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LEADERSHIP

A legacy of Leadership

CATHERINE BENTLEY

Principal 2018 - 2025

At the end of 2025, Hastings Girls' High School farewelled Catherine Bentley, bringing to a close eight years of significant leadership, change and development at our kura.

Catherine arrived at Hastings Girls' High School after 28 years in education and took up the position of Principal with a clear belief in the potential of young women and in the importance of creating a school in which every student could see a place for herself. During her tenure, she led the school through a period of considerable educational and social change, while strengthening its identity, its curriculum and its relationship with the community it serves.

Central to Catherine's leadership was the belief that education should be designed around the learner, rather than requiring the learner to fit the system. This philosophy influenced the continuing development of the Hastings Girls' High School curriculum, with increasing emphasis on flexibility, student choice, individual pathways and opportunities for students to discover their strengths and interests.

Her leadership encouraged the school to look beyond traditional measures of success and consider what each young woman needed to thrive. Academic achievement remained important, but so too did belonging, culture, leadership, wellbeing, creativity, sport and the development of confident young people equipped to determine their own futures. One of the most enduring aspects of Catherine's tenure was the strengthening of the school's relationship with Ngāti Kahungunu and its commitment to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

The school increasingly drew upon the histories, pūrākau, tikanga and identity of Heretaunga and Ngāti Kahungunu in shaping its curriculum and culture. Relationships with mana whenua and local leaders supported this work, including connections with Waipatu and Ruahapia Marae and the development of tikanga and kawa to guide important aspects of school life.

The values of pono, manaakitanga, whakawhanaungatanga, whakaute and kaitiakitanga became increasingly visible within teaching and learning, alongside the growth of opportunities such as Te Reo Māori, Te Ao Haka, kapa haka, waka ama, Kī-o-rahi, wānanga and noho marae.

The school's motto, Ākina — to encourage, to uplift, came to encapsulate much of what the school aspired to be: a place where young women were encouraged to recognise their own potential and to uplift those around them. The huia, too, became an important representation of the identity and

aspirations of the kura.

Catherine's years as Principal also encompassed some of the most challenging periods experienced by New Zealand schools in recent history.

The disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic required schools to respond rapidly to lockdowns, distance learning, changing public-health requirements and the considerable effect these had on students, whānau and staff. Later, in February 2023, Cyclone Gabrielle devastated communities throughout Hawke's Bay.

For Hastings Girls' High School, these were not simply operational challenges. Students, staff and whānau were directly affected. Through these periods Catherine's leadership emphasised connection, compassion and community, while maintaining the school's focus on education and the wellbeing of its young people.

These experiences reinforced a quality that became characteristic of the school during her tenure: resilience. When circumstances changed, the kura adapted. When members of the community needed support, people came together. The strength of those relationships became an important part of the school's story.

Throughout her principalship, Catherine was also a strong advocate for student voice and student agency. Students were encouraged to contribute to decisions affecting their learning and their school and to take genuine responsibility as leaders. Leadership was not regarded as something reserved for a small number of students holding formal positions, but as something that could be developed and demonstrated in many different ways.

At the same time, Hastings Girls' High School continued to celebrate the diversity of its increasingly multicultural community. Students were encouraged to bring their language, culture, whakapapa, interests and experiences into school life. The aim was not simply for students to attend Hastings Girls', but for them to know that they belonged here.

Catherine also challenged staff to continue learning and evolving. Her leadership encouraged innovation, reflection and a willingness to reconsider established practice when it no longer best served students. She supported educators to think carefully about the young women in front of them and to respond to their strengths, needs and aspirations. Across eight years, there were countless individual achievements: academic endorsements and scholarships,

sporting successes, cultural performances, artistic accomplishments, leadership opportunities and pathways into tertiary study, training and employment. Collectively, however, Catherine's legacy is perhaps best understood not through any single result or initiative, but through the culture and direction of the school she left behind.

It was a school increasingly confident in its identity as Hastings Girls' High School — Ngā Rau Huia o Ākina; proud of its place in Heretaunga; committed to its relationship with Ngāti Kahungunu; ambitious for its students; and determined that there should never be only one definition of what a successful Hastings Girls' student looks like.

Catherine's leadership combined high expectations with compassion. She expected young women to aspire, staff to continue growing, and the school itself to be courageous enough to change. She also understood that leadership is tested most during difficult times. During her years at Hastings Girls', she experienced significant personal loss as well as leading through extraordinary challenges affecting the wider Hawke's Bay community. Her resilience, openness and commitment during those periods were deeply respected.

A phrase Catherine used — "sing above the note" — became an apt description of the aspiration she encouraged within the school: not simply to meet expectations, but to reach further; to have the confidence to stand out; and to recognise that individual voices can contribute to something greater.

At the end of 2025, Catherine stepped down as Principal to take up a new position with the Ministry of Education, beginning in January 2026 as North Island Special Focus Leadership Advisor for Area and Composite Schools. It was a fitting next chapter for an educator whose experience and leadership would now contribute to schools beyond Hastings Girls' High School.

Catherine left behind a kura changed by her eight years of service and a generation of young women who had experienced her belief that their backgrounds did not define the limits of their futures.

The history of Hastings Girls' High School has been shaped by many people since its establishment in 1956. Catherine Bentley now holds her own important place within that history.

For her leadership, her courage through change, her commitment to equity and inclusion, her belief in young women and her service to Hastings Girls' High School, we record our sincere gratitude.

Ngā mihi nui, Catherine. Thank you for eight years of encouraging, uplifting and inspiring the young women of Hastings Girls' High School.



Tempryss LAUVAO

Head Girl 2025

It feels strange knowing that my five years at Hastings Girls' High School have come to an end. We have spent so much time at this school—in the hall, in our uniforms and alongside one another—that it is difficult to put into words just how much this place has meant to me.

Along the way, I realised that none of us is ever just one thing. We are not defined by the sport we play, how well we do at school, or by our best or worst moments. We can grow, change, try new things and take up space in our own way. That is something Hastings Girls' has taught me, and I hope it is something every student carries with her.

To our teachers, deans, support staff and principal—thank you for continually encouraging us, recognising our potential and showing us such kindness.

To my friends—thank you for keeping me grounded, for all the laughs and for reminding me who I am through your very honest and unfiltered advice. Most of all, thank you for the genuine love and kindness you have always shown me.

To the students continuing their journey at Hastings Girls', I encourage you to take chances, including the ones you may not think are “for you”. You never truly know what you are capable of until you try. Do not allow fear of what others might think to stop you from raising your hand, being yourself or stepping outside your comfort zone. In ten years, we will not remember the moments when we held back—but we will remember the times we were brave enough to take a chance.

To my Year 13s—the very best group of Year 13s—we finally made it to the finish line. Together, we have experienced lockdowns, Cyclone Gabrielle, strikes, global and political crises, many growlings, countless trips to T1 and even more visits to the deans. We have been through a lot, but we are still here.

Leaving is bittersweet. The reality is that it is time to put on our big-girl pants and step out into the world. What comes next is now up to us. Life may not always be perfect or follow the plan we imagined, but the way we respond and adapt to those moments will reveal our true character. I am incredibly proud of you all and wish you every success, wherever life takes you next.

I also want to thank the two most important people in my life—my mum and dad. They are the real reason behind everything I have achieved. They have been the quiet voices that calm me and the louder voices that get me back on track—

which, admittedly, is needed most of the time! Thank you for always being my greatest supporters in school, sport and life, and for everything you have sacrificed for me and my siblings. Ofa atu, Mum and Dad.

I hope that, as Head Girl and a fellow Hastings girl, I have been someone others could turn to—for help, for a laugh or simply as a friendly face in the hallway. As much as I could keep yapping about all the memories and highlights, my time here is now complete, and the next chapter belongs to those who follow.

I leave with excitement for the future and these words from Bob Marley: “Love the life you live. Live the life you love.”

Fa'afetai tele lava, mālō 'aupito, and thank you.



Tiana

KUPA

Amorangi 2025

When I started at Hastings' Girls High School in Year 9 I was very shy and still trying to find my place where I belonged. I participated in netball, rugby, waka ama and badminton but it wasn't until I joined Te Huia Kaimana, the Māori Council where I found my turangawaewae.

While sitting amongst my fellow committee members and watching as Maera Tahu— our first ever Amorangi wore this korowai with pride. I was inspired to help our akonga and uphold the legacy she once presented. Since then, I learnt to use my voice through the Māori Council to help other akonga who were in the same position I once was.

With the courage I was given by friends and the support I was given by our kaiako I had the honour to lead our school as

Amorangi of 2025. I was able to share Māori culture through our kura and empower nga taura o apopo.

Throughout my journey in leadership this year I learnt the importance of teamwork and kindness. Thank you to my mentors who have guided me and taught me many valuable lessons since my junior years about growth as a young Māori leader, my council members who always provided unconditional support, Mrs Bentley for giving me the opportunity to stand here today, and most of all, my whānau, especially my mum, for keeping me humble and loving me unconditionally.



STUDENT LEADERS



Maia van den Berk
Community Captain

Hossana Peni
Performing Arts Captain

Mia Kerisiano
Performing Arts Captain

Janet Vaiusu
Sports Captain



Kashishpreet Kaur
International Student Ambassador

Lani Kawana
BOT Student Rep

Mennat Quazi
Academic Captain

Annah Frazerhurst
Student Relations Captain



Petronilla Olotua
Green House Captain

Pisila Nu'u
Gold House Captain

Devantaye Fiu
Blue House Captain

'Ofa Kaufononga
Purple House Captain

LEADERSHIP GROUPS



HUIA KAIMANAWA

Back Row: Whaea C Keelan, Cheyenne Christy-Smith, Azaariyah Mete, Aniwaniwa Makirere-Haerewa, Whaea C Smith

Front Row: Lizar Reihana, Erica Monika-Matehaere Paul, Atareta Sciascia, Ihia Kawana

Absent: Indy Aranui, Turquoise Hawkins-Kemp, Kerima-Jaye King, Tiana Kupa, Hadassah Malota-Maele, Kaea Tangohau



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Front Row: Jasdeep Kaur, Jade Palisoc, Maia van den Berk, Seerat Kang, Niranjana Subhash

Absent: Munnat Hayer



ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Back Row: Mennat Quazi, Maieke Thompson, Maia van den Berk, La Enri Ditchas, Mr C Pera

Front Row: Niranjana Subhash, Jasmeet Kaur, Rahma Miah, Navisha Chumber, Annah Frazerhurst

Absent: Ocean Dutta, Munnat Hayer, Natasha Rani



JUNIOR LEADERS

Back Row: Johannes Iese, Manreet Kaur, Sophia O'Kane, Pattreece Andersen, Selai Pahulu, Arnika Warren, Sarahanne Greig, Elise Hooper, Sisifo Tafunai, Ella Paerau-Te Ngahue, Mr C Pera

Front Row: Darleen Kireka, Brooke Lemalu, Harnoor Kaur, Muskan Heer, Jasdeep Kaur,

Soraya Palipane, Maneth Hern, Niharika Bukka, Frances Milo

Absent: Whaitiri Taiatini



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Back Row: Ms J Fugle, Lakshita Sharma, Kanhchana Van, Rozahn Friedrichs, Adelaide Steenkamp, Dulansa Lamahewa

Front Row: Chezcah Reyes, Ocean Dutta, Kashishpreet Kaur, Seneesa Lamahewa, Niranjana Subhash

Absent: Ananya Tariyal, Elizabeth Turner



SPORTS COMMITTEE

Back Row: Mr F Martin, Pattreece Andersen, Delilah Spencer, Imila Valoaga, Leilani Brown, Elise Hooper, Valentyne Manutulila, Teiyah Fomai, Mr F Matamata, Ms E Jensen

Front Row: Brooke Lemalu, Salome Pailate, Micah Elisa Severino, Janet Vaiusu, Jo Opoc, Sinead Gallagher, Payton Tautau

Absent: Riley Crawford-Pakoti, Ani Dickey



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Absent: Mrs T Pettersson



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Front Row: Kanhchana Van, Chezcah Reyes, Ysabelle Faith Borra, Kanishka Pokhriyal, Ocean Dutta, Mubashra Rana, Jasdeep Kaur, Soraya Palipane, Maneth Hern

Absent: Yashika Aheer, Caitlin Dobbe, Harshpreet Kaur, Miracle Saunders-Littleton, Ananya Tariyal



PERFORMING ARTS/CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Back Row: 'Ofa Kaufononga, Lise Manuele, Ana Hiko, Kamalpreet Kaur, Tuitavaka Pulaalofa, Maddee Marsh, Janet Vaiusu, Esther Semi Tevaga, Mrs M Ferguson

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Absent: Grace Ismail, Lani Kawana, Erica Monika-Matchaere Paul, Petronilla Olotua, Liu Fale Taufa, Seu Toala, Cyana Tuaputa



Chevelle Katene - Year 11



Sasha Hunt



Amber Twist



Tuitavaka Pulaalofa



SCHOOL LIFE

BLUE HOUSE



ATHLETICS

Athletics was full of laughter, fun, joy, and memorable moments I will cherish forever. Everyone was involved and the participation was outstanding. Chants were occurring here and there and the hype kept escalating which made the day more entertaining.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming sports was a blast. It was so good to see everyone being able to enjoy themselves and our girls participating. It was also very good to see our teachers being involved and enjoying themselves as well.



