



# Havelock North Intermediate School

## Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> February, 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The 2010 school year has started well. I am impressed by our Year 7 students who have adjusted to their new environment very quickly. I welcome back our Year 8's. You should be very aware that our staff are looking at potential school leaders over these early weeks.

Tonight is your opportunity to meet your son/daughters 2010 teacher. This is an opportunity to make initial face to face contact and be given an overview of many important aspects of this year's programme. I encourage caregivers and staff to keep the communication level high in these early weeks so that any concerns can be dealt with quickly.

Tomorrow night is our School Swimming Championships at the Village pool from 5.30 – 8.00pm. I look forward to meeting you on this occasion.

It is pleasing to note the high level of interest from students wishing to join our Kapa Haka and Choir performance groups. This keen interest will be reflected in high levels of performance throughout this year.

I have awarded two honours badges already this year. Both students exhibit those qualities and attributes we would expect from recipients of such a high award. I congratulate you.

Regards,  
*Graham Ellis*  
**PRINCIPAL**



**Technology** has started the year with a school-wide approach, where students looked at technological developments and what has influenced those changes. Examples ranged from the flip phone of the 1960's through to Apple's latest ipad.

From there they were divided into four groups where they went round a series of workshops looking at different aspects of technology. They saw past and present products, examined the materials they were made from and explored why these products had been developed. They looked at the technological developments in photography and movie projectors through to the latest video cameras. The final workshop looked at the process of product development.

The technology team are really excited about this year's programme. We hope that your children will enjoy their learning and come home full of enthusiasm after their technology experiences.

## Awards

### Honours Badge

The Honours Badge is our highest award. Students who have received Gold Awards in at least 4 different areas – Academic, Technology, Cultural, Sport and Service – and have been awarded Stars in at least 2 different areas are eligible to apply for an Honours Badge. Applicants must then put their case to the Principal during an interview.

We are pleased to announce that **Yahaira Williams** and **Andrew Russell** have received an Honours Badge.



### Awesome Awards

Awesome Awards are presented to students by their various teachers on a daily basis and recognise such things as:

- Positive attitude to class and school
- Work ethic
- Good behaviour in classroom/ playground
- Helping and assisting others
- Manners and courtesy
- Effort to achieve one's best

**Congratulations** to the following students who have received a number of Awesome Awards this fortnight.

*Blake Williams, Freddie Howard, Jacob Doak, Megan McCallum, Ksenia James, Jesse Scott, Tiffany Buckley, Harriet Angell, Sarah Hosford, Courtney Neilson, McGechman Berryman, Lauren Hartridge, Xavier Hokianga, Ruby Morganie, Caitlyn Clark, Aries Timu-Jones, James Gilmour, Imogen Moore*

### Gold Awards

The Gold Award recognises excellence in the Academic, Cultural, Technology, Sporting and Service fields.

The school has pleasure in presenting Gold Awards to the following students for outstanding achievements.

**Technology** – Sarah Morley, Hunter Chapman, Cinnamon Rowe

**Stars:** Andrew Russell

**Sport** – Jacob Doak, Andrew Russell

**Stars:** Daniel Way, Andrew Breen, Natalya Taylor

**Academic** – Eliza Mill, Heath Dinneen

**Cultural** – **Stars:** Yahaira Williams

**Service** – Laura Sturch, Andrew Breen

## Meet The Teacher Evening Tonight

We are looking forward to a big turn out at our 'Meet the Teacher Evening', and look forward to the parental support for our many school activities this year.

While most points regarding classroom learning programmes will be discussed at our 'Meet the Teacher Evening', there may be a few parents who wish to discuss a specific need/concern about their child. You will have an opportunity to have a confidential discussion at the conclusion of the formal meeting. Please be aware that this evening is not a Parent/Teacher/Student conference.

