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Welcome

Dear Parents,

Oral Assessments are over and whilst some parents found it a chore we achieved fantastic results. The fine tuning by staff in the week leading up to the event obviously paid dividends. We achieved 55 Distinctions (37%), 66 Highly Commendeds (44%).

The fine winter weather has seen a lift in the boys' spirits and we had a fabulous week and half. We have had some boys ill and at one stage had 14% of the school absent. I have to let the ministry know when it reaches 15% or above so we came very close! We have had three confirmed cases of swine flu although the doctor believes it is much higher than this in reality. I enclose an information sheet that explains ways to deal with illness at home.

Play Station Portables (PSP's) I am concerned that many parents, myself included, had no idea how easily boys can send information to each other over these gaming consoles. We found some undesirable pictures were being sent between the boys. These boys have been dealt with and lost their gaming consoles from school for the rest of the year. They will not be returned until after the third term holidays and all of them have completed internal punishments. I have also spoken to the entire school about this issue and have asked day boys to get rid of any objectionable material. Most parents have a web blocking programme on their home computer but I imagine very few parents have ever checked the memory card on their son's PSP. I strongly suggest you do as I suspect a number of boys have slipped through the ring and may have photos that you would be appalled by. We live in interesting times.

The following is an email from a member of the public who know the Wallaces. Hamish Wallace and family moved to the South Island and Hamish has just started attending Waihi School so we will be able to catch up with him on our Southern tour next year:

The Huntley School Jazz Band played and they were truly amazing. There was one boy playing the sax who so reminded me of Hamish - tall, as Hamish was, with that lovely shaped head with the close-cropped, curly hair. Their playing was of a very high standard, couldn't fault them for their talent and entertainment value. But, for me, the star was the drummer - a different one now - of course, I forget his name - but such a gorgeous young man - he could have given any professional a run for their money. Apparently, he has everything else going for him, too. You know, Huntley is tops, isn't it?

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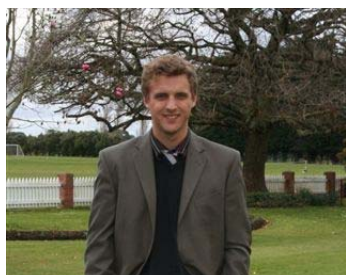
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New Tutors



Seb Denby

I come from Norfolk in England and am looking forward to spending my Gap year in New Zealand before studying at university. Having only been here two weeks I have already joined the Marton Squash club and the Marton soccer club, which I have played two games for with Brent Ballantyne and David Reddish.

I am very much into outdoor pursuits especially mountain biking.

I hope to take every opportunity that is given to me during my year out. There are a lot of things I have yet to try and I think that New Zealand is definitely the country to be trying them in.



Rachel Edwards

My home town is Stafford which is between Manchester and Birmingham. I have just finished my A levels studying Art, Design and Technology and Information and Communication Technology. I am interested in horse-riding, hockey and I love skiing. I am looking forward to spending my year here and gaining more experience before going to university in Reading to study Primary Education with Art in 2010.

I plan to travel around New Zealand and experience white water rafting, bungee jumping, jet boating and many more activities. Hopefully I will have time to also visit Australia.

Headmaster's Colours

Oral Assessment

Connor Allan, Max Attwell, Owen Edwards,
Thomas Edwards, Justin Pang, Richard Pearson, Henri Spencer



Colours

Drama

James Durkin-Wright, Fergus Grant, Matthew Horton, Seth le Marquand,
Donovan Lewis, Connor McLaughlin, Samuel Medlicott, Liam Quinn, Hugh Symes

Oral Assessment

Charlie Boon, Mitchell Coleman, Riva Hayward, Samuel Lambert

Honos Awards

Week 1

8BG	Connor Allan, Riva Hayward
8BP	Jordon Sharratt
8GB	James Houghton
7AO	James Durkin-Wright, Hamish Maxwell
6/7BB	Jayden Dowman, Grant Fraser, Andrew Scott
6BW	Thomas Adkins, Jack McLeod, Leo Suen
4/5EK	William McRae, Ben Pritchard