HAKA COMPETITION

The Kapa Haka competition is an event created for our young women to embrace our school haka. This year, Blue House came 2nd place for our interhouse haka competition. Overall, it was so uplifting to see other Houses and especially Blue House participating in this competition.



GOLD HOUSE

ATHLETICS

Gold House proudly took second place in this year's athletics competition. We pushed ourselves to the limit and gave it our all in every activity. Even though we didn't take the top spot, I couldn't be more proud of the effort we put in.



SWIMMING SPORTS

Gold House took home the victory at this year's swimming sports, showing outstanding teamwork and skill in every race. It was an exciting day filled with challenges and competition, as we faced other Houses. Everyone had fun, making lasting memories while pushing ourselves to do best in the pool.

HAKA COMPETITION

Gold House brought incredible energy and unity to this year's school haka competition, earning a well-deserved third place! Every student gave their all, showcasing the hard work and dedication that went into preparing for the event. The performance was a powerful display of teamwork and pride, with every member participating and contributing to the House's success. The spirit and enthusiasm shown by Gold House were truly inspiring—well done to everyone involved!





GREEN HOUSE

ATHLETICS

During athletics, the energy and support from Green House were amazing. Winning the event was such a joyful moment, and seeing their dedication made my role as Captain even more special.



SWIMMING SPORTS

As Green House Captain, I was proud of how my House participated and supported each other during swimming sports. Their enthusiasm and school spirit made the event memorable, and it was rewarding to see them so engaged.



HAKA COMPETITION

The 2025 Hastings Girls' Haka Competition was an unforgettable experience. Going first was a challenge—we felt the nerves and pressure of setting the tone—but we stood strong and gave it our all, proud to represent Green House and our school culture. We're especially grateful to Leilani and others who stepped up to teach and guide us with patience and passion; their leadership made this journey possible. As we look to the future, we hope to grow stronger as a group, continue embracing our culture, and inspire the next generation to carry the haka with pride.





PURPLE HOUSE

ATHLETICS

Athletics was full of excitement, from the speed of the sprints to the precision of the relays. The cheers from each House made every victory even sweeter, creating a fun and competitive atmosphere!



SWIMMING SPORTS

Swimming Sports was a thrilling experience with fast-paced races where every stroke mattered. The energy was high, and the competition fierce, making it an unforgettable display of athleticism and teamwork!

HAKA COMPETITION

Haka comp is one of the most awaited House events all year and Purple House taking the win felt really great as we've been practicing really hard. Overall being involved in the haka comp and seeing the other Houses doing it was really good to see.



2025 Overall Winners

Congratulations to Purple House for winning the McIntyre Rose Bowl for the most House Points scored over the year! The dedication, enthusiasm and perseverance you've shown has well and truly shown in the results. Kia mau te wehi!





Army *Band*

Our senior Music students had the exciting opportunity to attend a live performance by the NZ Army Band at Lindisfarne College. Joining students from Havelock North High School, Havelock North Intermediate, St John's College, and Woodford House, our students enjoyed an unforgettable afternoon filled with incredible music and energy.

The NZ Army Band delivered a dynamic and engaging show, showcasing their talent and versatility across a range of musical styles. A standout moment from the performance was when tenor horn player Robbie Cargill joined the band on stage for an impromptu collaboration, adding an extra layer of excitement to the show.

It was an inspiring experience for our Music students who left feeling motivated and energised by the talent and passion displayed by the NZ Army Band. A big thank you to Lindisfarne College and the NZ Army Band for hosting such an incredible event!"





Pink Shirt *Day*



Pink Shirt Day was an awesome success at Hastings Girls this year! It was great to see so many girls showing up in pink to support mental health awareness and take a stand against bullying.

One of the highlights was gathering for a group photo. It was a terrific visual show of support

for our community and whānau to see the girls' participation and support. We also raised over \$200, which went towards supporting mental health initiatives.

A big thank you to everyone who got involved and helped make the day so special. Let's hope to see even more support next year!



Past Students Networking Event



What a truly unforgettable night we had at our inaugural HGHS Past Students' Networking Evening!

faces, form new connections, and catch up with old friends—some of whom hadn't seen each other in years.



Even though the weather didn't cooperate with torrential rain, it was heartening to see so many of our past students showing up with such warmth and enthusiasm. It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to reconnect, share old stories, and celebrate the bonds that continue to bring us together. Attendees had a chance to tour the school, reminiscing about their time here while exploring the photos and archives that captured so many cherished memories. The evening was also a perfect chance to meet new

We're so excited to continue growing this community of past students, and your support and participation will help make it even more vibrant.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended—we couldn't have asked for a better first gathering. We can't wait to see where this journey takes us and are looking forward to future events where we can continue to strengthen these bonds and create new memories together.



Ava Ceremony

We officially launched Samoan Language Week with a powerful and deeply moving 'Ava Ceremony —a moment that brought together our community in reflection, respect, and cultural pride.

we began our celebrations for Samoan Language Week—a time to uplift the beauty of Samoa, acknowledge the richness of our traditions, and pass them forward to future generations.



The 'Ava Ceremony is a treasured and sacred tradition in Samoan culture, carrying deep cultural, spiritual, and historical significance. The ceremony is a profound expression of unity and belonging. Traditionally led by matai (chiefs), the 'Ava Ceremony plays a central role in important gatherings and occasions, especially in welcoming guests and marking communal milestones. Participating in or witnessing this ceremony is both a privilege and a reminder of our shared heritage and responsibilities. It set the perfect tone as

We are proud to honour this vital part of our heritage and look forward to the rest of the week with open hearts and renewed purpose.



Pyjama *Day*

PJ Day—the whole atmosphere around the mufti day was absolutely infectious. Everywhere you looked, students and staff were embracing the cosy, laid-back theme with enthusiasm, sporting everything from fluffy slippers and onesies to quirky nightshirts and fun socks. It was heartwarming to see everyone come together, shedding the usual school uniforms for something a bit more comfortable and lighthearted. The money raised went directly towards supporting the Senior Ball, an event that many of the students are eagerly

looking forward to. It's wonderful to see how a simple idea like wearing pyjamas can bring people together and contribute towards making memorable experiences possible. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who joined in the fun, whether by dressing up, donating, or simply spreading positive vibes throughout the day. Your participation helped create a genuine sense of community and joy that was felt by all. Days like this remind us how powerful small acts of togetherness can be.



Pride *Week*



Hastings Girls' High School recently celebrated Pride week with a whole lot of activities on offer throughout the week. These activities were: Rainbow poetry workshop, which Nevertheless came in to do with us, rainbow quizzes with prizes, bracelet making, and a rainbow mufti day with pronoun badge making and a photobooth to close off the week. During the week the QSA handed out rainbow ribbons as well for students to wear to show support for the rainbow community. On Friday we had a mufti day where people came dressed in rainbow colours to show unity and inclusivity for the

rainbow community. Nevertheless also came in and made pronoun badges for the students to make and wear. On that day there was a gold coin donation to raise money for Nevertheless, RainbowYouth and InsideOut. We raised just over \$100 that was split between the three charities.

Overall it was a really fun week with lots of activities planned. It was really cool to see the students get involved and have fun in the array of activities that we had planned for the week and to see them gain some knowledge about the LGBTQIA+ community.



Até Logo Not Goodbye



On the final day of Term 2, we said a heartfelt farewell to our wonderful Brazilian students as they completed their time here at Hastings Girls' High School. Over the past two terms, these incredible young women have brought colour, joy, and a vibrant energy to our kura that will be deeply missed. They participated fully in school life, brought fresh perspectives

to the classroom, and shared their beautiful culture with warmth and pride. Though it's always hard to say goodbye, we know their next chapters will be just as bright as their time here. Thank you for your smiles, your laughter, and your friendship. Boa sorte e até logo—good luck and see you soon!





Business Brilliance *on display*

In the first week of the term, our Senior Business Studies students were showcasing their hard work and entrepreneurial thinking in the School Hall!

Year 11 students presented the first part of their NCEA assessment, focused on understanding and applying key economic concepts such as price determination.

They researched costs, explored customer demand, and tested pricing strategies through practical business ideas.

Meanwhile, our Year 12 and 13 students took it a step further—presenting products and concepts that demonstrated their ability to innovate, improve, and embed sustainability into their

business planning. From product development to ethical practices, these students are exploring what it takes to succeed in the modern business world.

Thank you to students and staff who came and supported their efforts, and be inspired by the next generation of creative thinkers and future business leaders.



Culture *Day*



Our hallways were filled with colour and pride as we celebrated our annual Cultural Day!

The event was a powerful reminder of the rich diversity within our school whānau. Students and staff came together to share and celebrate their unique cultures, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. From lively lunchtime activities to a wonderful display of traditional dress, the day was a true celebration of what makes our school so special—a place where every student is seen, heard, and celebrated.



We are so proud of our students for embracing and sharing their heritage with such enthusiasm!





Diwali

Our kura was filled with brilliant colours, joy, and warmth as we celebrated the Festival of Lights. This incredible celebration highlights the rich diversity within our community!

It was wonderful to see students and staff embracing this tradition—sharing delicious Indian snacks and sweets, and enjoying captivating lunchtime performances and a fun, cultural quiz. Our celebration of Diwali is a testament to the vibrant, whole-school experience we provide, catering to the unique cultural needs of all our students.

Happy Diwali to all our families and whānau celebrating! May this festival bring light, happiness, unity, and success to you all.





Senior Ball

On the evening of 13 June, students were transported into a world of elegance and enchantment at this year's much-anticipated School Ball, themed "Royal." Held at the beautiful Toitoti venue, the night was nothing short of magical. The atmosphere sparkled with glamour—from the twinkling decorations to the radiant smiles that lit up the dance floor.





Students embraced the royal theme wholeheartedly, arriving in stunning gowns, sharp suits, and regal-inspired attire that brought the evening to life. Every detail added to the sense of grandeur and celebration, making it a night to remember.

The ball was especially significant for our senior students, with a special spotlight on the Year 13s as they celebrated their final year at school. It was a time to come together, reflect on shared memories, and create new ones in a night filled with joy, laughter, and plenty of dancing.

The event was a true success, and it wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and hard work of those behind the scenes. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped bring this spectacular evening to life—from the organisers and staff to the students who showed up in style. It was a night we'll all remember fondly for years to come.