## Union Meeting

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March the Primary Teachers Union (NZEI) have called a paid union meeting from 1.30 – 3.00pm. Students will be dismissed at 12.30pm – the start of our lunchtime. We are talking to our bus company about the possibility of changing bus times. **There is no agreement at this time.** If no change to bus times is possible students would either need to be collected from school at 12.30pm or remain at school supervised by non union staff until 3.00pm.

I will ask for numbers of students remaining at school closer to this date.

## Receipting of Stationery & School Fees

All monies received at the beginning of the year for stationery and school fees etc. will have been processed by the end of this week. Families whose fees are paid in full by 30th June, 2010 will qualify to be placed in a draw for one of five grocery vouchers. Any queries please contact the school office.

## Students Arrival At School

Students should not arrive at school before 8.15am, when staff commence supervision duty. Any students who do arrive before this time including early bus students are to enter the school grounds and assemble on the netball court area until the 8.15am bell.

No student is allowed around or in the school buildings before 8.15am, unless for a Music Tuition lesson.

## Music Tuition

2010 will see over 150 students at Havelock North Intermediate School learning a musical instrument as part of our Music Tuition Programme.

In order to achieve this, the school employs ten Music Tutors each week to deliver a quality Tuition programme and hires out over 50 instruments that belong to the school.

If your child is learning an instrument this year he/she will have received details of lesson times and venue. It is extremely important that if your child is to gain the most from this opportunity:

- they are **at their lesson on time**, and have **their instrument at school**.
- they **practise regularly between lessons** so as not to fall behind the rest of the group.

Should there be concerns or queries about any aspect of your child's tuition, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Mary McHattie, Music Tuition Co-ordinator, at the school.

Music Tuition fees must be paid before the commencement of lessons this week.

## Jersey Identification

Stitchery House have offered to embroider 'HNI' and 'first and last names' on the upper left hand side of students' jerseys for a cost of \$6.00. We encourage all students to have this done. Should you be interested, then please forward the jersey and money to the School Office on a Friday. The jersey will be returned to your child on the following Wednesday.

## Sunhats

Thank you for your tremendous support for our efforts to make the wearing of sunhats compulsory when students are outside during Term 1 and Term 4.

All students are required to wear one of the school sunhats/caps when walking to/from school, outside at interval/lunchtime/PE/Sports/class trips and when representing our school at sports - including Saturday sports.

By being proactive and promoting the wearing of sunhats we hope that students will ultimately do this automatically for their own protection just like they wear cycle helmets or seat belts. Please ensure that your child's hat is well named.

Caps (\$10.00) are available from the School Office.

## Congratulations To...

- **Olivia Addis** who was selected as a member of the 12's girls Waikato-Bays team. The Waikato-Bays team won Silver at the New Zealand Nationals Tennis Teams Event held recently in Hamilton.

## Safe Cycling

If your child cycles to school please take time to discuss and reinforce the importance of:

1. *Using cycle lanes when they exist (Te Mata Road).*
2. *Using hand signals to indicate when turning.*
3. *Cycling in single file – particularly on busy roads, and country roads (Crosses Rd).*
4. *Wearing the cycle helmet correctly (not over the top of the sun hat).*
5. *Obeying 'Give Way/Stop Signs and Traffic Lights'.*
6. *Regularly checking the bike to ensure road worthiness e.g. brakes, seat, wheels, handle bars etc.*
7. *Maintaining a space between you and the cyclist in front.*
8. *Locking your bike at school.*
9. *Being a defensive cyclist, attentive to other road users. No cycling on footpaths.*

## Nimon Street Traffic Flow And Intermediate School Car Park

Traffic control in Nimon Street and the Intermediate School car park are causing major concern, particularly in regard to student safety. We have sought the advice and assistance of Constable Bruce Grimshaw, our Community Constable and would be grateful if parents would adhere to the following decisions.

- The **Intermediate School car park** is for **Staff Vehicles only** between the hours of 8.00 – 9.00am in the morning and 2.30 – 3.30pm in the afternoon.
- The **yellow lines** in Nimon Street mean **no stopping**. The Police will be making regular spot checks and have advised that tickets will be issued to motorists who are inconsiderate of others by ignoring this traffic law.

