



### A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents

It seems as if winter has at last arrived and we can wave goodbye to the lovely days that our very long autumn this year has given us.

It has been an incredibly busy time of late with a number of key events to come in the term. In the week beginning 13 June we will be visited by a small team from the Education Review Office. As well as this many members of our school will be hard at work getting our combined production with Lindisfarne College ready for the stage.

A week ago we had an excellent special assembly where our Kapa Haka group and 'Candy', our very successful Year 9 dance group performed. to assembly. It was a wonderful experience for the whole school to be able to see such an excellent performance.

As with all parts of the school operation, we are constantly looking at how we can do things better to better meet the needs of our students. Currently, Year 9 students study nine options which means that there are lots of changes throughout the year. In looking at how we can ensure that girls are much better placed in terms of preparation for NCEA, I am proposing the following changes to Year 9 options so that girls may study their option subjects in much more depth. I might point out here that our current option system has been unchanged for about the last 15 years!

Currently Year 9 students study the following core subjects all year: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education. I would like to propose that we considerably reduce the number of compulsory option subjects to being only Art, Health and Music and that girls would then choose from the following list:

**Languages (one is compulsory)**

French, Maori or Spanish

**Technologies (one is compulsory)**

Textiles, Graphics, Food Technology, Information Management.

**Arts** Drama or Dance

**Special Programmes**

Gifted & Talented, Literacy/ Numeracy  
(Girls will be selected for these special programmes)

Girls will choose one other subject from either Languages, Technology or Arts. All of these options will be studied for half a year.

I would welcome parent feedback on these proposed changes. Please telephone or email me - [admin@hastingsgirls.com](mailto:admin@hastingsgirls.com) with your thoughts.

From time to time events that happen in the community spill over into school. We often become privy to information about activities that our students are involved in and it is on the basis of this that I offer the following advice. If your daughter tells you that she is going to stay over at a friend's home, please make sure you check with the parent of that student to make sure that the information being given to you is correct. All too often we become aware that students were not where they were supposed to be and many situations could have been avoided if parents had checked out the details prior to the event. Please feel confident that you do know more than your children and it is your right and responsibility as a parent to ensure that they are safe.

On Monday 30 May at our school assembly, we will be pleased to welcome Mr Ngatai Konia into the school as our kaumatua and Mrs Hiraani Awarangi as our kuia. Mr Konia is a previous teacher of Maori at Havelock North High School and is the grandfather of one of our students and Mrs Awarangi is the nanny of our kapahaka group and the grandmother of one of our students. Both will add value to the care of our young women.

### Congratulations to Aaliyah Ah Kiong

Aaliyah Ah Kiong has been selected in the New Zealand Under 16 Basketball team who will travel to Australia to compete in the Australian Under 16 Championships in Victoria in July.

Aaliyah is no stranger to international travel and competition, having represented New Zealand in the January NZ Koru development tours.



### Congratulations to Maneka Singh

Last week we were advised that Year 11 student Maneka Singh, has been awarded the Peter Hooton Memorial Cricket Scholarship for 2011. This \$5000 scholarship will allow Maneka and our school to update gear and offer Maneka the one on one coaching that will assist her to become a first class all rounder.

In the 2009/2010 cricket season, Maneka created history when she was named in the Central Districts Hinds team at 13 years of age, the youngest first class player to play at that level for either men or women. She also made her debut for the Hawkes Bay Senior Women's team in that same year.



## Waka Ama

*Tihei winiwini, tihei wanawana, tihei mauriora!*



A highlight for the whole of the school's waka ama roopu was Mana Huia, standing on the winner's podium having won first place in the bowl competition. Success on the water was equalled by success in a determined training schedule and a committed fund raising programme. This was the third year that

Hastings Girls' High School has competed at the National Secondary Regatta held in Rotorua at Lake Tikapau and performance continues to improve. The school had two crews; Rau Huia, the Under 16 team consisting of Marama Henry, Sheridan Hokianga, April-Rose Filipo, Ricky-Leah Morrell, Waiora Tareha, Annabelle Waerea and Emma Whaanga. Paddling in the Under 19 division for Mana Huia were Aki Kato, Darshon Hokianaga, Zhane Munro, Tiria Tomoana, Tiana Potaka and Anahera McClutchie. The younger crew, Rau Huia, were expertly steered by Marama Henry, a novice to waka ama but with extraordinary determination and courage.

