



### A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome to our June newsletter. We have now passed the shortest day of the year which seems somewhat bizarre given that we have hardly begun to feel the effects of winter.

Two weeks ago we had a particularly nice school assembly where we honoured the service of some of our long-serving staff. We have had a special badge made for those staff who have worked here for 25 years or more and these were presented to the relevant staff with a Year 13 student taking responsibility for talking about the school life and contribution of each member of staff. It was a morning filled with much laughter and quite a few happy tears. On the same day, we farewelled longstanding staff member Mrs Linley King who has left us to pursue business interests after 30? years teaching firstly Physical Education and latterly health at HGHS.

Other staff who were presented with service badges on that day were:

Mrs Jillian Frizzell	36 years
Mrs Faye Barclay	35 years
Mr Alan Powdrell	34 years
Mrs Robyn Fargher	30 years
Mrs Noeline Stewart	27 years
Mrs Pip West	27 years
Mrs Cath Hughes	27 Years
Mrs Joanna Jarvis	26 years



As a school community we enjoy having a whole cross section of ages, however at times we seem to be moving more towards a plastic throw away society and so devotion and loyalty are qualities to be treasured.

### ERO Report

Last week we had reviewers here from the Education Review Office. They made very positive comments at their report back about the quality of teaching that they had seen and were very impressed by the commitment of our girls and the level of loyalty and pride they expressed in their school. We will await the arrival of their written report with interest. The format of their reporting has changed as now their reports are addressed to the parent body and are barely three pages long rather than the very wordy and educational jargon filled reports produced in the past.

### Wolfstock

Set in the late 1950s, Wolfstock will transport you back in time to a world of milk bars, juke boxes and real motor bikes. Jay, a 16 year old, finds his safe and ordinary life is to be transformed dramatically. Shock! Horror! Is it possible he could be changing into a creature of the night? Madame Berzerka from Bavaria knows the answer and so does the wild and eccentric owner of a travelling circus. All of them rock along to the beat of the 50s as the tale unfolds.

The show will be performed in the Lindisfarne College Performing Arts Centre from 27-30 June 2011 at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available at the school office. Don't miss out!!!



### Years 9 & 10 Junior Report Evening

Tuesday 9 August  
4.00 pm - 5.45 pm

Reports will be available for collection



## East Coast North Island Cross Country championships

The East Coast North Island Cross Country Championships were held in Gisborne on Wednesday 8 June 2011. Results were as follows:

### Year 9 Girls' 3 person team – 3kms

2<sup>nd</sup> place Grace Barley, Kelly Spencer, Anna Bennett

### Junior Girls' 3 person team – 3 kms

3<sup>rd</sup> place Rebekah Porter, Lucy Owen, Hayley Porter

### Senior Girls' 3 person team – 4kms

2<sup>nd</sup> place Anneke Smith, Deanna Muir, Amy Bennett

### Junior Girls' 6 person team – 3kms

3<sup>rd</sup> place Rebekah Porter, Lucy Owen, Hayley Porter, Danielle Rafferty, Georgia Deacon, Emma Foster

### Senior Girls' 6 person team – 4 kms

2<sup>nd</sup> place Anneke Smith, Deanna Muir, Amy Bennett, Jackie Wooster, Greer Donovan, Sarah Vandenberg

### Senior Girls' Individual 4km

3<sup>rd</sup> place Anneke Smith 17.39

Congratulations to all!

## School Jerseys

We encourage parents to consider having your daughter's school jersey embroidered with the school logo and her name. The cost is \$6.00. This is entirely optional but does have definite advantages—namely, easy identification of jerseys should they be mislaid. On average there are always at least 10 jerseys that find their way to lost property. For those parents who may wish to hand their daughter's school jersey down to future daughters who will be attending Hastings Girls' High School, the embroidery can be unpicked and the name re-done.



If you wish to have her jersey embroidered, please ask your daughter to hand her jersey in to the school office and we will arrange this for you. Mrs Frizzell is very happy to lend your daughter a jersey while her jersey is away being embroidered.

## NCEA Examination Information for Senior Students



**Examination fees are due on Friday 2 September 2011.** These can be paid at the school office at any time. If parents prefer, fees can be paid by instalments as long as the total amount is paid by 2 September 2011.