I ask that intermediate students travelling to or from school by car be dropped off or picked up in Guthrie Road. Please avoid using Te Mata School car park. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## Caretakers Corner

It is so good having all you students, teachers, helpers and parents back at school. I hope you are going to have a good term and year. I am Gus Keip, a parent/caretaker/cleaner at HNI and Te Mata School, and together with quite a few people I will be doing my best to make HNI look as bright and tidy as possible.

All of us are working part-time so we are not at HNI all the time. Mr Jeff Brandt works every morning unlocking the doors, sweeping the grounds and carrying out the daily maintenance required.

Mr John Cusack will help him when needed but also makes sure the hall and attached rooms are in tidy shape. When Mr Cusack is not at HNI, he is helping out at Te Mata School.

Mrs Rose McKenzie is really good at gardening and she comes every Tuesday morning to sort out the gardens. She can't do all the heavy work so Monty (Mr Monteith) will be looking after the lawns and the weeds and he will also make sure the bushes will be trimmed.

Mrs Annie Curtin does the cleaning of the Administration and Library buildings and she also helps out at Te Mata School.

CleanWorks is in charge of the cleaning of classrooms and toilets and I am working very closely with them to make sure we get all areas as clean and tidy as possible.

That is where you come in, students, teachers and helpers. The tidier you keep HNI, the more time we can spend on brightening and improving the surrounds of HNI.

I am sure with all your input HNI will be looking smarter than it ever looked. GO Havelock North Intermediate!

*Gus Keip (Caretaker)*

## Book Corner



### **Keeper** By Mal Peet

What better way to start off the year of the Football World Cup than with this book, *Keeper* by Mal Peet. In a newspaper office, Paul Faustino, South America's top football writer, sits opposite the man they call El Gato - the Cat - the world's greatest goalkeeper. On the table between them stands the World Cup... In the hours that follow, El Gato tells his incredible life story - how he, a poor logger's son, learns to become a World Cup winning goalkeeper, so good he is almost unbeatable. The most remarkable part of this story is the man who teaches him - the mysterious Keeper, who haunts a football pitch at the heart of the claustrophobic forest. This extraordinary, gripping tale pulses with the rhythms of football and the rainforest. This book can be found on the fiction shelves under PEE.

## Music Theory

A theory class, for a small fee, is to be offered to any student who would like to be able to sit the Royal Schools of Music Theory exams. The class will take place on Tuesday lunchtimes. Any student who is interested please see Mrs McHattie.

## Congratulations to Ex HNI Students

### Havelock North High School

- Head Boy – *Matthew Keong*



- Miro House Leader - *Sam Joe*
- Rata House Leader - *Emma Donovan*
- Tainui House Leader - *Sean Ritchie*

### Karamu High School

- Head Boy – *Adam Blake*
- Deputy Head Girl – *Jordan Pearse*



### Hastings Girls High School

- Deputy Head Girl - *Amy Harrison*



- Sports Captain – *Emma Blake*
- School Council Chairperson – *Ellen Woods*
- BOT Student Rep – *Brittany Mills*
- Blue House Deputy Cultural Captain – *Sarah Dockary*
- Green House Deputy Sports Captain – *Sariah Box*
- Purple House Captain – *Grace MacPherson*

### Hastings Boys High School

- Head Boy – *Tom Wiggins*

## Coming Events

<b>15/2</b>	<b>Music Tuition commences</b>
<b>16/2</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher Evening 7.00pm</b>
<b>16/2</b>	<b>BOT Meeting, Staffroom 5.30pm</b>
<b>16/2</b>	<b>Student PCT Challenge</b>
<b>17/2</b>	<b>School Swimming Sports 5.30 – 7.30pm</b>
<b>18/2</b>	<b>Kapa Haka, Orchestra, Choir begins</b>
<b>5/3</b>	<b>HNI Athletic Champs 9.00 – 3.00pm</b>



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