



### A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome to this, our first newsletter for 2011. As a nation, we are currently reeling from the horror that has been visited upon Christchurch. Our hearts go out to families who have close personal connections with Canterbury and we will of course be looking for opportunities to provide what help we can.

We have welcomed a good group of new staff who you will be able to meet in due course.



**L-r:** Emma Miles, Lara Watt, Karina Watts, Bridget Waikato

- Mrs Emma Miles from Christchurch who is teaching Art and Photography and is replacing Ms Kate Fackney during her time of study leave.
- Ms Lara Watt from Napier who is teaching graphics in place of Ms Jan Garbutt who is currently on maternity leave .
- Miss Karina Watts from Stratford who is teaching history/classics and social studies.
- Mrs Bronwyn Waikato from Taradale who is teaching art and graphics.
- Miss Jo Pearson from Hastings Intermediate who is teaching textile technology and graphics.
- Our new Sports Co-ordinator, Mrs Ina Jones.



### Memorial Service Catherine Jane Christina Kelt

On Friday last week we held a memorial service in school for Miss Jean Kelt.

Miss Kelt was our second and longest serving principal, having also been a foundation member of our staff. Miss Kelt died the day after her 91st birthday and had led a long and full life. She was Head Girl of the old High School in 1938 before

embarking on a long teaching career in Hastings, Napier and Palmerston North. Miss Kelt is remembered in our school by the naming of our Technology wing and through our sports scholarship at Year 9. We were joined on the day by Miss Betty Kelt, Jean's younger sister and Mrs Sue Foote who is a second cousin of the Misses Kelt.



### Year 9 Parent Evening

Thank you to those Year 9 parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon last Thursday. I trust you found it worthwhile to be able to put faces to the names your daughter talks about. I appreciate the effort that you have made to ensure that your daughters are correctly uniformed. I have read research which indicates that looking smart increases self esteem, which in turn leads to better academic performance.

### Attendance

I cannot say strongly enough how important good school attendance is. In recent figures released by the Ministry our school truancy rates are less than the national average, but our percentage of parent condoned absence is well above the national norm. School is a practice for the world of work and frankly, were some girls to carry on the pattern of absence that they have developed at school into the world of work, they would be dismissed rapidly. There is a huge correlation between success at school and good school attendance, particularly in our current environment where there is so much internal assessment. We do adopt the policy here of having girls repeat a year if their attendance has not been satisfactory, as it is unhelpful to teachers and fellow class members if the teacher has to waste time reteaching skills and other aspects of the curriculum to students who, through their own personal disorganisation, have missed. We are fortunate enough to have a nurse at school every day and a doctor on some days which should enable any health issues that impede school progress to be swiftly resolved.

# 2011 Student Leaders



(l-r) **Head Girl** Courtney Sanders  
**Deputy Head Girl** Emily Brett



**Purple House**  
(l-r) Summer Logan Purple House Sports Deputy  
Rhianna O'Connell Purple House Cultural Deputy  
Danielle Hunter Purple House Captain



(l-r) Environmental Captain Annaliese Paton  
Cultural Captain Shaqaila Uelese  
Community Services Captain Greta Crossan



**Gold House**  
L-r Janice Chan Gold House Captain  
Kate Mountcastle Gold House Cultural Deputy  
Deborah Waerea Gold House Sports Deputy



**School Council**  
l-r Treasurer School Council Rachel Burdon  
Chairperson School Council Bryony Williams  
Secretary School Council Sky Kahuroa



**Blue House**  
(l-r) Blue House Captain Cassandra Harris  
Blue House Sports Deputy Ratnika Sandhu  
Blue House Cultural Deputy Elizabeth McNicol



l-r: Greer Donovan Board of Trustee Representative  
Jinkyung Park International Student Leader  
Helena Andrews Hastings District Council Representative



**Green House**  
(l-r) Green House Cultural Deputy Tayla Hook  
Green House Captain Gabrielle Hutchinson  
Green House Sports Deputy Leihiya Doyle

## NCEA Success

### Scholarship Success

We have been pleased with most of the results gained by our senior students in the recent examinations. Of particular note are the five scholarships achieved by our students. Last year's Dux, Ellen Woods and Proxime Accessit, Amy Harrison, each gained two scholarships each in English and Classics and Megan Alexander gained a scholarship in Photography

### NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3

We congratulate the following students who received their National Certificate with either Merit or Excellence endorsements. This is a worthwhile goal for students and is not easily achieved.