03

ACADEMICS

Hawke's Bay Year 12 Art Exhibition

We were thrilled to celebrate the incredible success of three outstanding Year 12 photography students from Hastings Girls' High School whose work has been recognised at the Hawke's Bay Year 12 Art Exhibition! Sisifolau Vaitaiki took home the coveted Best in Show award. The judge described her work as "exceptional," praising the use of light, leading lines, bold negative space, and clever depth of field. They called it "an example of how individual key elements come together to achieve an overall harmonious and captivating shot." Doris Crichton was awarded Best Pasifika Art in Show for her photograph which the judge said "communicates cultural pride," noting its beautiful use of tone, colour, and composition. "The use of leading lines effectively guides the viewer's eye and creates balance within the frame, resulting in an overall striking image."

Kerima-Jaye King received Best Photography in Show. Her powerful image, featuring a taiaha, was described as captivating and impressive. "The eyes of the taiaha pierced through me," said the judge, who admired the composition, lighting, and use of negative space.

These accolades are a testament to the creativity, vision, and technical skill of our students.

Under the guidance of Photography Teacher, Ms Jennifer Dickerson, our students continue to produce thoughtful and visually compelling work that speaks to identity, heritage, and self-expression.



Senior Waikato Trip

Back in February, a group of 20 Year 12 and 13 students were fortunate to have the incredible opportunity to experience what life is really like as a university student at Waikato University! Over the course of two days, we had the chance to immerse ourselves in campus life, spending two nights in the Halls of Residence and living just like the current students. During this time, we also got to hear firsthand from those studying at Waikato University about their diverse degree paths, their experiences transitioning from high school to university life, and the challenges and rewards of pursuing higher education. In addition to this, we participated in a series of insightful and interactive workshops across a range of fields, including

Law, Biomedical Science, Psychology, Teaching, Engineering, and Computer Science. These workshops provided a fantastic opportunity to explore different potential future career paths, helping to broaden our understanding of the various academic disciplines and the exciting opportunities they offer. We also want to extend a massive thank you to Waikato University for being such incredible hosts throughout the trip! From the very beginning, we were welcomed with a fun and engaging quiz night, which allowed us to bond and get to know each other. On the following evening, we were treated to a relaxing movie night, a perfect way to wind down after a busy day of workshops and exploring the campus.





Gateway *Awards ceremony*

In October we proudly celebrated the achievements of our Year 12 and 13 students in the Gateway Programme with a special end-of-year morning tea and awards ceremony.

Congratulations to all 57 students who completed the programme this year. Each one of you demonstrated courage and determination as you stepped into industry placements—gaining real-world experience and building skills that will serve you well beyond school.

It was inspiring to see your confidence grow as you embraced the challenges of the workplace and rose to meet them. We are incredibly proud of your progress and can't wait to see where your journey takes you next.

Ngā mihi nui to all the employers, whānau, and staff who supported our students throughout their placements. Your guidance and encouragement made a real difference.



MELLI Class Napier *Field Trip*

On Friday 2 May, our MELLI class visited the Ātea-a-Rangi Star Compass and had the opportunity to explore a waka hourua (double-hulled voyaging canoe), gaining insight into the traditions and knowledge of Pacific and Māori navigation. Guided by Whaea Michelle, our students were taken through the waka and heard powerful stories about ancestral voyaging, cultural identity, and the values that underpin life at sea. They were fascinated to learn how navigators live and work together in close quarters, with the waka offering 16 small sleeping spaces—eight for women and eight for men. It was a hands-on reminder of the importance of whanaungatanga, teamwork, and shared responsibility. Even in the wind and rain, our students stood at the Ātea-a-Rangi Star Compass, learning how Māori and Pacific voyagers have used stars,

the sun, and ocean currents to guide their journeys across vast distances for generations.

What stood out most from this visit was the deep respect our students gained for the wisdom passed down through generations, and the incredible skill and resilience of those who once crossed oceans using only traditional knowledge.

This experience was not just a learning opportunity—it was a powerful reminder of the strength and depth of our cultures. I'm so proud of our students for embracing the experience with such openness and curiosity. It is through opportunities like these that our young people connect more deeply with identity, heritage, and one another.



PE for Outdoor Pursuits

Abel Tasman

An Unforgettable Journey

Our journey started leaving school at 7:30pm on Saturday night. We got on the ferry at 2am and made it to Picton around 5:30am. On the way to Marahau we stopped at Kaiteriteri Beach and had a very cold but refreshing swim in the beautiful clear water. We made it to the campground just before lunch and slept the rest of the afternoon.

The next morning we all woke up early to get a briefing on how to use the kayaks for the day. Once that had finished we drove down to the beach and off we went. I feel so grateful to have the privilege to kayak past amazing scenery as well as spotting some seals chilling on the rocks. We had an amazing time and made it to our first campground before our bags had arrived on the water taxi. So some of us had a swim in the beautiful water as we waited. We set up camp, scaring off any Weka that tried to steal our food which miserably failed and went to bed as we had to wake up at 5am to get ready so we could walk the low tide crossing.

Low tide that day was at 6:30am so we were gone just after 7am. By doing the low tide crossing it allowed us to cut down our hike by over an hour so we got to our next campground pretty early. We then again set up camp and had the whole afternoon to swim, rest and explore. The next day we had a small little sleep in before hearing the new plan for the day. Due to the heavy rain that was going to fall the teachers decided that we were going to walk to Onetahuti Bay to get picked up by the water taxi a day early. Off we went in our rain jackets and bright orange rain covers over our packs. We didn't realise how steep some of the hills we had to climb were.

The next morning we left early in order to make it to Picton on time where we would catch the ferry back home.

After unforgettable memories I can say it was the best camp I have ever been on.

Annah Frazerhurst



Mini Games Major Fun

Eight of our awesome international students eagerly joined a vibrant group of 60 other participants at Taradale High School for the much-anticipated International Mini Games! The event was a thrilling celebration of culture, teamwork, and fun, bringing together students from diverse backgrounds to enjoy a variety of engaging and entertaining activities.

Throughout the day, everyone took part in an array of challenges that tested their

skills, creativity, and sense of humour. From the energetic unbike riding races to the hilariously tricky blindfolded nail polish challenges, the activities were designed to encourage teamwork and bring out everyone's playful side. The day also included the classic tug of war, which had teams competing with great spirit and determination.

The atmosphere was electric, filled with friendly competition, and the joyful buzz of students connecting across cultures.

It was truly a fantastic day brimming with laughter, new friendships, and great energy that left everyone feeling uplifted and inspired. We couldn't be prouder of our students for diving headfirst into the fun, embracing every challenge, and making the most of every moment.

Their enthusiasm and positive attitudes truly exemplified the spirit of the International students here at Hastings Girls.



Debating

At the Hawke's Bay Secondary Debating Competition held at Napier Boys' High School in March, our team of talented debaters represented Hastings Girls' High School with tremendous enthusiasm, intelligence, and grace. Competing against a strong field of schools from across the region, the team showcased not only their growing mastery of argumentation and public speaking but also their ability to think critically and respond thoughtfully to challenging and often complex topics. From the very first round, it was clear that the team had invested significant effort into their preparation.

Under the steady leadership of their Captain, Elizabeth, the debaters approached each motion with energy and curiosity, supporting one another both in and out of the debating chamber.

Each debate provided a valuable opportunity to build confidence, sharpen analytical skills, and develop a stronger voice, all essential qualities that extend far beyond the debating stage. Their ability to engage respectfully with opposing teams,

think on their feet, and express their ideas with clarity and conviction was inspiring to watch.

Although the team did not come away with a placing this year, their commitment and perseverance shone through in every round. The experience allowed them to gain valuable feedback from judges, reflect on their performances, and set new goals for future competitions. Most importantly, they left the event feeling proud of what they had achieved, not just as individuals, but as a united team who had worked hard and supported one another every step of the way.

We are incredibly proud of Pippa, Niranjana, Elizabeth, Khushi, and Niharika for the way they represented HGHS. Their passion for debating, their willingness to take on challenges, and their dedication to personal and team growth embody the spirit of our school's values. They have set a wonderful example for future debaters and have laid a strong foundation for what's ahead.



DEBATING TEAM

Back Row: Mr S Gardner, Mennat Quazi, Marquise Valenzuela, Niharika Bukka, Khushi Bijalwan

Front Row: Jade Palisoc, Maia van den Berk, Annah Frazerhurst, Pippa Yule

Absent: Elizabeth Turner

Senior *Prize Giving*

Special Awards

Miller Cup (Contribution to Performing Arts)	Maddee Marsh
Oscar Trophy (Contribution to Drama)	Aniwaniwa Makirere-Haerewa
Grand Piano Award (Most Promising Musician)	Summer Gifkins
Lynda Wratt Trophy (Contribution to Music)	Esther Semi Tevaga
Briggs Cup (Outstanding Vocalist)	Sharon Faalelea
Matau (or Makau) Trophy (Performing Artist of the Year)	Mia Kerisiano
Outstanding Design Project Trophy	Oriwa Hanara
HGHS Award for Creative Writing	Ocean Dutta
HGHS Librarian Award (Supreme Contribution to the Library)	Kanhchana Van
Physical Education Cup (Exceptional Dedication and Resilience in Physical Pursuits)	Hannah O'Connor
Endeavour Cup (Dedication to Studies all Year)	Hannah O'Connor
Mackie Cup (Outstanding Kindness, Empathy & Compassion to Fellow Students)	Niranjana Subhash
Wrightson Cup (Most Improved Academic Performance)	Jerry Tuiva
Drake Family Cup (All Round Excellence in Level 1)	Payton Tautau
Drake Family Cup (All Round Excellence in Level 2)	Mennat Quazi
Langton Cup (Highest Grade Point Average in Level 1 NCEA 2024)	Mennat Quazi
Hughes Cup (Highest Academic Results in Level 2 2024)	Navisha Chumber
Top Academic Performance in Level 1	Harpreet Kaur
Top Academic Performance in Level 2	Mennat Quazi
Rhodes Shield (Top Science Scholar)	Mennat Quazi
'Aigaeivaomalietoa – Le Tausala Samoa'	Hossana Peni
Travers Trophy (Pasifika Student of the Year)	Hossana Peni
He Tohu Tuatahi: Taumata o Te Reo (Senior Māori Language Prize)	Cheyenne Christy-Smith
He Tohu Tuarua: Te Waka Huia Award (Māori Student of the Year)	Maieke Thompson
Top in Gateway	Harmony Winmill
Top in Trades Academy	Aurora Ivamy
Police Pathway Cup	Ana Hiko
Fuji Film Award (for Tertiary Study)	Maia van den Berk
HGHS Board of Trustees Award and Principal's Award for Head Girl & Amorangi	Tempryss Lauvao & Tiana Kupa
ABIC Cup (All Round Contribution to School and Year 13 Activities)	Hossana Peni
Shakespeare Cup (Contribution to the Community Outside of School)	Hossana Peni
Vogtherr Award (All Round Diligence, Leadership and Reliability)	Tiana Kupa

House Cups

Hammond Cup (Highest Points for all Sport)

McIntyre Rose Bowl (Highest Points for all Activities)

Green House

Purple House



Dux

Maia van den Berk

1st equal in Subject in Physical Education for Outdoor Pursuits

2nd in Subject in Biology

2nd equal in Subject in Business Studies

Excellence in History

Te Manawa Wairua in Photography and Design

HGHS Board of Trustees Award for Dux for 2025

Proxime Accessit

Temprys Lauvao

Excellence in Business Studies

Excellence in English and World Issues

Excellence in History

1st in Subject in Health and awarded the Senior Health Trophy

1st equal in Subject in PE - Exercise Prescription and Performance and awarded the Allan, Aramakutu, Harding Cup

University of Waikato Pacific Excellence Scholarship

HGHS Board of Trustees Award & Principal's Award for Head Girl

The HGHS Board of Trustees Award for Senior Scholar & Proxime Accessit for 2025



Junior *Prize Giving*



Catherine Bentley Cup for Junior Dux

Arnika Warren

1st equal in Health
1st in Mathematics and awarded the Unichem
Stortford Lodge (Peter Dunkerley) Cup
1st in Physical Education
1st in Sport Science
1st in Te Reo Māori and awarded the Anne Gillies
Cup for Junior Te Reo Māori
Excellence in English
Excellence in Science
Excellence in Social Studies
Ākina Hub Award – Top Academic in Exploring the
Outdoors
Junior Māori Student of the Year