Week 2

8BG	Charlie Boon, Riva Hayward, Cameron Hills
8BP	Jack Newman, Hayden Trill
8GB	Liam Ellis, William McCulloch
7AO	Oliver Alderson, Jack Lord, Daniel McLeod, Hugh Symes
7DR	Jordan Calkin, Jamie Gillespie, Samuel Smith
6/7BB	Aaron Purser
6BW	Mark Bartlett, Leo Suen
4/5EK	George Reddish

Scholarships

Congratulations to the following boys who have been awarded Scholarships to their Secondary Schools:

Ben Jordan - Headmaster's Scholarship to Wanganui Collegiate
Max Attwell - Headmaster's Scholarship to Wanganui Collegiate
Owen Edwards - Academic / Boarding Scholarship to Lindisfarne
Tom Edwards - Boarding Scholarship to Lindisfarne
Sam Lambert - Academic Scholarship to Wanganui Collegiate
Justin Pang - Academic Scholarship to Scots College



Boarders of the Week

The following boys have been awarded Boarder of the Week:

Connor Allan, Riva Hayward, Fred Kemp, Daniel McLeod, Hayden Trill, Cameron Wallace

Oral Assessment Results

Congratulations to the boys for a great result this year. The examiner told me all boys displayed enthusiasm for their communication and were friendly and polite. The display boards were clear, attractive visual aids which the boys used well to support their extempore speaking.

Distinction

Connor Allan
Mitchell Coleman
Riva Hayward
Richard Pearson
James Houghton
Bill McCulloch
Jack Newman
Oliver Alderson
Connor McLaughlin
Samuel Medicott
Harry Train
Fraser Grant
William Lilburn
Jack Kinder
Sam Reddish
Rourke Fraser
Patrick Tobin
Oscar Crooks
Benjamin Pritchard

Max Attwell
Owen Edwards
Samuel Lambert
Henri Spencer
Jack Hughes
James Cook
Hayden Trill
James Durkin-Wright
Hugh Symes
Brayden Scott
Levi Loudon
Seth le Marquand
Bradley Downs
Tyler Malone
Leo Suen
George Reddish
Jack Trotter
Henry Gay

Charlie Boon
Thomas Edwards
Justin Pang
Hemi Bettridge
Nathan Kelland
Luke Mudgway
Peter Ware
Jack Lord
Jake van Lienen
Lachlan Thomas-Ash
Fergus Grant
Donovan Lewis
Fred Kemp
Jack McLeod
Harley Transom
Joe Reddish
Trey Bidois
William McRae

Highly Commended 66 boys **Commended** 16 boys **Pass** 1 boy

Wool Required

Miss Pratt would appreciate donations of any spare wool you may have lying around at home for her Year 8 knitting class.

And no I'm not just spinning a yarn! We do need it!



ICAS

Science Results

Well done to the following boys:

High Distinction

Justin Pang

Distinction

Oliver Alderson, Max Attwell, Mitchell Coleman, James Durkin-Wright,
Owen Edwards, Cameron Hills, Samuel Lambert

Credit

Connor Allan, Millar Calder, Roddy Crowley, James Davey, Matthew Dawidowski,
Riva Hayward, Matthew Howe, Fred Kemp, Seth le Marquand, Dylan Leney, Jack
Lord, Connor McLaughlin, Hamish Maxwell, Harrison Morris, Richard Pearson, Jacob
Pritchard, Sam Reddish, Taami Wright

Blokes' Night In - Saturday 22nd August

A reminder that we are holding a video evening for boys and their fathers or other male mentors. This is a very relaxed fun evening. Boys will attend free and other attending males will be charged \$10.00 to cover food.