The timetable for the external examinations has been published by NZQA. Examinations start on Thursday 10 November and finish on Wednesday 30 November. Some students will have a fewer examinations than others and may finish before this November date. Please ask your daughter to check before confirming travel plans. A full timetable is available on [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

## Year 9 Interform Reading Competition Week 7 Progress Results

There has been a fantastic response from our Year 9 students to the interform reading competition. Girls have been working hard on their independent reading and completing quizzes to earn points for their form class. Progress results were announced in a special Year 9 assembly. Prizes and certificates were awarded by Ms Burns to the following girls and classes:

### Top Readers

9Sy	Abigail Lassing	9Wm	Claudia Knibbs
9Wk	Sarah Fannin	9Rn	Michaela Whitehead
9Gs	Natasha Kumar	9Pt	Jenna Mikkelson
9Hs	Denille Moeroa		

### Form Class Results

1st place	9Sy	1731 points
2nd place	9Wk	1530 points
3rd place	9Hs	1479 points

A prize draw was also held for all those students who had achieved 100% on their quizzes. Mr Homan-Smith also received a prize for the leading form teacher. He has already earned an impressive 120 points for his form class.

Well done to all Year 9 girls who are making an excellent effort. Term 2 results will be announced and prizes awarded in Week 11. You have until the end of Week 10 to complete your quizzes to count towards the term 2 totals.

Who will be our leading readers for Term 2?  
Who will take the leading form class prize for term 2?

Go for it girls!!

## Plant and Food Research Visit

On 15 June, five Year 12 students had the chance to visit the Hawkes Bay complex of Plant and Food Research. On hearing from a few of their employees about their high school subject choices, university qualifications and what their job entails, we were given plenty of food for thought about our career options. We went and looked in more detail at some of what Plant and Research does and we were told about the use of pheromones for pest monitoring and control on orchards. We also were able to try the latest varieties of apples—Jazz, Envy and Smitten and evaluate them in relation to their taste, crunch and juiciness compared to the apples they were bred from. This was a fantastic opportunity that encouraged us all to pursue a career in science.

*By Harriet Baxter*



## Congratulations to

- Rebekah Cherry (Spanish Level 1) and Nicole Porter (French Level 2) who were awarded Excellence certificates from the New Zealand Association of Language Teachers for achieving 5 excellence grades in NCEA in 2010.



## Kansai University Daichi High School Visit 2011

For the last 12 years we have had a group of students from Kansai University Daiichi High School coming to our school. This group of 8 girls will arrive on Monday 1 August and leave on Wednesday 17 August. We need homestays for these students over this time. The students pay a fee to be accommodated in your home. Please contact Mrs Sandra Svendsen at school - phone 873 1133 extension 857 between 8.30 am and 1.30 pm if you are interested in providing a homestay for these students.

## French Exchange with Externat Des Enfants Nantais

For the third year running, Hastings Girls' is hosting three French students from Externat des Enfants Nantais in France.

We welcome Anne-Sophie Creach, Clemence Meynial and Valentine Torres who are being hosted by three Year 11 students Sarah Baldwin, Harriet Wolk and Agrani Ratnayake.

They will stay at HGHS until the end of August. Sarah, Harriet and Agrani will be leaving for their three months' exchange in December.



Agrani Ratnayake and Valentine Torres



Clémence Meynial and Harriet Wolk



Anne-Sophie Creach and Sarah Baldwin

## Basketball

The season has been progressing well for all of our teams. The Senior A team is playing basketball to a very high standard. They have had two incredibly close games against Napier Girls' High School who are ranked in the top 10 teams in New Zealand and are working towards meeting them again in the finals of the Hawkes Bay Secondary Schools' competition.

The Senior B team has qualified for the 2nd division Premier Grade. The juniors have been training really well and are improving every week. Both Junior A and Junior B teams have qualified for the Premier grade. They are looking to retain the Hawkes Bay Junior Secondary Schools' title they won last year.

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected for the Under 15 basketball team - Shalloe Sadler, Roshan Ueese and Georgia Houghton. They will be competing in a Central Zone regional tournament to qualify for nationals in August.