Top Overall Academic Performance in Year 9

Kiana Tomoana

1st in English
1st equal in Health
1st equal in Social Studies
1st in Sport Science
Excellence in Mathematics
Excellence in Physical Education
Excellence in Science
Ākina Hub Award – Top Academic in Exploring the
Outdoors



PERFORMING ARTS

Kapa Haka

Tēnā tātou e ngā whānau whānui o Te Kāreti o Ngā Rau Huia o Ākina. Nei rā te mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa i runga i ngā tini āhuatanga o te wā. On Friday 23 May, our combined Kapa Haka rōpū, Te Rōpū Manu Huia (Hastings Girls' and Hastings Boys' High Schools), stood proudly on the regional stage at Te Haaro o te Kaahu - the Kahungunu Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Regional Competition. And what a performance it was. Te Rōpū Manu Huia made history, placing in every single category—a first for the rōpū since its formation. Their results speak for themselves:

- Waiata Tira – 1st =
- Kākahu – 2nd
- Manukura Tāne (Shaedyn Tangohau) – 1st =
- Manukura Wāhine (Turquoise Hawkins-Kemp) – 2nd

- Whakaeke – 3rd
- Mōteatea – 2nd =
- Waiata ā-Ringa – 1st =
- Poi – 2nd =
- Haka – 1st =
- Whakawātea – 3rd =

This incredible achievement is the result of months of tireless commitment, countless hours of practice, and the collective strength of rangatahi who believed not only in their ability, but in each other. Through their journey, they have created a whānau of shared purpose, resilience, and aroha—a sisterhood and brotherhood that will live on beyond the stage. As kura auraki, for both Hastings Girls' and Hastings Boys' High School to now be heading to the National Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Competition in Tauranga Moana 2026 is a huge milestone. They will stand as proud representatives of Ngāti

Kahungunu and their kura, carrying not just their uniforms but the stories, mana, and hopes of all those who supported them. From the moment they stepped onto the stage, their presence was undeniable. Every poi twirl, haka stamp, and harmonious note told a story—of heritage, pride, and the legacy they are continuing. The wairua they carried moved the audience and judges alike, and their success is well-deserved.

To our tauira, kaiako, tutors, whānau and supporters—ka nui te mihi kia koutou katoa. E kore e mimiti ngā kupu whakamānawa mō tō koutou tautoko, aroha, me te whakaponono. Mā te kotahitanga e whai hua ai!

Ka whati te tai—ka pao te tōrea. He toa takitini, he toa rangatira. Ko te Remu o Te Huia, Tuku!



Band

HGHS Musicians Shine at Hawke's Bay Festival of Bands

On Sunday 18 May, a group of dedicated and talented students from Hastings Girls' High School proudly represented our school at the Hawke's Bay Festival of Bands. Performing as part of the Concord Band—a combined ensemble with students from HGHS and Lindisfarne College—our musicians showcased their hard work and passion on a regional stage. The festival brought together 13 bands from across the North Island, including school and community groups from Cambridge, Hamilton, Palmerston North, and beyond. With such strong competition, the event was a fantastic opportunity for our students to challenge themselves and perform alongside some of the best young musicians in the country.

In the weeks leading up to the festival, students committed themselves to intensive rehearsals, balancing practice with school responsibilities and showing true dedication to their craft. The result was a polished and confident performance that stood out for its musical precision and energy. A special highlight came from Summer Gifkins, who featured on the flute with several beautiful solos. Her expressive playing

helped create a rich and atmospheric tone, particularly in one of the band's standout pieces, and was noted by many as a memorable part of the performance. We're thrilled to share that the Concord Band was awarded a Silver—a well-earned recognition of the students' talent, teamwork, and commitment. It's a wonderful result and a reflection of the strong partnership between our school and Lindisfarne College, as well as the dedication of our music staff and directors. Looking ahead, the Concord Band prepared for their next exciting event: the NZCBA National Festival

in Wellington in July. This national-level festival included performances, workshops, and the chance to engage with other passionate young musicians from across New Zealand.

We are incredibly proud of all our students who took part in this event. Their efforts not only represent musical achievement but also embody the values of perseverance, collaboration, and school spirit. We look forward to following their journey as they continue to grow, perform, and inspire through music.



Showquest

Our incredible students from Hastings Girls' High School absolutely lit up the stage at Toitoti with their powerful and inspiring performance "This is Us", earning an amazing 2nd place overall at the Hawke's Bay regional Showquest competition!

This unforgettable piece was more than just a performance—it was a statement. The students tackled stereotypes head-on and showcased the rich diversity, unity, and spirit that defines our school. Every movement and moment on stage reflected the pride, passion and purpose behind the message.

A special shoutout to Mia Kerisiano, who not only choreographed and directed the piece but did so as part of her Level 3 Dance course. Her creativity, vision and leadership were truly exceptional! The entire cast dedicated countless hours to rehearsals, refining every detail with unwavering commitment. Their energy, determination and teamwork paid off in spectacular fashion. We're especially proud of Sharon Faalelea, who was named Top Senior Performer for her outstanding presence and talent on stage. The team also received awards for Excellence in Culture and Music, with further recognition in Art and Dance, a

testament to the depth of talent across all aspects of the production.

A huge thank you to our Performing Arts Captains, all the incredible students who gave their all, and the dedicated staff whose support made this journey possible. Your mahi and passion showed our entire community exactly what HGHS stands for—teamwork, talent, creativity, and heart. We were so proud of everyone involved. They've shown that when we come together and share our stories, we can create something truly powerful and unforgettable.



Dance NZ Made

REGIONALS

We cheered on our amazing Hastings Girls' High School Hip Hop Crew. They absolutely crushed it at the regional Dance NZ Made competition in August. Their hard work paid off big time, as they were crowned the Hawke's Bay regional champions for the Overall Team and also took 1st place in the Open Team championships.

This win is a testament to their dedication—they've been practicing twice a day all term! We also have to give a huge shout-out to Maddee Marsh, who won a Gold medal for her awesome choreography.

Next up, they headed to Palmerston North for the national competition at the end of Term 3.

NATIONALS

What an outstanding achievement for our exceptional hip-hop crew at the Dance NZ Made Nationals this year. After months of intensive preparation, countless rehearsals, and unwavering dedication, our team took to the stage with confidence, creativity, and passion.

We are thrilled to announce that our crew earned 3rd Runner-Up in the Open Teams category and an impressive 2nd Runner-Up Overall in Hip-Hop. These remarkable results are a testament to the incredible talent, teamwork, and commitment that each dancer brought to this journey. From refining choreography and mastering technique to maintaining focus through long hours of practice, every member of the team demonstrated exceptional discipline and determination. Their performance showcased not only technical skill but also the spirit and

unity that define our dance community. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated coaches and choreographers for their expert guidance, as well as to the families and supporters who have been with us every step of the way. Your encouragement and belief in our dancers have been invaluable. This success represents far more than the results on paper—it reflects growth, resilience, and the power of shared passion. It is a moment to celebrate what can be achieved through teamwork and hard work, and a reminder of the incredible journey that dance continues to take us on.

As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward to the exciting opportunities and performances ahead. With this achievement as inspiration, we are ready to keep striving, keep creating, and keep dancing toward even greater heights.



Fiafia

Our annual Fiafia Night once again drew a full house, with whānau, friends, and community members filling the Hall to capacity. The atmosphere was electric, alive with colour, rhythm, and pride as our Hastings Girls' High School whānau came together to celebrate the diverse cultures that make our community so special. This much-anticipated event has long been a highlight of our school calendar, and this year's Fiafia was no exception. The stage came alive with breathtaking performances representing Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Niue, Tokelau, the Cook Islands, Fiji, the Philippines, and India. Each group brought its own unique energy and flair, with traditional songs, dances, and costumes creating a vibrant tapestry of movement and sound. From the thunderous beats of the drums to the graceful sway of island dance and the intricate choreography inspired by rich cultural heritage, every moment was a testament to identity, unity, and pride. The evening was not only a celebration of performance but also of connection between students, families, and cultures.

It reflected the values that sit at the heart of our school: respect, collaboration, and a deep appreciation for diversity. The warmth and joy that filled the Hall were a reminder of how powerful it is when we come together to share and honour each other's stories. We are immensely proud of all the students who took part in this year's Fiafia. Their commitment throughout the year, attending countless practices, learning routines with precision and care, and supporting one another as a true whānau was evident in every performance. Each student's contribution, whether on stage or behind the scenes, helped create an evening that will be remembered for years to come. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the families who supported our performers in so many ways. From sewing costumes and tutoring dances, to providing transport and encouragement, your involvement and aroha are what make this event possible. Your generosity and enthusiasm continue to strengthen the bonds that tie our school community together.



Special recognition must also go to Blossom Sale, our dedicated Fiafia Coordinator, and Hossana Peni, our talented Performing Arts Captain. Their leadership, vision, and tireless effort ensured that the evening ran seamlessly. Behind every performance was a great deal of organisation, planning, and teamwork, and their commitment to excellence shone through in every detail.

Fiafia Night remains one of the most cherished traditions at HGHS, a joyous celebration of who we are and where we come from. Mālō 'aupito, vinaka vakalevu, fa'afetai tele lava, thank you all for making this year's Fiafia such an unforgettable success.



Performing Arts Showcase



The Performing Arts Showcase was nothing short of a triumph, bringing together an inspiring display of creativity, passion, and talent from across our school community. The evening was a true celebration of the arts, with students from drama, dance, and music captivating the audience through a series of dynamic and heartfelt performances.

From powerful dramatic monologues to breathtaking choreography and moving musical pieces, every act highlighted the diversity and depth of talent within our performing arts programme. The stage came alive with energy, emotion, and enthusiasm, offering a glimpse into the hard work and imagination that our students bring to their craft. Each performance told its own story, reflecting not only technical skill but also the courage and authenticity that make live performance so special.

A huge congratulations goes to all of our phenomenal students who took part. Your dedication, creativity, and commitment were evident in every moment, and your passion for the performing arts continues to inspire everyone who has the privilege of watching you perform. The countless

hours spent rehearsing, refining, and supporting one another truly paid off—you should all be immensely proud of what you achieved.

We would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to our extraordinary Performing Arts teachers. Your vision, mentorship, and tireless behind-the-scenes work make nights like this possible. From guiding students through rehearsals to ensuring every detail runs smoothly, your dedication to nurturing young talent shines through in every performance.

Events like the Performing Arts Showcase remind us of the power of creativity to connect, uplift, and inspire. They are a testament to the vibrant arts culture within our school and to the importance of providing opportunities for students to express themselves and share their gifts with the wider community.

As the applause echoed through the auditorium, one thing was clear—the future of the performing arts here is brighter than ever. We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow, create, and bring their incredible talent to even greater stages in the years to come.



