions regarding the Te Wera programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. The Te Wera programme is for students who wish to be involved in an innovative curriculum based on developing learners, leaders and change-makers who use knowledge meaningfully across English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Pamphlets about the Te Wera programme are also available at our front office.

Our senior students have a short amount of time next term (14 teaching days in fact). This means that their focus should purely be on finishing any internal assessments that they have outstanding as well as preparing for their end of year examinations. Students should be making the most of the October holidays to complete work and study for these examinations as this will help with their stress levels next term.

All students should continue to focus on ensuring that they make good decisions so that they are looking after their wellbeing as we head into the busy time of the year. They should focus on drinking plenty of water, eating healthy foods, getting enough sleep and reducing time on digital devices. Students need to remember at this time of the year that balance is crucial and they need to make sure that as well as studying, they are physically active.

This year we had a number of teams competing at tournament week and throughout the winter in local competitions. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and the successes they have had along the way. We have also been extremely fortunate to have so many people in the community volunteer their time and expertise to help with our teams.

Our end of term assembly gave us a chance to celebrate success in the school. It was a great privilege to be able to acknowledge the hard work of many of our students through our Sporting, Cultural, Arts and Service Blues. Next term we have the great privilege of celebrating the success of our students at prize givings. We would love you all to come and join us for these celebrations, dates are listed at the back of this newsletter.

Those of you who have visited us recently will notice less holes and trenches than a couple of months ago. The services relocation is continuing, and we are starting to get to the point where the grounds are starting to look better. Students have now vacated Laurenson block and the classrooms adjacent to the hall. Work on the interior of Laurenson has begun, fencing will be erected during the holidays to ensure the safety of students and staff. During the holidays we are expecting the walkways to be removed. Once this work is done the focus will be on tidying the school site ready for the centenary.

I hope all students have a restful but productive two weeks off ready to get back into their formal learning in Term 4.

Kia Kaha Te Awhina: "Strength through caring"
Nāku noa, nā

Rachel Williams - Principal

Board Corner

This term has been one of bedding in the structures and processes for our new Board. We have all been active in professional development to help us govern our school to the best of our abilities. One of the main focuses of work for us now is the review of our strategic plan for 2020. This continues from the charter we set last year and guides us with our strategic direction for our curriculum as well as goals for our student's achievement.

The very obvious change at the moment has been the renovation and relocation of classrooms, relocation of services, and demolition that has been occurring at our school in the last few months. We are really pleased that many classrooms have been completed and handover has occurred. We thank you all for your patience during this time of upheaval and also for everyone who has helped during the shifting of classes. The classes look great and we know both staff and students will appreciate being in renovated rooms. Preparation for the Hall and Laurensen Block demolition will continue the next few weeks and the actual demolition will happen after Labour weekend with the target being all works and reinstatement completed during the summer holidays.

I hope everyone has a good break in preparation for upcoming exams.

Gary Wallis - BOT Chairperson

Student Trustee Elected

Congratulations to Te Kiri King (pictured) who has been elected Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees for the 2019 - 2020 year.



Immunisation Information

An email was sent out to all school families requesting updated immunisation information be provided to us. If you have not completed this, we would appreciate if you could do so to ensure our records are correct.

Sports News

Round the Lake Relay

Six teams from Hawera High School recently competed in the 'Round the Lake Relay' at Virginia Lake in Wanganui. Despite the unfriendly weather conditions, all the students represented the school well. The schools two best performed teams were the Year 9 Girls and Senior A Girls, who finished 6th and 7th in their respective grades.

NZSS Golf Croquet

This competition was held in Christchurch this year in extremely cold conditions. Each team played 6 games on day one. There were 4 blocks of 6 teams, with the top 4 teams in each block progressing to the top 16 knockout event. The others moved into the plate event. Isabelle Tong and Te Kiri King were top of their block. Joel Steele and Ethan McDonald also qualified in the top 16, and Kaile Butcher and Campbell Morris played off in the plate final. Day two saw competition in the knockout and plate events with all finals played as the best of 3 games. Isabelle and Te Kiri played through to contest the final, finishing second. Joel and Ethan lost the first game of the knockout round but went on to finish 15th. Kaile and Campbell finished 3rd in the plate playoff. We would like to thank Mr Gerald Allan for coaching the students and Mrs Shay King for accompanying the students to Christchurch.