## Scholarship

The HB Principals initiative to bring Year 13 scholarship tutorials to Hawkes Bay students commenced last week with lectures on essay writing for both science and arts subjects. These were well attended by HGHS potential scholarship candidates who found Dr Lisa Emmerson's talk very useful. Currently we have students preparing for scholarship in almost every department and there are extra sessions on at lunchtimes for these students.

## Gifted and Talented Education

The GATE group has had several meetings now and one of their activities is preparing for the Level 5 NZ Speech Board examinations. Currently they are working on preparing an informative speech. This involves them writing about a career that they are exploring and may involve shadowing someone involved in that profession. A number of interesting careers have been selected with Rebecca Frankum having her eye on John Key's job.

## Fair Trade and fantastic!

This year the Year 11 Humanities class took the opportunity to put what they had been learning about to practical use. In term one the students looked at the issues of child labour and world poverty. They identified many issues and became aware of solutions to this massive problem. One such solution comes in the form of agencies such as World Vision and Oxfam. So, it seemed fit that they participate in an action that helped.

Oxfam's Biggest Coffee Break ran from 7-22 May this year. On 20 May the 11 students in the class ran a coffee break – or really a hot chocolate break, for staff and students from the hall kitchen. They served well over 160 hot drinks and managed to raise \$191 for Oxfam. The students had spent some time learning about Fair Trade products – such as coffee, hot chocolate, sugar and tea. They learned that by buying Fair Trade products they really do help the producers rather than the large multi-national companies. In addition to the hot chocolates, the girls made and sold Fair Trade chocolate chip biscuits and listened to a speaker from Trade Aid.

At the end of the experience the students then wrote a report that outlined how they participated and what they learned from the experience which will go towards their NCEA Level 1 credits. As their teacher I was extremely proud of how the girls organised themselves, of what they learned and how well they came together to share their knowledge with their peers.

*by Ms Carroll*

## Orienteering

On Sunday 12 June, 13 Hastings Girls' High School students competed in the Hawkes Bay Interschool Individual Orienteering Championships held at Craggy Range. Although it was fine, recent rain overnight meant wet, slippery conditions. All of the girls put in maximum effort, finishing muddy and smiling! Congratulations to Georgia Lock and Helen Howell who were placed 1st and 3rd respectively in the Junior Girls' championship grade. Harriet Baxter gained a 4th placing in the Senior Girls' championship grade and Emily Van Olfen, on her first run, gained a creditable 6th place in the Junior Girls' standard grade. All of the girls are looking forward to the Hawkes Bay Interschool Relay Orienteering Championship competition on 26 June 2011.

## Year 9 and Red Socks Beat the Guinness Book of Records

What an amazing site we had in the gardens surrounding the school last Monday. As part of the upcoming Sir Peter Blake Trust Leadership Week every one of our Year 9 girls pinned several pairs of red socks on a clothes-line. The Sir Peter Blake Leadership Trust, supported by Westpac, is sending 90 metres of clothes-line to schools throughout New Zealand in the aim to bring awareness to Leadership Week. All the clotheslines will then be sent to Westpac Stadium in Wellington on 24 June and connected to fill the field with thousands of red socks fluttering in the wind. This will create the world record for the most socks pegged on one clothesline!



## HGHS Music Department News

June/July is always a very busy time in the HGHS cultural calendar and this year has definitely been no exception. On Wednesday 2 June, Te Waka Huia competed in the Regional Big Sing Choral Festival held in the Hawkes Bay Opera House. Te Waka Huia is the inspiring name given to the group of singers who combined to bring together the Femmina Cappella and Pacific Prides choirs of previous years. This large, energetic choir presented a very fine, polished performance. Their rendition of "Ulufale", a traditional Samoan-like hymn set to the music of Neil Finn's "Better Be Home Soon", was particularly moving. This piece was conducted by our cultural leader Shaqaila Ueese and accompanied very sensitively on the piano by Camilla Paulo. The choir also made a great job of the "Sister Act" favourite "Joyful, Joyful" (this time accompanied by Shaqaila) and the successful performance of this piece reflected the many hours of work undertaken by the choir and director Mr Chris Atkinson to prepare for the event.

This year HGHS entered three groups into the Hawke's Bay Chamber Music competition which was held in the Municipal Theatre on 17/18 June. Congratulations to the members of the string quartet "Licorice Allsorts" (Hannah-Maria Young, Ashleigh Petersen, Janelle Oxley and Catherine Frankum), The "Magic Trio" (Kelly Riddell, Samantha Agnew and Tayla Robertson) and to "Syrtos" (Evelyn Benson, Stuart Thomson and Hannah Jones) for their performances in the competition.