We are fortunate to have Trevor Taurima, a kaumatua from Tongoa marae, as our mentor and coach. Trevor, a world class waka ama paddler, has given tirelessly of his time and aroha in tutoring the girls in waka ama and in the kaupapa that underlies it. There is a saying that 'age is just a number' and with our kaumatua it indeed is. At 75 years old he has epitomised what it is to be a valued and deeply respected kaumatua and show that age is a wonderful asset.

A further exciting aspect to Nationals this year was the opportunity for our school to host the crews of College de Pau Pau from the home of waka ama, Tahiti. The girls stayed at Apumoana Marae and they all represented the school wonderfully with their cooking, singing and cooperative skills. It is a great sport and the teachers involved; Ms Burns, Mrs Grimston and Miss Diedrichs look forward to welcoming more girls to the sport next year.

*Kati rà nàu te rourou, nàku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi!*

## Wolfstock

Rehearsals are well underway as the cast of Wolfstock works towards the production dates of 27-30 June 2011 in the Lindisfarne College Auditorium starting at 7.30 pm.

Tickets for this musically exciting and fun production will be on sale at the school office from Wednesday 1 June 2011 at a cost of \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.



## Board of Trustees



**Back Row (l-r)** Greer Donovan (Student Representative), Alieta Ue-lesse, Cath Hughes (Secretary), Alan Powdrell (Staff Representative), Duncan Brown, Celia Dent

**Front Row (l-r):** Catherine Blake (Board Chair), Geraldine Travers (Principal), Graeme Hunt (Deputy Chair), Inset—Candi Coromandel

## ANZAC

It was with pride that Head Girl Courtney Sanders and Deputy Head Girl Emily Brett, accompanied by Assistant Principal, Mrs Jillian Frizzell, laid a wreath on behalf of our staff and students at the Dawn Service for Anzac Day to honour those who have served for our country.



## Hawkes Bay Youth Alcohol Expo

On Friday 13 May, our Year 11 students visited the 'Anti-Drink-Driving Expo' held at the Pettigrew Green Arena in Taradale. The expo was organised by partner agencies committed to taking a proactive stance against drink driving and the harm it causes. The partners included Police, Roadsafte HB, HB District Health Board, HB Primary Health Organisation, Blue Light & ACC.

The speakers gave personal accounts of how drink driving accidents have affected them and the displays gave the girls a bit more of an insight into how the Police are attempting to combat drunk drivers. The aim was to provide 'hard-hitting' realistic messages for youth and practical information for parents, schools and the community around youth and alcohol.



## NCEA Examination Information for Senior Students



**Examination fees are due on Friday 2 September 2011.** The fees this year are \$76.70 per student. Financial assistance forms were sent out with your daughter's account. Spare forms are available from the school office. Financial assistance forms must be returned by **Thursday 16 June 2011.**

To receive financial assistance the following criteria applies:

- Be receiving a Work and Income or Study Link benefit
- Have a joint income below the threshold for receipt of a Community Services Card.
- Have more than one child in the family undertaking the qualifications in the same year, irrespective of income.

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)

## 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 12 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.

## Gateway

Many of our Year 12 and 13 Gateway students have started work placements out in their prospective industries. So far this year we have had girls studying Animal Care, Elder Care, Hospitality, Early Childhood Education, Agriculture, Retail, Hairdressing and Automotive. The Gateway Programme gives these students the chance to start studying towards a career and gain a taste of what the industry is really like by spending time in a work place.



Sasha Singh at Kilt Clothing



Alana-Jane Godwin-Clarke at Seven Dwarfs Childcare Centre

Some students will have long placements—eg a day a week over several terms, others will have placements for just a morning over a few weeks, depending on their level of interest and how it fits into their school timetable.

These experiences can be really rewarding and are a great way of helping the girls decide what they would like to do when they leave school.

## Dance

Once again, after a lot of hard work and effort, Hastings Girls' High School have done extremely well in the HB Secondary Schools' Dance Competition. This year saw one dedicated Year 9 team (Candy) complete their dance after giving up over a term of their own time. Eleven teams competed in the junior section and our team of Micaela Whitehead, Chelsea Lorkin, Lucy Thompson, Laura Sturch, Kelsey Grapes and Sally Mirams gained 2nd place. Well done girls!!