GROUP PHOTOS



Hip Hop

Back Row: Imila Valoaga, Lainey Barber, Maddee Marsh, Mia Kerisiano, Mrs M Ferguson

Front Row: Jada Smith, Rain Paea, Pua Vaitaiki, Johannes Iese



UKELELE GROUP

Back Row: Peyton Grey, Keisah Panapa, Entrusted Peni, Mary Tonga, Kayla Rota, Seu Lotolelei Sione, Aniwaniwa Makirere-Haerewa

Front Row: Shine Dumlao, Ljblyana Amosa, Eternity Peni, Patricia Kiteau, Tagi Olive, Ireesh Nicole Entico, Jeza Leih Salmasan



CHOIR

Back Row: Whaea O Kershaw, Sharon Faalelea, Situaufiau Lau Petelo, Esther Semi Tevaga, Selai Pahulu, Zahara Tu'akalau, Hope Naoupu, Niharika Bukka, Khushi Bijalwan, Mrs M Ferguson
 Front Row: Ysabelle Faith Borra, Chezcah Reyes, Shine Dumlao, Eternity Peni, Pippa Yule,

Tagi Olive, Niranjana Subhash, Taylah Bernstone, Jaz Hohipuha-Godtschalk

Absent: Fineula Latavao, Aniwaniwa Makirere-Haerewa, Annmarie Schuster, Haitia Tagisia Osie, Joylannah Timoti Lealiiie, Elizabeth Turner, Marlene Vaitaiki



CONCORD BAND

Back Row: Zahara Tu'akalau, Deanar Kaka, Pippa Yule, Phoenix Tekere, Mr S Schofield

Front Row: Hayley James, Sulu Ah-Yu, Summer Gifkins, Elise Hooper



COOK ISLAND GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Kyah Johns, Sulianah Crichton, Sisifolau Vaitaiki, Imila Valoaga, Sasha Hunt, Hope Naoupu, Pua Vaitaiki

Front Row: Te Ohomauri Wairau, Mary Ataela, Kai Ataela, Hossana Peni, Tali Kereti, Myrah Kereti, Tenequa Ross-Araia

Absent: Ariana Hiko-Johns, Cyana Tuaputa



KIRIBATI GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Masina Apelu, Chan Tafaoga, Amy Iiga

Front Row: Teanrube Andrew John Bosco, Kaitimatana Washington, Hossana Peni, Tebikeiti Takenimeang Tentau, Bouataake Tamoaieta

Absent: Devantaye Fiu



FIJIAN GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Mary Ataela, Sulianah Crichton, Hope Naoupu, Mrs S Devi

Front Row: Kai Ataela, Grace Ismail, Hossana Peni, Tagi Olive, Sulu Ah-Yu

Absent: Niveditha Chand, Trina Craig, Sarahanne Greig, Luccy Letalu, Louise Tafaoga



FILIPINO GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Rovyn Salamat, Marquise Valenzuela, Mikaela Ramirez, Chezcah Reyes, Ysabelle Faith Borra

Front Row: Czyra Mae Daza, Jo Opoc, Hossana Peni, Ernstin Borra, Meryel Gayle Segaya, Czarina Jane Daza

Absent: Flharyssa Manay



NIUEAN GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Claire Sootaga, Tahlia Sauaso, Doris Crichton

Front Row: Eseta Peivi, Hossana Peni, Liu Fale Taufu

Absent: Manu Ovaleni



SABHYACHAR GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Khushi Bijalwan, Kashishpreet Kaur, Harleen Heer, Rajvir Kaur, Muskan Heer, Mrs S Devi

Front Row: Kamalpreet Kaur, Niharika Bukka, Hossana Peni, Niranjana Subhash, Kanishka Pokhriyal



SAMOAN GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Danielle Mark, Kaesha Gill-Hunter, Sailele Matautia, Sulu Ah-Yu, Pisila Nu'u, Myrah Kereti, Chan Tafaoga

Front Row: Annmarie Schuster, Ljblyana Amosa, Hossana Peni, Janet Vaiusu, Faimafili Sa'e, Eternity Peni, Tali Kereti

Absent: Vienna Lameko, Cecilia Letalu, Luccy Letalu, Sala Masina, Miriama Mua, Louise Tafaoga, Seu Toala



SHOWQUEST

Back Row: Sharon Faalelea, Tali Kereti, Tagi Olive, Rain Paea, Pua Vaitaiki, Elise Hooper, Alexx Haenga, Hayley James, Myrah Kereti, Johannes Iese, Rajvir Kaur, Shilou Fromont-Rose, Imila Valoaga

Second Row: Hope Naoupu, Gurleen Kaur, Ayyah Manaena, Kamalpreet Kaur, Mia Kerisiano, Ani Dickey, Autumn Randell, Harleen Heer, Maddee Marsh, Sasha Hunt, Anebe Van Der Merwe, Kashishpreet Kaur, Zahara Tu'akalau, Mrs M Ferguson

Front Row: Jada Smith, Jo Opoc, Niranjana Subhash, Nevaeh Haenga, Muskan Heer, Pippa Yule, Kanhchana Van, Maneth Hern, Jaz Hohipuha-Godtschalk, Hossana Peni, Niharika Bukka, Tenequa Ross-Araia

Absent: Courtney Credland, Lupe Fruean, Essence Haenga, Seerat Kang, Hoana Hanley Karauria, Harnoor Kaur, Vardeep Kaur, Danielle Mark, Riddhi Nautiyal, Faimafili Sa'e, Anamika Sandhu, Analia Saoagi, Mausaa Sataraka, Miracle Saunders-Littleton, Marcia-Kruz Tamati, Naaz Thapar, Elizabeth Turner, Hannah West



TE RÖPŪ MANU HUIA

Back Row: Whaea C Smith, Cheyenne Christy-Smith, Te Raukura Harris, Aaliyah Clearwater, Erica Monika-Matehaere Paul, Rubi Nuku-Jessup, Tineesha Rewiri, Ms S Harris

Front Row: Azaariyah Mete, Manaia Tamati-Tawera, Rhythm Wainohu-Quilter, Ciana Mainini-Kairau, Nadia Rangi-Puletaha

Absent: Turquoise Hawkins-Kemp, Lani Kawana, Kerima-Jaye King, Maxi-Rockers Kireka-Russell, Rosalind Helena Mau, Whaitiri Taiatini, Kaea Tangohau



TOKELAUAN GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Keisah Panapa, Doris Crichton, Tahlia Sauaso

Front Row: Lise Manuele, Hossana Peni, Esther Semi Tevaga

Absent: Siraiah Crichton



TONGAN GROUP

Back Row: Charlotte Tuliau, Temprryss Lauvao, Maleta Pailate, Zahara Tu'akalau, Selai Pahulu, Sisifolau Vaitaiki

Front Row: Pua Vaitaiki, Marlene Vaitaiki, 'Ofa Kaufononga, Ana Hiko, Daphney Ve

Absent: Devantaye Fiu, Fineula Latavao, Mary Tonga



TUVALUAN GROUP

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Keisah Panapa, Suluia Valoaga, Tauranga Ioane

Front Row: Imila Valoaga, Tuitavaka Pulaalofa, Hossana Peni, Masina Apelu

Absent: Abby Ioane, Siliona Limoni, Haitia Tagisia Osie

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SPORTS

Netball

Teachers vs Students

A huge shoutout to our incredible Sports Department and dedicated Sports Committee for their outstanding efforts in organising the epic Teachers vs Students netball match that took place during lunchtime!

From start to finish, the event was filled with energy, excitement, and some seriously impressive athleticism from both sides. The final score saw the teachers take the win with a 30–21 victory but that doesn't tell the whole story—the students truly brought their A-game, displaying determination, teamwork, and resilience that kept the match competitive and thrilling right up to the final whistle. Their skill and spirit were on full display, and they should be extremely proud of their performance. Also, a massive thank you to everyone who came out to watch and cheer from the sidelines. The atmosphere was electric thanks to your enthusiastic support, and it really helped make the event such a fun and memorable experience for all involved - players and spectators alike.

Events like this remind us of the strong community spirit we have here!



Netball

HGHS vs HBHS

The annual netball showdown against the HBHS Prefects was an absolute masterclass in skill and teamwork, played right here on our home courts.

Our incredible HGHS Student Leaders were dominant right from the start, leading at halftime and maintaining their intensity throughout the game. They held off the challenging boys side to secure the impressive final score of 13–11!

A huge thank you to the HBHS Prefects for a fantastic game and great sportsmanship. We look forward to the rematch next year!



Manukura *Exchange*



A traditional sports fixture between Hastings Girls' & Manukura is an exciting annual event that showcases friendly rivalry and school spirit. It brings together students, staff, and alumni to compete, cheer, and celebrate teamwork and sportsmanship.

This time-honoured match is a highlight of the school calendar, creating lasting memories and strengthening the community and school bonds.

Our girls this year put up a good battle against a well drilled and fit Manukura side. We did not get the result we strived for but we did take away a lot of learnings that will help us for our upcoming fixtures.



Volleyball

HB Champs!



The HGHS Senior A Girls Volleyball team entered this year's tournament with a clear goal: to defend their title and showcase the strength of their teamwork and skill. Their first major challenge came in the semi-final against a determined Napier Girls' High School team.

In a tense and tightly contested match, our girls rose to the occasion with grit and unity, securing a 3-1 victory and earning their place in the final. There, they faced another strong side in Karamū High School.

Demonstrating outstanding resilience and confidence, the team dominated all three sets, clinching a 3-0 win and once again claiming the title of Hawke's Bay Champions.

We're also proud to acknowledge the individual efforts of three players named to the Tournament Team: Imila Valaoga—who also took out Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament, Alice Petersen Wender and Hazel-Maree Naoia. A huge congratulations to the team for their incredible achievement, an inspiring example of what dedication, skill, and teamwork can accomplish!



Rugby League *Superstar!*



Term 1 was incredibly busy yet immensely successful for Year 11 student Maddy Seumanutafa, whose natural talent and dedication to Rugby League have truly shone through. A major highlight was her selection to the U17 Junior Knights team in Australia where she spent much of the term competing at a high level and representing New Zealand on the international stage.

The experience challenged her, refined her skills, and contributed to her continued growth as a player. Returning home, Maddy wasted no time, immediately representing Manawatu in the U16 grade at the Youth Rugby League Nationals. Winning the final was a proud moment that reflected her hard work and commitment.

Just a week later, she was back on the field, playing for the Raukawa ki runga (RKR) U17s Kōtiro team at the Aotearoa Māori Kōtiro Tournament. Her team secured an impressive third-place finish and Maddy's individual performance stood out once again. She was selected for the U17 Tournament team, earning a place to represent Aotearoa New Zealand Māori at the Pacific Youth Tournament in October.

To top it all off, Maddy was named Player of the Tournament—an incredible recognition of her leadership, skills, and impact on the game. Maddy's future in Rugby League is incredibly bright and we are so proud of her achievements. Her journey is just beginning and we can't wait to see all she accomplishes both here in New Zealand and beyond.



Hockey *Superstar!*



Congratulations to Year 10 student Elise Hooper who took part in the Go Hockey U14 Super Challenge over the holidays as a member of the Force team representing the Central North Island. The event began with training sessions, team-building activities, and an opening ceremony, setting the tone for an exciting few days of competition. Elise's team played to a 4-4 draw with Heat and a 1-1 draw against Thunder, followed by a 1-0 win over Storm that earned them a place in the final. In a tough match, they narrowly lost 2-0 to Heat, finishing in a well-earned second place. The challenge was a fantastic opportunity for young players like Elise to develop their skills, compete at a high level, and build strong team connections.

Well done, Elise—we're proud of your achievement and can't wait to see what you do next!



Badminton



Badminton continues to go from strength to strength at Hastings Girls' High School, with eight teams and around 60 students taking part this season, making it our second-largest sport after netball. With an even mix of year levels involved, the courts were alive each week with energy, teamwork, and plenty of HGHS pride.

Our teams played matches right across Hawke's Bay, and we owe huge thanks to the staff who volunteered their time to drive vans and score games. Abby Hall, TIC of Badminton, reflected that it was a real pleasure to be part of the season, noting how beautifully the girls represented our kura. Student commitment was also outstanding, with players showing dedication and, for the most part, consistently turning up to trainings and games throughout the season.

A very special acknowledgement must go to Kevin Deacon, who once again volunteered his time to coach our students. Kevin has been a pillar of support for HGHS badminton year after year, and we are truly grateful for his ongoing commitment. We hope to see him back again next season (wink, wink!).