NZSS Indoor Bowls

Sam Landers and Luca Dobson both did very well at the Indoor bowls earlier this month. Sam competed for 3 days, on Day one he was part of the winning team in the North Island vs South Island competition and finished in 12th place in the New Zealand Championships. On Day 2 Sam finished in the top 32 of the NZ Secondary Schools Championships and Luca finished in the top 16. Day 3 saw Luca and Sam finish 5th equal in the Pairs. It was an excellent result for both boys as they were up against tough competition from all over NZ.

TSSSA Junior Volleyball

Every year we take a girls' and a boys' team to play in the non-competitive section of the TSSSA Junior Volleyball tournament. The students played great volleyball, trying to use all 3 hits on their side before hitting it over the net. The boys team ended up fourth overall and the girls lost in the last point of the final against NPGHS to come in second. Congratulations to everyone that took part and thanks to Reg Korau for your coaching and support.

Tournament Week – Football

This year our girls travelled to Wellington to compete in the Grant Jarvis Football Tournament whilst the boys travelled to Whanganui to compete in the Trident Tournament. Weather issues were the same in both cities. First part of the week we were in danger of suffering sun stroke and suntan lotion was in hot demand. However, by weekend we were battling hypothermia and umbrellas and gumboots were the best accessories. Despite the weather both the boys and girls played their hardest against tough opponents from much bigger city schools.

The girls came away with their best result ever – 19 out of 24. One highlight was winning the penalty shootout against Golden Bay then celebrating like it was the World Cup final. The boys finished 16 out of 24 and even though they were a little disappointed by this as they were aiming for a top 10 finish, they need to be very proud of their efforts. One highlight for them was drawing with Howick 1-1. Howick needed to beat them 9-0 to go on further but our boys showed real grit and determination to put a stop to that.

All players should be super proud of how they represented HHS on and off the field. A huge thank you to Blair Robins, Brenda Pittams and Tina Moriarty for taking time off work to coach and support our students. Anyone who has been away with teams on tournament week knows that there are both highs and lows, but we made some awesome memories along the way. Well done and let's do it all again next year – can't wait!

***Special congratulations must go to Year 12 student Corban Gill who was named Central Football Junior Sportsman of the Year at their prize giving ceremony last weekend.**

Tournament Week – Rugby

The Harris Taylor Ltd First XV travelled to Whanganui for the Mark Ranby Central North Island Rugby Tournament at Whanganui High School. The Team played 4 games over two days, winning the 3 round robin games before facing home team Whanganui High School in the final. The team won a close final retaining the Mark Ranby Trophy for a second year in a row, with Brae Scott being named team MVP for the tournament. Thank you to Harris and Taylor for their support.

Tournament Week – Netball

The A Netball team travelled to Wellington to compete in the Lower North Island Tournament. Their goal was to make top 16 and improve on last year's 20th placing. For the first time ever the tournament was held indoors at the ASB Stadium which proved beneficial in the wild Wellingtons weather. The team finished 2nd in their pool after losing only 1 game to Wellington East College. In cross overs they had an outstanding game against St Mary's Wellington only losing by 5. This put them into play off for 9-12th. With some tired bodies on the last day, they had a closely fought game against St Oran's College, losing by 4 placing them 10th in the tournament. All players put in an outstanding effort throughout the week and went from strength to strength as their confidence grew. Well done ladies on a magnificent tournament.

School Events Calendar

Did you know that the Hawera High School website has an events calendar showing all events parents and caregivers need to know about. The daily school notices are also updated daily. Look for the Notice Board icon at the top of the website to access these.

Prizegiving dates (all at the Hub) are as follows:

Year 13: 7pm - Monday 4 November (Y13 students last day)
Year 11/12: 11am – Tuesday 5 November (Y11/12 students last day)
Year 9/10: 12pm – Friday 6 December (Y9/10 students last day)



Centennial Preparation

During the holidays on Tuesday, 8th October, from 9.30 - 3.30pm students who have indicated that they would like to be involved with the Centennial celebrations are meeting to have a working bee at the school. All students are welcome to be involved.

They will be searching the school for archives and treasures to display in the decade rooms that they will put together for the weekend as well as helping with a uniform display and making signposts.

If any parents would like to join us, you are more than welcome to come along.

Kids Kartz Open Day

Taranaki Kids Kartz is holding an open day on October 6 at the Hawera Racecourse from 1pm to 3pm for children 8 to 16 years, who are interested in ponies and driving.

We would love to show them what we have to offer in our club.

If you have an interested child, or would like to know more about this sport, please head along to the open day.



OPENING NIGHT

Tuesday 15 October @ 6pm

TSB Hub

Registrations open online now

<https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/3371/org>