## Friendship from 11Se

by Noeline Stewart, Form Teacher 11 Se



Following the 22 February quake in Christchurch my form class were keen to forge a link with a Year 11 class at Avonside Girls' High School. We decided to hold a bake sale and then, using this money we set about making friendship bracelets and hair scrunchies for the girls in this form class. We were very lucky to receive support from Gilmours Pharmacy in Havelock North with skin creams and from Whittakers Chocolate who gave us chocolate bars for the girls. We used the money raised to buy other treat items and made up individual gift bags for the girls in 11Dy at Avonside Girls.

My thanks must go to the students of 11Se for all their hard work in making the bracelets and scrunchies and also to Leihiya, Tayla and Gabby for recording the times with photos and especially to Leihiya for making an album for 11Dy to have. The gift bags will be sent to Avonside Girls' High this week and we hope that it will provide some treats for them all.

## Incubator

The third session of the Incubator programme at the beginning of this term included three speakers—Querida Whatuira-Strickland, Andrew Scuffham and Jean Koorey.

Querida Watuira-Strickland is a Kaitakawaenga, Maori Liaison person at the Hawkes Bay District Health Board. She works in paediatrics which includes maternity, SCBU, children's ward, audiology and paediatric outpatients.

Andrew Scuffham spoke of his work as an anaesthetic technician for many years before starting his career in Health & Safety. His role as Team Leader, Occupational Health & Safety sees him involved in a range of areas including training, policy and procedure work and investigations of accidents.



L-R: Hope Goldsack, Jean Koorey, Rhianna O'Connell

Jean Koorey has had a long career in theatre nursing spending time in management and education as well as scrubbing in to operations. Her current role as a Clinical Nurse Educator sees her educating, orientating and supporting new graduate nurses in theatre, as well as educating the more experienced nurses.

This was a great interactive session with much thought provoking discussion.

## Kapahaka Success!!

Congratulations to our school Kapahaka group who performed with pride and mana at the recent Hawkes Bay Secondary Schools' Kapahaka competition. Results were as follows:

1st	Kaitakāi	Autumn Parata
1st	Costume	Hastings Girls' High School
2nd	Choral	Hastings Girls' High School
3rd = Exit		Hastings Girls' High School

Photo (l-r) Camilla Paulo & Autumn Parata



## North Island Secondary School Orienteering Championships

Championships were held in Taupo on 29/30 April. On Friday the individual races were held over a steep, hilly course above Taupo. In the senior girls championship grade Harriet Baxter came 10<sup>th</sup> while Hannah Jones came 11<sup>th</sup> in the senior girls standard grade. A very large field in both the intermediate girl's championship grade and the junior girl's championship grade saw our girls placed in the middle of the field.

On Saturday the relays saw consistent running by our girls and the junior girls relay team came a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup>, with only 37 seconds separating the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place getters. Individual highlights of the relays were Harriet Baxter and Helen Howell both running the second fastest time on their respective courses.

It was an enjoyable and challenging competition with many thanks going to Chris Howell for coaching the team and the parents who came and supported Hastings Girls' High School. The girls are now focusing on the Hawke's Bay Interschool Championships being held in June. This is run by the HB Orienteering Club

[www.hborienteering.co.nz](http://www.hborienteering.co.nz).

The individuals' competition is on the 12 June. Any student interested in competing should see Mrs Jones.

## School Triathlon Results

The following girls gained success in the recent annual school triathlon.

### Senior

1.	Megan Watson	Blue	24.57
2.	Sarah Taylor	Blue	28.58
3.	Sarah Vandenberg	Gold	30.19

### Junior

1.	Emma Taylor	Blue	26.25
2.	Georgia Deacon Green		28.57
3.	Olivia Macaulay	Gold	30.18

### Senior Team Event

1.	Jasmine Lock, Holly Atkins, Ruth Bischofer	26.58
2.	Elishia Ward, Harriet Baxter, Greer Donovan	27.59
3.	Hineira Cherrington, Sincerely Horne, Hope Hakopa	28.06

### Junior Teams Event

1.	Myhrin Jones, Simone Bibby, Emily Van Olffen	26.08
2.	Helen Phillips, Paige Connell-Culver, Hayley Porter	27.03
3.	Lucy Crichton, Joanna Brown, Sarah Baxter	27.53

### Records

<b>Senior Individual</b>	Megan Watson	23.01	2010
<b>Junior Individual</b>	Megan Watson	25.01	2008


### Team – senior


Clair Benson, Sarah Watson, Amy Taylor	23.21	2007
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### Team – junior

Lara Lindsay-Parker, Evie Wallace, Anneke Smith	25.57	2010
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## Congratulations to .....