Saturday 12 June saw the annual Smokefree Rockquest take place in the Hawkes Bay Opera House. HGHS was represented in the preliminaries by solo singer/songwriter Greta Crossan and singing duo "HannaandHazza" (Hannah-Maria Young and Harriet Wolk).



On Sunday 12 June, the combined HGHS/Lindisfarne College Concord Symphonic Band travelled to Feilding to take part in the Feilding Festival of Bands. The band left early in the morning in order to give them enough time for a rehearsal beforehand. We are very fortunate to have Miss Megan Dillon,

a member of the Notre Dame Band from Chicago, currently with us on a six week exchange, and as she had only just arrived in the country days before, it was a great opportunity for her to have a run through with the band before the festival itself. This year's adjudicator was well-known NZ musician and band director Roger Fox. The band played well and were aptly rewarded when they were presented with a Gold Award at the Awards Ceremony. In addition, Saluvala Setu was awarded "Best Vocalist" for her moving performance of "I Dreamed a Dream" accompanied by the band.

This Saturday 25 June, a number of our students will be competing in the "Voice" Youth Talent Quest run by the Atomic Events Centre. This event has become quite a focus for our students who are keen to share their various talents and compete in what has obviously become HB's Hottest Talent Quest. The finals for this event will be open to the public and held in the HB Opera House at 7.30pm (\$5 entry)

On Saturday 2 July our Massive Action Barbershop Chorus will be competing in the Young Singers in Harmony regional barbershop competition to be held in Napier. We are also entering a quartet and we wish "Out of Eden" good luck as they make their debut performance! On Thursday 7 July, the Concord Symphonic and Concord Concert Bands will both be travelling to New Plymouth to take part in the National Concert Band Festival. Both bands have been rehearsing hard for this event and we wish them every success as they perform their programmes. Best wishes also to the Concord Percussion Ensemble and to the various students who will be representing the school as soloists on this occasion.

## Inspire your Tamariki!

The Literacy Committee organised a 'Favourite Read Aloud' display around the school which highlighted the importance of reading aloud to the little ones in our lives. Hastings Girls' High School staff were photographed with their favourite bedtime story that they had read to them as a child, or one that they love reading to their own children or grandchildren now.



A number of staff took part in the lunchtime Read Aloud in the library.

Mrs Travers with great nephew Nathan & great niece Annelise

We also ran a 'Read Aloud' photo competition, asking for students to send in a photo of them reading aloud to the little ones in their lives. Winners will be announced next week.

Be a reading role model. ***'Whatever happens in the world of school, continuing to read aloud to our children at home should solve most reading problems and will always be a lifeline to their happiness, their literacy and their future.'***

From 'Reading Magic' by Mem Fox

## Debating

Currently Hastings Girls' High School is running nine debating teams. We have two teams at each year level except for Year 13 which has one. Thirty girls altogether are involved as some teams have more than three members. Every team has a coach such as Mrs Travers, Mrs Clifton and senior debaters, such as deputy head girl Emily Brett.

Each team has had three debates and we are about to tackle our fourth. Apart from the Year 9 teams, everyone is facing a limited preparation debate where they have one hour only to prepare before they face the opposition. The moots are secret until preparation time starts. A number of schools share in the hosting of these. Hastings Girls' High School is hosting a batch of Year 11 debates and a batch of Year 10 debates. The Year 9 teams are preparing to debate that 'Plastic is the bane of our time'. As they are the plastic generation, they have found it hard to imagine a world before plastic.

## Coming Events

27-30 June	HGHS/Lindisfarne College Musical Production 'Wolfstock'
1 July	HB Barbershop Regional Finals
4 July	SPARC Ambassador to speak to selected students
6 July	Board of Trustees meeting
7-10 July	National Concert Band Festival—New Plymouth
15 July	End of Term 2
1 August	Term 3 commences
9 August	Junior Report Evening
1-17 August	Kansai University Daichi High School visit
15-19 August	Pasifika Week
16 August	Australian Maths Exam
19 August	Year 9 Module ends
24 August	House Choir Festival

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