TEAM PHOTOS



ATHLETICS

Back Row: Mr F Martin, Mr F Matamata

Front Row: Soraya Palipane, Maleta Pailate, Brooke Lemalu, Bella Lange-Wereta

Absent: Pattreece Andersen, Temprryss Lauvao, Pisila Nu'u, Alayna Stevens



BADMINTON B1

Back Row: Miss B Sale

Front Row: Jo Opoc, Micah Elisa Severino, Reign Bagul-Bagul

Absent: Ocean Dutta, Ananya Tariyal



BADMINTON C1

Back Row: Nicresa Mohi-Te Whero, Khushi Bijalwan, Mr F Martin

Front Row: Jaira Dano, Niranjana Subhash, Ireesh Nicole Entico



BADMINTON C2

Back Row: Natalia Mclean, Anebe Van Der Merwe, Mr F Martin

Front Row: Ernstin Borra, Lyka Canlom, Chezcah Reyes

Absent: Krystal Poutu-Chapman



BADMINTON C3

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Sophia O'Kane,
Niharika Bukka

Front Row: Maneth Hern, Kanhchana Van,
Soraya Palipane

Absent: Flharyssa Manay



BADMINTON D1

Back Row: Tia Newcomb, La Enri Ditchas,
Mr F Martin

Front Row: Mele'ana Lata, Mary Cris Narvarte, Heidi
Gibbons



BADMINTON D2

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Bouataake Tamoaieta, Kai Ataela, Teanrube Andrew John Bosco, Mrs A Hall

Front Row: Tebikeiti Takenimeang Tentau, Marquise Valenzuela, Dulansa Lamahehewa, Manreet Kaur



BADMINTON D3

Back Row: Mrs A Hall, Lakshita Sharma,
Harleen Heer

Front Row: Riddhi Nautiyal, Muskan Heer, Jasdeep Kaur,
Vardeep Kaur



BADMINTON D4

Back Row: Mrs A Hall, Keigh Buenafe, Mikaela Ramirez,
Rovyn Salamat

Front Row: Meryel Gayle Segaya, Czyra Mae Daza, Jillian
Fate Medina, Czarina Jane Daza



BASKETBALL

Back Row: Mr F Martin, Dynastee Hawkins, Leven Reid

Front Row: Cheylarrel Ropitini, Iesha Upoko, Chloe Ikitoelangi

Absent: Te Raukura Harris, Maieke Thompson



FOOTBALL 1ST XI

Back Row: Mr S Robinson, Disha Mudliar, Mary Potaua, Paige Whareaitu, Daphney Vea, Lyrical-Eziah Nohe, Riley Arnold-Johnson, Teanrube Andrew John Bosco, Mr R Orr
 Front Row: Jo Opoc, Niveditha Chand, Te Ahua Mainini, Elizabeth Tere, Priyanka Sami, Elaina Edgecombe

Absent: Miracle Saunders-Littleton, Jazmyn Whiu



HOCKEY 1ST XI

Back Row: Ms Jan Garbutt, Sofia Dugh, Seerat Kang, Hannah O'Connor, Paige Whareaitu, Skyla Gilmore, Iris Pere
 Front Row: Pippa Yule, Elizabeth Turner, Elise Hooper, Harmony Winmill, Sofia Sehjal, Anamika Sandhu, Lovie Harris

Absent: Chazaria Ferrall-Heather, Naaz Thapar



KĪ O RAHI

Back Row: Ms H Macdonald, Lyrical-Eziah Nohe, Paige Whareaitu, TayShaarn Ah Kiong, Paige Armstrong, Atareta Sciascia, Anaia Ropiha, Daphney Vea, Chevy Cracknell, Chloe Ikitoelangi
 Front Row: Sophia Seilala, Jo Opoc, Salome Pailate, Mele Pailate, Leilani Brown, Elizabeth Tere, Tali Kereti, Iesha Upoko, Mereania Makoare
 Absent: Huni Nathan, Ella Paerau-Te Ngahue, Mel Savaii, Bailey Tangiora, Ricki Te Pou



NETBALL JUNIOR A

Back Row: Mrs M Treneman, Jordyn Connor, Te Wairua Pere, Darleen Kireka, Terri-lee Pere, Ferris Rowlands
 Front Row: Kiana Tomoana, Arnika Warren, Ella Paerau-Te Ngahue, Johannes Iese, TayShaarn Ah Kiong
 Absent: Miss G Treneman



NETBALL JUNIOR B

Back Row: Miss T Apatu, Suluia Valoaga, Leven Reid, Sarahanne Greig, Mr F Martin

Front Row: Auracon Morrell, Bella Lange-Wereta, Tereiti Hapi, Iesha Upoko, Mel Savaii

Absent: Ella-Maisie Gurnick, Danika Tawhai



NETBALL JUNIOR HUIA

Back Row: Miss D Hapi, Sisifo Tafunai, Harleya Jackson-Reweti, Sarah Renall, Fineula Latavao

Front Row: Saira Hassan, Annmarie Schuster, Daltar Pere-Fraser, Logo Amosa

Absent: Hadassah Malota-Maele



NETBALL JUNIOR KAHURANGI

Back Row: Whaea C Keelan, Ihia Kawana, Honey Kururangi, Ella Jackson, Mr F Martin

Front Row: Kaesha Gill-Hunter, Pua Vaitaiki, Micaela Cameron

Absent: Atarangi Kawana-Owen



NETBALL JUNIOR WHEREO

Back Row: Manu Ovaleni, Mele'ana Lata, Ella Kwakye, Awatea Tuapawa, Miss A Dickey

Front Row: Frances Milo, Lusi Kolose, Seu Lotolelei Sione, Acacia-lee Chase

Absent: Airini Duff, Sweeden Rangi-Puletaha, Lizar Reihana, Te Aroha Tinsley-Lee



NETBALL SENIOR A

Back Row: Mrs A Bryson, Valentyne Manutulila, Georgia Diamond, Ani Dickey, Paige Armstrong, Mr F Martin

Front Row: Riley Crawford-Pakoti, Reneigh Edwards, Hannah O'Connor, Devantaye Fiu

Absent: Alayna Stevens, Maieke Thompson, Charlotte Tuliau



NETBALL SENIOR B

Back Row: Miss A Katene, Payton Tautau, Jade Moore, Chevelle Katene, Sinead Gallagher, Mr D Te Ahu

Front Row: Te Raukura Harris, Devantaye Fiu, Paige Whareaitu

Absent: Trina Craig, Louise Tafaoga



NETBALL SENIOR BLUE

Back Row: Ms S Williams, Stevie-Lee Cargill, Paige Cunningham, Te Ohomauri Wairau, Elizabeth Tere, Mrs K Hokianga

Front Row: Jessica Sunder, Amali Burnett, Annah Frazerhurst, Grace Warren

Absent: Lyrel-Marie Kohi



NETBALL SENIOR RED

Back Row: Mrs S Lyndon, Mary Tonga, Makayla Walsh, Chahat Gill, Myrah Kereti, Mrs C Bentley

Front Row: Priyanka Sami, Elizabeth Turner, Sisifolau Vaitaiki, Charlotte Turner, Mary Ataela

Absent: Tauranga Ioane, Liu Fale Taufa



RUGBY 1ST XV

Back Row: Reneigh Edwards, Peyton Grey, Tali Kereti, Brooke Lemalu, Myrah Kereti, Kiera Fomai, Valentyne Manutulila
 Second Row: Mr F Martin, Teiyah Fomai, Maleta Pailate, Pattreece Andersen, Leilani Brown, Mia Kerisiano, Maddy Seumanutafa, Marama Naicegulevu, Mr F Matamata, Ms E Jensen
 Front Row: Indy Aranui, Mel Savaii, Salome Pailate, Janet Vaiusu, Mele Pailate, Bella Lange-Wereta, Tayla Edwards
 Absent: Kadence-Leigh Honotapu, Miriama Mua, Pisila Nu'u



RUGBY U16

Back Row: Tali Kereti, Evanaleeigh Collier, Brooke Lemalu, Salome Pailate, Peyton Grey, Mele Pailate
 Second Row: Mr F Martin, Ruby Lauano, Pattreece Andersen, Valentyne Manutulila, Leilani Brown, Maddy Seumanutafa, Kiera Fomai, Myrah Kereti, Mr F Matamata, Ms E Jensen
 Front Row: Indy Aranui, Mel Savaii, Cheylarrel Ropitini, Teiyah Fomai, Bella Lange-Wereta, Keela North, Tayla Edwards
 Absent: Sophia Seilala, Ricki Te Pou, Nofo Tuatagaloa



TOUCH RUGBY

Back Row: Mr F Martin, Jessie Hamlin, Leven Reid, Anaia Ropiha, Paige Armstrong, Ella Paerau TeNgahue, Mele Pailate

Front Row: Cheylarrel Ropitini, Reneigh Edwards, Hannah O'Connor, Riley Crawford-Pakoti, Brooke Lemalu, Bella Lange-Wereta

Absent: Pattreece Andersen, Kadence-Leigh Honotapu, Keela North, Petronilla Olotua



VOLLEYBALL SENIOR A

Back Row: Miss B Sale, Faimafili Sa'e, Hazel-Maree Naoia, Teiyah Fomai, Mrs M Fomai

Front Row: Kiera Fomai, Imila Valoaga, Alice Petersen Wender

Absent: Eseta Peivi



VOLLEYBALL SENIOR B

Back Row: Mr F Matamata, Tagi Olive, Tahlia Sauaso, Sisifolau Vaitaiki

Absent: Lise Manuele, Claire Sootaga, Liu Fale Taufua

Sports *Prize Giving*

On 17 October, the Hastings Girls' High School whānau gathered in pride and celebration for our annual Sports Prizegiving, an evening dedicated to acknowledging and honouring the incredible sporting achievements, commitment, and growth of our students throughout the year. It was a night that reflected the very best of our school's values: excellence, perseverance, whanaungatanga, and integrity, brought to life through the success stories and shared moments of our athletes, coaches, and supporters.

The event drew together students, staff, parents, caregivers, and friends of the school, all united in their admiration for the remarkable sporting journeys that have taken place across 2025. The atmosphere was one of excitement and collective pride as we celebrated not only victories and accolades, but also the dedication, teamwork, and resilience that define our athletes' approach to sport and life. At HGHS, sport plays a vital role in developing confident, capable, and connected young women. The evening highlighted the countless hours of training, practice, and competition our students commit to, often balancing academic demands, leadership roles, and community involvement alongside their sporting pursuits. Their determination and focus reflect the strength of character we nurture at Hastings Girls', where achievement is celebrated not just for results, but for the personal growth and self-belief it fosters.

A special and heartfelt mihi was extended to our guest speaker, former HGHS student Tori Lauvai-Araia Iosefo, whose inspiring journey captivated everyone in attendance. Tori, who proudly represented Samoa at the Women's Rugby World Cup in England, shared her experiences as a professional athlete and the lessons she has learned along the way. Her reflections on perseverance, humility, and cultural pride resonated deeply with our students, serving as a reminder that success comes through hard work, authenticity, and the courage to chase your dreams. Her return to HGHS was a powerful moment of connection and inspiration for all.