- Lucy Owen who won the 2011 Golf Hawkes Bay & Poverty Bay Women Inc Age Group Championships (Under 19 girls) on the weekend of 2-3 April 2011.
- Nicole Porter and Kate Mountcastle who have both won a scholarship from Victoria University for achieving NCEA Level 2 with excellence.
- Sarah Davis who gained selection for the Hawkes Bay Area Pony Club Eventing team to compete in the 2011 NZ Pony Club Horse Trials championships in Taupo at the end of April. Sarah competed in the training class and finished a very creditable 5th out of 33 competitors with her team placing 7th overall. Sarah's results are especially creditable as she has only had her new horse 'Ben' for 3½ months.
 

Sarah & Ben representing HGHS at the St Matthew's Collegiate Interschool Equestrian event in February
- Anneke Smith who was one of 21 athletes who competed in the North Island Secondary Schools' track and field championships in Hamilton on 1 April 2011. Anneke competed in the intermediate girls' age group 400m and 800m. She qualified for the 800m final and gained a very creditable 8th placing with a time of 2min 23.40 seconds—a great result for Anneke.
 
- Starla Sadd-Toko who made the semi-final for the Under 16 Single Sculls at the recent 2011 Aon Maadi Cup regatta.
- Aaliyah Ah Kiong, Tietie Aiolupotea & Danika Whittington who are members of the HB Under 17 basketball team to compete at the NZ Basketball Championships, Queen's Birthday weekend.

## School Cross Country Results

The school cross country championships were held on Monday 23 May in near perfect conditions. A field of over 120 runners enjoyed the sunshine and the relatively hard ground in Frimley Park and the school grounds. Anneke Smith leapt out to a convincing lead early on in the race and the other girls were unable to catch her. She won the 3km race by over one minute which is an outstanding effort over that distance. It was also fantastic to see the Year 9 students running so well. Results were as follows:



Anneke Smith

Senior	1st	Anneke Smith	10.48
	2nd	Deanna Muir	11.49
	3rd	Amy Bennett	12.02
Year 10	1st	Lucy Owen	12.16
	2nd	Danielle Rafferty	12.23
	3rd	Hayley Porter	12.55
Year 9	1st	Grace Barley	11.55
	2nd	Kelly Spencer	11.56
	3rd	Anna Bennett	11.57

## Watties Enterprise Challenge 2011

Watties Enterprise Challenge is an annual competition held for Year 10 students who take Food Technology as one of their options. The competition began with a fun-filled launch day in the school hall where students took part in various activities. The students were given their brief and met with food technologists from Heinz Wattie's Ltd who gave them more information about the task ahead. They are required to choose groups of 4-5 people to work with, form a company and design a product based on the brief which can be sold to the public and hopefully make a profit for the company. This year the ingredient the students are to use is tomatoes. The students will be judged by the Product Development team of Heinz Wattie's and will have the chance to win prizes.



By Jessica Lockwood, Rebecca Dixon, Gemma Bartlett and Natalie Drummond.

Exciting tomato products will be on sale in Term 3. Please support our student companies!

## Years 11, 12 & 13 Senior Report Evening

Thursday 23 June  
4.00 pm - 5.45 pm

Reports will be available for collection



## Spanish Pen Pals

Junior students studying Spanish have been corresponding with students in a school in Hervas in Spain. This is very good practice for their Spanish and the Spanish students' English.

## Coming Events

Thurs 2 June	'Waka Huia' choir perform at 'The Big Sing' - HB Opera House
Mon 6 June	Students from Notre Dame University arrive
Wed 8 June	ICAS Science Competition
9—10 June	'UCanDo' Year 11 Study Skills Course
Sun 12 June	Concord Symphonic Band compete at Feilding Band Festival
13-17 June	Education Review Office in school
Sat 18 June	Rockquest regional finals
17-19 June	HB Chamber Music Contest
Tues 21 June	ICAS Writing Competition
Thurs 23 June	Senior Report Evening 4.00 pm—5.45 pm
Wed 30	Board of Trustees meeting
27-30 June	HGHS/Lindisfarne College Musical Production 'Woodstock'

G B L Travers  
Principal