#### Level 1 2010

**Excellence:** Harriet Baxter, Emily Benson, Rebekah Cherry, Catherine Clark, Greer Donovan, Hope Hakopa, Helena Steinmann, Catherine Christanti

**Merit:** Toni Boag-Lodge, Catherine Cater, Lucinda Grieve, Mellessa Hokianga, Sincerely Horne, Madeleine Howard, Haylee Isaacson-Hansen, Bianca McQuinlan, Rohini Mohan, Brearna Wiig, Nikki Bartlett, Maggie Herbison, Rosie Dent, Ashleigh Evans, Annie Gibson, Angel King, Sophie Lewis, Rebecca Mansfield, Abigail McLean, Kate Ormerod, Katie Owen, Rebecca Petherick, Emma van Asch, Beth Woods, Eleanor Yule, Taylor Greening, Melissa Whitton, Maybe Lee, Cassandra Anderson, Rebekah Osborne, Claudia Porter, Levinia Stanton

#### Level 2 2010

**Excellence:** Kate Mountcastle, Nicole Porter

**Merit:** Sheridan Aston, Elizabeth McNicol, Emily Brett, Courtney Sanders, Shaqaila Ueese, Gabrielle Hutchinson, Rhianna O'Connell, Leana Atkenson, Holly Paramore, Janice Chan, Melissa Harrison, Cassandra Harris, Megan Watson, Rosanagh Wypych, Charlotte Goldenthal

#### Level 3 2010

**Excellence:** Megan Alexander, Ellen Woods

**Merit:** Jayde van Maanen, Danae Heard, Catherine Poon, Anna Greville, Claudia Stanton, Riley Smith, Amy Harrison, Claire Newton, Tyler Dixon

## Year 10 Diploma

I am pleased to report that 90.5% of last years Year 10 students gained their Junior Diploma.

**Endorsed with Excellence:** Holly Atkins, Ruth Bischofer, Tamzyn Bremer, Phoebe Chenery, Kate Clapperton, Catherine Frankum, Lorna Gibson, Caitlin Goggin, Courtney Hook, Hannah Jones, Lara Lindsay-Parker, Jasmine Lock, Caitlin McRae, Zoe Newton-Clark, Sarah Nielsen, Lilly Pohatu-Hawkins, Hayley Rosvall, Himalika Sandhu, Anneke Smith, Sarah Taylor, Hannah-Maria Young.

80 students received their Junior Diploma endorsed with Merit . Congratulations to all students!!!

## Interim Report Evenings

A Junior Interim Report Evening for Years 9 and 10 parents will be held on **Tuesday 8 March 2011** from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm and the Senior Interim Report Evening for Years 11, 12 and 13 will be held on **Thursday 24 March** from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm.

This will be an opportunity to meet your daughter's subject teachers and gain a brief overview of her progress at school thus far.

## Swimming Sports

The HGHS swimming sports were held on Thursday 17 February. House spirit was to the fore with some amazing costumes worn in each house. Well done to the girls who participated so enthusiastically. Results were as follows:

### House Competition

1<sup>st</sup> Purple 2<sup>nd</sup> Blue 3<sup>rd</sup> Green 4<sup>th</sup> Gold

### Swimming Champions

**Year 9**

1st	Myhrin Jones	Purple
2nd	Emma Taylor	Blue
3rd	=Amy-Louise Martin	Purple
	Shikisha Kire	Gold
	Laura Jamieson	Purple

**Year 10**

1st	Danielle Rafferty	Purple
2nd	=Lucy Crichton	Blue
	Tamara King	Blue
	Evelyn Benson	Blue
	Brearna Butcher	Gold

**Senior**

1st	Hineira Cherrington	Gold
2nd	Rosie Barclay	Purple
3rd	Courtney Sanders	Green



**2011 Swimming Champions**  
(l-r) Hineira Cherrington, Danielle Rafferty, Myrhin Jones

## Congratulations to .....

- Evie Wallace, Lara Lindsay-Parker and Hannah Macklow** who were members of a crew of eight who competed in the novice section of the North Island Club Rowing Championships held at Lake Karapiro in mid-January. The team was placed second, each team member winning a silver medal .



l-r: Lara Lindsay-Parker, Evie Wallace, Hannah Macklow,

- Ocean Tinning** who was a member of the second Hawkes Bay rowing eight crew who were placed 3rd in the same competition, earning a bronze medal.