We also express our sincere gratitude to Donna Rowe for presenting the Jayda Akuhata-Brown Memorial Cup for Junior Sportswoman of the Year, a particularly meaningful award that honours both athletic excellence and personal character. This tradition serves as a reminder of the strong legacy of sportsmanship and leadership that continues to flourish within our school community. The highlight of the evening was, of course, the presentation of the Major Sports Awards, celebrating outstanding individuals and teams who have exemplified excellence across a range of sporting disciplines:



Coach of the Year: Moira Fomai (Volleyball)

Team of the Year: 1st XV Rugby

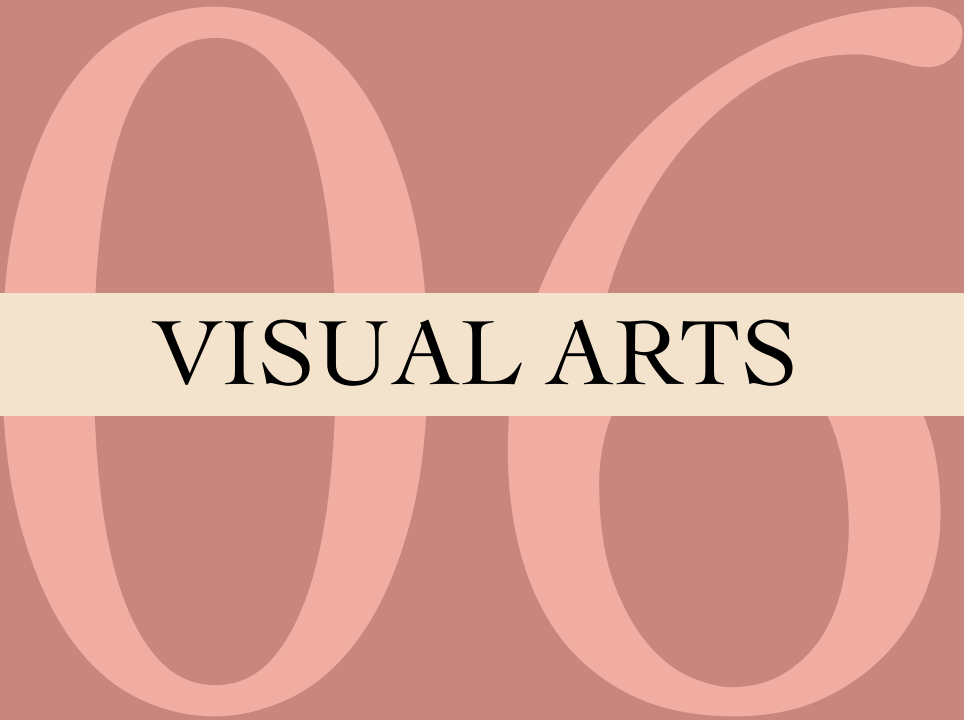
Contribution to Sport: Janet Vaiusu

Female All Rounder of the Year: Maddison Seumanutafa

Junior Sportswoman of the Year: Pattreece Andersen

Sportswoman of the Year: Maleta Pailate

Each of these recipients has demonstrated exceptional skill, leadership, and sportsmanship. They have not only achieved personal and team success, but have also contributed to the wider sporting culture of Hastings Girls, inspiring others through their example and commitment. Congratulations once again to all our award winners and to every student who took part in sport this year. Your commitment continues to uplift and inspire the entire Hastings Girls whānau. Here's to another year of growth, teamwork, and sporting excellence—ka mau te wehi, HGHS!



VISUAL ARTS

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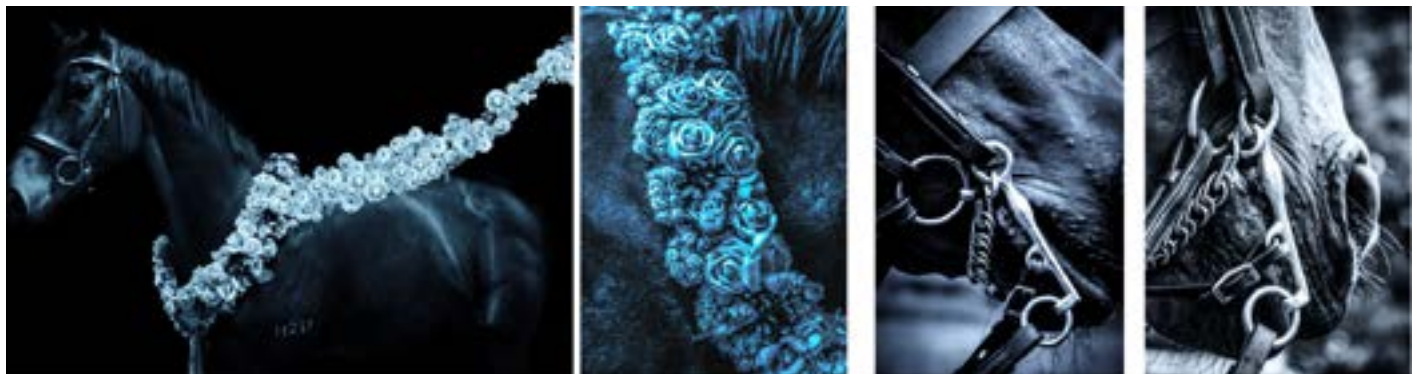
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YEAR 9 THE LIVING WORLD HUB

Back Row: Isla Bullen, Tebikeiti Takenimeang Tentau, Bella Lange-Wereta, Ella-Maisie Gurnick, Fineula Latavao, Anamika Sandhu, Joylannah Timoti Lealiiee, Annmarie Schuster, Malae Vavetuki

Second Row: Rerehua Rehu-Timms, Freedom Jones, Cimyma Uaisele, Suluia Valoaga, Nesa Hunt, Ayvah Manaena, Harleya Jackson-Reweti, Manu Ovaleni, Kai Ataela

Front Row: Jillian Fate Medina, Jazz Beard, Keela North, Auracon Morrell, Miss A Sherwood, Shakina Rajeskumar, Niveditha Chand, Reign Bagul-Bagul, Meryel Gayle Segaya

Absent: Sofia Dugh Dugh, Seu Lotolelei Sione, Manea-Tiare O'shea-Karangaroa



YEAR 9 PACIFIC CONNECTIONS HUB

Back Row: Sioliana Soe, Antigua Smith, Tereiti Hapi, Lavena Leutele, Entrusted Peni, Keisah Panapa, Stellan Kawenga, Jah-Nayah Pakai-Wallis

Second Row: TayShaarn Ah Kiong, Pulemau Atiga, Logo Amosa, Tammy Nathan Kaka, Kaia Waikawa-Whitehead, Josie Teaukura, Hadassah Malota-Maele, Atarangi Kawana-Owen, Suzietana Selau Poalaga

Front Row: Bam Patuwai, Aaysia Tito, Azaryah Suaesi, Mr S Kereti, Miss B Sale, Mr T Samuelu, Tamara Taivale, Tiare-Mei Watson-Smith, Azaariyah Mete

Absent: Ihia Kawana, Rhythme Kim Kokiri, Cheylarrel Ropitini, Makaila Tupara, Mrs M Beatty



YEAR 9 EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS HUB

Back Row: Kiana Tomoana, Lashaya Newton-Peri, Roseann Crichton, Bonnie Zhang, Salome Pailate

Second Row: Sweeden Rangi-Puletaha, Honey Kururangi, Jayda Mitchell, Larelle Kireka-Kahika, Harleen Heer, Chloe Ikitoelangi, Tali Kereti

Front Row: Czarina Jane Daza, Harley Wakefield-Otene, Sariah Taumata-Middleton, Mrs T Abbott, Sophia Seilala, Skylah Renata, Czyra Mae Daza

Absent: Kiani Gotty, Saira Hassan, Akeisha Hereaka, Jaeda-lee Reiri, Lena Tapiata



YEAR 10 CONTEMPORARY INNOVATION HUB

Back Row: Awatea Tuapawa, Elise Hooper, Kilisitina Finefeuiaki, Hayley Price, Danika Tawhai, Delilah Spencer, Irie Duff

Second Row: Manreet Kaur, Fakaanaua Lolohea, Kyla Frater, Sarah Renall, Kaleb Wishnowsky, Meya Salter, Harnoor Kaur

Front Row: Bailey Hapi, Addilyn Brown, Arkaydia Te Hau, Acacia-lee Chase, Miss Z A Rangas, Te Aroha Tinsley-Lee, Kiranjot Kaur, Iris Pere, Misha Sarion

Absent: Kathy Iese, Dulansa Lamahewa



YEAR 10 THE CREATIVE WORLD HUB

Back Row: Skylah Te Amo, Aitasi Lone, Meryn Vise Niko, Parkash Kaur, Taylah Bernstone

Second Row: Whaea O Kershaw, Mackenzie Munro, Caitlin Dobbe, Maxi-Rockers Kireka-Russell, Faka'anaua Tua'akalau, Bailee Wati-Turi

Front Row: Indy Aranui, Verz Heperi-Tawera, Whitiri Taiatini, Huni Nathan, Marquise Valenzuela, Miracle Saunders-Littleton, Ysabelle Faith Borra

Absent: Hope Collins, Dessie Daniels, Rubi Nuku-Jessup, Lilly Wire



YEAR 10 THE LIVING WORLD HUB

Back Row: Anaise Kiteau, Lizar Reihana, Niharika Bukka, Kaira Beard, Hope Te Ahu, Ridwan Farah

Second Row: Lea Kuresa, Ryan Bartlett, Lusi Kolose, Tia Newcomb, Darleen Kireka, Sophia O'Kane, Bailey Tangiora, Kaylee Bulled, Sisifo Tafunai

Front Row: Muskan Heer, Elaine-Kelly Tamati, Maria Nansen, Maneth Hern, Mr S Robinson, Soraya Palipane, Lakshita Sharma, Summer Te Pou, Jasdeep Kaur

Absent: Julie Osooso-Onasemu, Tangiora Puna-Adams, Silvia Robin, Rhythm Te Whaiti



YEAR 10 PACIFIC CONNECTIONS HUB

Back Row: Honour Patea, Astyn Raihania, Amy Iiga, Marlene Vaitaiki, Kalais-Jay Mahia, Dominique Purcell

Second Row: Peris Kirisimasi, Te Wairua Pere, Sailele Matautia, Selai Pahulu, Kathleen Luteru, Terri-lee Pere, Mercy Lauvao

Front Row: Atahlea Tipene-Tairaki, Grace Tiesitasio, Calei Toso, Whaea C Keelan, Mrs N Blakeley, Miss J Simati, Riley Arnold-Johnson, Hineira King, Daltar Pere-Frase

Absent: Sulianah Crichton, Hereturikoka Karauria, Tui Kemp, Aigaeivamalieta Lilo Iosefo



YEAR 10 EXPLORING THE OUTDOORS HUB

Back Row: Aryanee Stone-Muriwai, Ella Paerau-Te Ngahue, Ella Ngahue, Johannes Iese, Brooke Lemalu, Frances Milo

Second Row: Lainey Barber, Paige Armstrong, Pattreece Andersen, Alayna Stevens, Arnika Warren, Anaia Ropiha, Sarahanne Greig, Nadia Rangi-Puletaha

Front Row: Dynastee Hawkins, Ferris Rowlands, Cienna Nathan-Craig, Mr J Gabel, Skyla Gilmore, Sala Masina, Seerat Sandhu, Micaela Cameron

Absent: Lucy Linton, Bree MacDonald, Sydney Waith



BLUE HOUSE 1 – MRS FARGHER

Back Row: Vienna Lameko, Stevie-Lee Cargill, Gurleen Kaur, Hiria Herewini, Mia Paerau-Tengahue, Lyrel-Marie Kohi
Front Row: Lyka Canlom, Esther Thomas, Seneesa Lamaheewa, Mrs R Fargher, Tineesha Rewiri, Kanishka Pokhriyal, Cassie Gilbert

Absent: Anya-Paige Carlson, Navisha Chumber, Siraiah Crichton, Kaya Haapu



BLUE HOUSE 2 – MR WOODHAMS

Back Row: Anebe Van Der Merwe, Aurora Ivamy, Kadence-Leigh Honotapu, Erica Monika-Matehaere Paul, Isabelle Ford, Norah Edwards, Eseta Peivi, Summer Gifkins

Front Row: Rain Paea, Aniwaniwa Makirere-Haerewa, Keiarah Nathan-Craig, Mr C Woodhams, Jordan Lang, Huia White-NiaNia, Kirnpreet Padda

Absent: Phoenix Morrell Aumua, Cyana Tuaputa



BLUE HOUSE 3 – MS DICKERSON

Back Row: Rahmo Farah, Kerima-Jaye King, Paris Johnson-Whakaue, Suzanne Iese Tulaga, Maia Tahu, Paige Cunningham, Aryana James, Kay-Leigh Hodges

Front Row: Pia Torres, Jo Opoc, Jade Udy-Johns, Ms J Dickerson, Khaji Rivera, Kanhchana Van, Jezeiri Villegas