- Amy-Louise Martin** who competed in the New Zealand Kayak National Championships and gained the following results:
  - Under 15 K4 500m Silver medal
  - Under 15 K4 200m Silver medal
  - Under 15 K2 500m Bronze medal
  - Under 15 K2 200m Bronze medal
  - Under 15 K1 500m 6th place
  - Under 15 K1 200m 4th place



## Board of Trustees

For those parents who are new to our school, members of our Board of Trustees are:

### Parent Representatives

Mrs Catherine Blake Chairperson  
Mr Graeme Hunt Deputy Board Chairperson  
Mr Duncan Brown  
Mrs Candi Coromandel  
Mrs Celia Dent

**Co-opted Member** Mrs Alieta Uelese  
**Staff Representative** Mr Alan Powdrell  
**Student Representative** Miss Greer Donovan

## School Bylaws

The following changes/additions have been made to our school bylaws:

11.5 Students are not permitted to bring to school or use, chewing gum, cigarettes, tobacco, matches, lighters or aerosol cans.

12.1 The summer dress with the navy braid is the only acceptable summer dress.

Bandannas of any colour are not permitted to be worn on any days, including swimming and athletic sports.

## Summer Sport

All summer sports teams are now underway. This year we are especially pleased to have a cricket team as we have not fielded a team since 2007. Student participation in all codes has increased and we are delighted with the involvement of the girls as they all strive to be the best that they can be! Thank you to all the teaching staff who are involved with their respective sports codes and also to our outside coaches who willingly give up their time for our students.

Students who are in the Waka Ama, Softball and Orienteering teams will shortly be competing at the national championships during summer tournament week.

## Breakfast Club

This year Fonterra and Sanitarium have sponsored a breakfast club which we run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The breakfast is free and available from 8.00am onwards. We serve weetbix and the girls can also have a glass of Nesquik. We believe that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Romy Goodfellow, Aleisha Woon and Anna Rooney organise Year 13 students to help run the breakfast club.

## School Photographs

Class and ID photographs will be taken on Tuesday 1 March. Girls who intend to purchase photos need to pay at the office by **Monday 28 February 2011**. All photos must be pre-ordered and pre-paid. Please ensure that the correct money is placed in the envelope as no change can be given. If you are paying by cheque, please make them payable to Hastings Girls' High School.

Personal ID cards will cost \$6.00 and a laminated, named class photo will cost \$14.00 as will the Year 13 formal and informal photo. Unlaminated class photos will be \$10.50. The ID card is optional but is strongly recommended for all bus students, senior students or any other student who requires proof of age or identity.

## Careers Corner

As some of last year's Year 13 students embark on university life, we start the process of providing information on the tertiary institutions in New Zealand and the different programmes they offer. This term and next will see a number of visits from the liaison officers of tertiary institutions and Year 13 students should take the opportunity to go to these talks so that they can make informed decisions in term 3 about their future direction and where they would like to study in 2012. These liaison people are very knowledgeable and helpful about their particular tertiary institutions. The following is a list of visitors to our school this term:

Wed 2 March	Auckland University
Monday 14 March	Massey University
Tuesday 15 March	EIT
Tuesday 22 March	Careers in the primary sector - Agriculture, horticulture, viticulture and equine
Monday 28 March	Waikato University

Otago and Victoria Universities will visit next term. The universities all return later in the year to help students enrol and choose their programme.

This week saw the launch of the 'Incubator Programme' by representatives of the Hastings District Health Board. The aim of this programme is to raise awareness of the breadth of career choices available in the health service. 20 Year 13 students have been selected to take part in the programme. Here are two accounts from Shannon Christensen and Rhianna O'Connell who took part in this first session.

*I learnt a lot from Neil during our first session of the incubator programme because he did the degree I hope to do next year at university. Firstly he did a degree in bio-chemistry and then branched off and specialised in micro-biology which is the study of bacteria and viruses and their effect on humans. I found this extremely helpful as it broadened my understanding of the range of different careers you are able to branch into.*  
Shannon Christensen

*Melody, an enthusiastic speech therapist, shared the rewards, challenges, difficulties and joy experienced in her job. Specialising in the newborn to three year old age group, her aid in developing speech, facial muscular movement and swallowing ability in infants were much appreciated and provided a lot to be inspired by.*  
Rhianna O'Connell

Finally, if there are any ex-students who are willing to come to school and talk to our students about their particular career, their training and experience, please contact Mrs Sue Phillips, phone 873 1133 ext 849. We would love our students to hear from you to widen their horizons.

## Coming Events

Tuesday 1 March	School Photos
Wed 2 March	Performance by students from Guilin
3-6 March	Duke of Edinburgh Silver trip
Friday 4 March	School triathlon
Tuesday 8 March	Junior Interim Report Evening 4.00—5.00 pm
7-11 March	Year 9 Outdoor Education week
Thursday 24 March	Senior Interim Report Evening 4.00—5.00 pm
26-27 March	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze trip



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Principal