Absent: Georgia Diamond, Sharon Faalele



BLUE HOUSE 4 – MS GROOT

Back Row: Ana Santos Ribeiro, Prabhjot Kaur, Orepa Ta'a, Isla Te Whiu, Bavneet Kaur, Kunisha Chumber, Laurie Natusch

Front Row: Rosalind Helena Mau, Liu Taufu, Adelaide Steenkamp, Ms M Groot, Jasmine Cassin, Debora Marques Portela, Juliet Hokianga

Absent: Tia Bellamy-Daley, Ruby Lauano, Parekawa Ngarewa-Duan, Jerry Tuiva



BLUE HOUSE 5 – MS MACDONALD

Back Row: Daphney Vea, Marama Naicegulevu, Baylee-Maree Hungahunga, Gloria Fraser-Nuku, Rome Craig, Nofo Tuatagaloa, Caroline Moreira Da Costa

Front Row: Te Raukura Harris, Amber Bullen, Oce Wilkins-Chadwick, Cheyenne Christy-Smith, Ms H Macdonald, Harmony Winmill, Valentyne Manutulila, Shilah Smith, Katlene Claveria

Absent: Gwen Kupa, Ana Silva De Oliveira, Charleyrose Stevens



GOLD HOUSE 1 – MS CLAPPERTON

Back Row: Charm Hanley, Azrae Waerea, Ani Dickey, Ruby Taylor, Grace Ismail, Namisha Naicker

Front Row: Flharyssa Manay, Mele Pailate, Ms S Clapperton, Paige Hicks, Eternity Peni

Absent: Khushi Bijalwan, Awhina De Seymour, Maddee Marsh, Chevy-pink Metekingi, Imila Valoaga, Kayla Watson



GOLD HOUSE 2 – MRS GILMOUR

Back Row: Ella Edwards, Zoey Ortega, Maleta Pailate, Charlotte Tuliau, Sulu Ah-Yu, Makayla Walsh, Masina Apelu

Front Row: Isis Michalake, Rebecca Iorangi, Laise Stefani, Mrs M Gilmour, Mary Potaua, Tawa Kersel, Jaira Dano

Absent: Dona Kannangara, Paige Spark-Taitimu



GOLD HOUSE 3 – MR MANGENA

Back Row: Louise Tafaoga, Disha Mudliar, Jazz Te PouJazz Pou, Hannah West, Liah Folau, Newlife Faleone, Kaea Tangohau, Chan Tafaoga

Front Row: Mary Ataeta, Hayley James, Erika Ziebe, Mr S Mangena, Giselle Kahui, Ricki Te Pou, Mubashra Rana

Absent: Maddy Seumanutafa, Alyzelle Tolentino



GOLD HOUSE 4 – MRS BRYSON

Back Row: Sasha Newson-Williams, Shilou Fromont-Rose, Sasha Hunt, Natalia Mclean, Autumn Randell, Esther Semi Tevaga, Munnat Hayer, Tuitavaka Pulaalofa, Isabella Da Silva Fernandes

Front Row: Mary Cris Narvarte, Alana Dos Santos Tallevi Da Silva, Reneigh Edwards, Jahleah Griffin, Mrs A Bryson, Legacy Hanley, Maia Singh, Juliana Medina, Tayla Edwards



GOLD HOUSE 5 – MR GARDNER

Back Row: Oriwa Hanara, Tarundeep Kaur, Muskan Kaur, Gurshan Kaur, Hayley Dennison, Katie Carpenter, Azlyn Marsters

Front Row: Sierra Minogue, Ananya Tariyal, Jada Smith, Khloe Gardner, Mr S Gardner, Jahmelia Aranui, Katie Bjornberg, Natalie Small, Te Raukura MacFarlane

Absent: Lise Manuele



GREEN HOUSE 1 – MISS VAN DEN MUNCKHOF

Back Row: Janica Lau Petelo, Shyah Ngatuere, Eternity Araia, Krystal Poutu-Chapman, Franny Staples, Giselle Rapaea

Front Row: Sofia Yang, Lydia Vaoga, Chevy Cracknell, Miss L van den Munckhof, Laura Vieira Da Cunha, Situaufiau Lau Petelo, Jaz Hohipuha-Godtschalk

Absent: Ireesh Nicole Entico, Ellazay Hawkins, Brianna Head, Roxy Newton, Thalia Thusi-Konteh



GREEN HOUSE 2 – MR SAMUELU

Back Row: Jazmyn Whiu, Hazel-Maree Naoia, Liel Lusiano, Zion Etika, Amelia Credland, Hope Naoupu

Front Row: Tui Bower, Phoenix Tekere, Mereania Makoare, Lydiafaith Tavita, Mr F Samuelu, Tewia Taukarawa, Shaquan Taunoa, Teina Kireka Kahika, Niranjana Subhash

Absent: Courtney Credland, Alyssa Mansfield, Mansfield, Patsy-Kay Taukamo



GREEN HOUSE 3 – MS BURLING

Back Row: Ms K Burling, Jessica Sunder, Alice Petersen Wender, Leilani Brown, Nava Luki, Mercy Tavae, Wriley Karena, Kahmarni Ormsby-Te Tau

Front Row: Chahat Gill, Abby Ioane, Jicada Mohi-Te Whero, Faimafili Sa'e, Janaiah Mahechu Mohi, Nicresa Mohi-Te Whero, Ngatungane Vavetuki, Tauranga Ioane, Pippa Yule

Absent: Modesty Kireka, Cleveland-Rose Sorensen-Pineaha, Psalm Staples



GREEN HOUSE 4 – MRS GEARY

Back Row: Tazsha Parkes, Tenequa Ross-Araia, Dylan Jennings, Payten Payne, Nadia Morrell, Chevelle Katene, Saanj Padda, Kiera Fomai, Teiyah Fomai

Front Row: Micah Elisa Severino, Sinead Gallagher, Heidi Gibbons, Mrs K Geary, Sophia Mabalcon, Humarie Baldwin-Devine, Ernstin Borra

Absent: Riley Crawford-Pakoti, Niamh Gallagher, Harriet Stewart, Matilda Tiesitasio



GREEN HOUSE 5 – MRS DEVI

Back Row: Analia Saoagi, Katie Tso, Kaiah-Leigh Heperi, Atareta Sciascia, Payton Tautau, Alize Ross-Araia, Myrah Kereti

Front Row: Lovie Harris, Jordan Slater, Sohani Aheer, Mrs S Devi, Ariella Jennings, Priyanka Sami, Komal Kaur

Absent: Shaelah Araia, Natasha Rani, Rachel Richards, Paige Whareaitu



PURPLE HOUSE 1 – MR LEE

Back Row: Tahlia Sauaso, Angela Norman, Maieke Thompson, Kamalpreet Kaur, Harshpreet Kaur, Luccy Letalu, Cecilia Letalu, Rajvir Kaur, Te Ohomauri Wairau, Turquoise Hawkins-Kemp

Front Row: Chezcah Reyes, Emma Orr, Eseta Lafaele, Bella Bennett, Mr C Lee, Elena Burden, Sanny Nguyen, Shine Dumlao, Gabrielle Cantonjos



PURPLE HOUSE 2 – MISS CROSS

Back Row: Reimi Thomson, Miriama Mua, Charlotte Sua, Claire Sootaga, Kyra Hide, Lupe Fruean

Front Row: Jen Galacan, Rahma Miah, Danielle Mark, Miss J Cross, Seu Toala, Te Ahua Mainini, Elizabeth Tere

Absent: Jayda Andrews-Wallace, Nature Andrews-Wallace, Rhythm Brown, Akeisha Eyles, Emily Harney



PURPLE HOUSE 3 – MRS PEPPER

Back Row: Rebecca Tuliaupupu, Ana Hiko, Daizy Salanoa, Mya Te Kuru, Doris Crichton, Elaine Waerea, Mause Sataraka, Shadow Whakatau

Front Row: Yashika Aheer, Furn Kiriau, Zaire Chisholm, Mrs V Peffer, Siliona Limoni, Hannah O'Connor, Jasmeet Kaur

Absent: Claire McGregor, Teuila Salanoa



PURPLE HOUSE 4 – MRS JONES

Back Row: Tagi Olive, Amali Burnett, Amali Burnett, Haitia Tagisia Osie, Jade Moore, La Enri Ditchas, Essence Haenga, Amber Twist

Front Row: Jade Palisoc, Nevaeh Cruikshank, Rozahn Friedrichs, Riah Karetu, Summar-Calais Burnett, Nevaeh Haenga, Leigel Mae Tamayo

Absent: Trina Craig, Caitlin Mostert, Mrs H Jones



PURPLE HOUSE 5 – MRS ZHAO

Back Row: Kyah Johns, Grace Warren, Ocean Dutta, Mary Tonga, Marcia-Kruz Tamati

Front Row: Anna Parkins, Elizabeth Turner, Ashlee George, Mrs Y Zhao, Ariana Hiko-Johns, Harpreet Kaur, Charlotte Turner

Absent: Paskell Jolie Campbell, Maria-Si'itaga Fesolai, Egypt Grant-Pere, Aaliyah Hiko, Patricia Kiteau, Sisifolau Vaitaiki



STUDENT LEADERS – MRS BENTLEY

Back Row: Kashishpreet Kaur, Mia Kerisiano, Janet Vaiusu, Maia van den Berk, 'Ofa Kaufononga, Pisila Nu'u

Front Row: Hossana Peni, Devantaye Fiu, Tiana Kupa, Mrs C Bentley, Temprryss Lauvao, Annah Frazerhurst, Mennat Quazi

Absent: Lani Kawana, Petronilla Olotua



Mrs Catherine Bentley, Principal 2018–2025, with incoming Principal and Hastings Girls' High School Old Girl, Mrs Lisa Akers.

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Fourth Row: Mr P Hewes, Miss M Newbitt, Ms S Clapperton, Mrs T Pettersson, Mr S Mangena, Ms K Burling, Mrs K Bristow-Smith, Mrs K Jones, Ms M Groot, Mrs M Treneman, Mrs T Abbott

Third Row: Mrs S Eaton, Mrs K Whelan, Mrs Y Zhao, Mrs A Bryson, Ms S Lee, Mrs S Devi, Mrs J Price, Mrs P Angland, Mrs J Lowe, Ms S Thompson, Miss Z Rangas, Miss C Burton, Ms S Harris

Second Row: Mrs M Gilmour, Mrs A Hall, Mrs D Ormsby, Mrs K Bachman, Mrs M Beatty, Miss T Apatu, Mrs N Blakeley, Mrs A O'Donoghue, Miss C Hawkins, Ms J Dickerson, Whaea C Smith, Ms S Williams

Front Row: Miss B Sale, Mr C Woodhams, Miss A Sherwood, Mrs V Pepper, Mr S Robinson, Mr R Orr, Mrs C Bentley, Ms E Jensen, Mrs A Moli, Mrs K Geary, Mrs M Ferguson, Mrs R Fargher, Whaea C Keelan

Absent: Mrs T Barratt, Mr T Bradleigh, Ms J Fugle, Ms J Garbutt, Ms K Harber, Mrs K Hokianga, Mr C Lee, Mrs S Lyndon, Mr J Mulligan, Mr M Olsen, Mrs D Turner, Ms E Waretini-Edwards

As we close the pages of our 2025 school magazine, we also close an important chapter in the history of Hastings Girls' High School — Ngā Rau Huia o Ākina.

We farewell Catherine Bentley, our Principal of eight years, with enormous gratitude for her leadership, courage and unwavering belief in our young women. Catherine leaves a lasting legacy in the culture, identity and direction of our kura, and her contribution will remain part of the story of Hastings Girls' High School for generations to come.

And, as one chapter closes, another begins.

In 2026, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Lisa Akers as Principal of Hastings Girls' High School. As an Old Girl of Hastings Girls', Lisa returns to a school that is already part of her own story — this time with the privilege of leading its next chapter.

We look forward to welcoming Lisa home and to the future of Hastings Girls' High School — Ngā Rau Huia o Ākina.

Ngā mihi nui, Catherine. Nau mai, hoki mai, Lisa.



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