6.00 pm	Arrival
6.30 pm	Hot Dogs and Chips in the Dining Room
7.00 pm	Video in the Hall
9.00 pm	Visitors depart

For catering purposes please let the Office know if you will be attending. **06 327 8049**

Saturday Sports Results

Saturday 1 August

Rugby

1st XV v Marton

Won 39 - 0

2nd XV v Border

Lost 15 - 17

Junior Rugby v Ratana

Won 42 - 0

Soccer

1st XI v Riverside	Won 9 - 2
2nd XI v Taihape	Won 4 - 2
Bulls v Feilding	Won 4 - 1
Colts v Riverside	Lost 1 - 3

Hockey

1st XI v PNINS Girls	Lost 0 - 1
2nd XI	Default
3rd XI v Carncot 2nd XI	Won 2 - 1

Cross Country Events

A reminder that the following Cross Country events are coming up. Boys will advise parents if they are competing, nearer to time:

- * Wanganui Inter-School Cross Country Years 5 and 6 - 1st September at Aranui School
- * Wanganui Intermediate Cross-Country Years 7 and 8 - 10th September at Wanganui Collegiate

Mathex

Huntley has entered seven teams in this year's competition which is on Wednesday 2 September.

Year 5 Competition	5.30 pm
Year 6 Competition	6.15 pm
Year 7 Competition	7.00 pm
Year 8 Competition	7.45 pm

Please note the venue for 2009 is Wanganui Intermediate School Hall, Dublin Street.

Hereworth Fixture - Saturday 5th September

On Friday 4th September the 1st XV and 2nd XV will be travelling to Havelock North to play against Hereworth the following day. The boys will be billeted with Hereworth families and the Staff are booked into The Havelock North Motor Lodge. If any parents wish to join us there please telephone 06 877 8627 to reserve a room. Staff will be having dinner at the Loading Ramp on the Friday

evening at 8.00 pm and parents are more than welcome to join Staff there. Mr Gay would like to know numbers so if you are attending please ring the office and let us know.

Transport Required

We require parents to help with transport for this fixture. If you are able to provide a car please ring the Office and let them know how many boys you are able to take.

We will be leaving School at 2.30 pm and meeting outside the Hereworth gates at 5.25 pm.

For the return trip we leave Hereworth at 1.00 pm on Saturday and boys must be back at Huntley by 4.30 pm.



2009 Golf Day - Sunday 13th September

The Parent and Son Golf Day is just around the corner. I hope you have all got your entry forms in. We need lots of players to make this day a great success.

Remember the emphasis of the day is on having fun.

All the boys will be there so they need you there to share the day. We do, however, appreciate that some parents will not be able to come and your boys will be asked to help with events on the day.

We hope to have a number of exciting activities apart from the golf to occupy you while our golfers are out on the course. So let's see as many of you as possible there for another great Huntley day.

All the preparatory work is coming together. The PFA Committee is working hard behind the scenes. We still need a few more helpers on the day. There is an updated list on the School web site. If you can help, then please volunteer.

We are experiencing some difficulties with gaining prize sponsorship this year. We can probably blame the economic climate as much as anything. If you have something you can offer, eg a bach somewhere that you would be happy for others to stay at, then please consider offering this as a prize. Sometimes we find we have a few extra gift items for which we have no use. Can these become prizes?

Also, if you can help with some of the preparation over these last few weeks, then please let me or the School know. We are grateful for all offers of assistance.

So dust off those clubs. The School has a few sets of clubs that you may be able to borrow if you don't have any. Otherwise you will need to beg, steal or borrow!

Remember to get your entries in by Friday 28 August and let's all have a wonderful day.

Penny Edwards
Chairperson, PFA
penny@pctraining.co.nz



Year 8 Play - 10th, 11th and 12th September

This year, as you know, we will be charging \$15.00 per adult for admission to the Year 8 Dinner and Play. Numbered tickets will be issued and as we have only 109 seats in the auditorium these will be sold on a first in first served basis. All parents are invited to this extravaganza.

The cost of the tickets can be charged to your Incidental Account. There is no charge for siblings.

Please book your seats by completing the form enclosed with this Newsletter. Your tickets will be available for you to collect on the night.

Help with Aladdin - 10th, 11th and 12th September

We are requiring some volunteers to do make-up for the Year 8 play on the above nights. If any parents are available to help please phone the Office.

As part of our set decoration we are wanting brightly coloured fabric (purple, gold, burgundy etc.) in large quantities. If anyone can help us with this it would be appreciated. Please telephone if you need more information.

Parent Interviews

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are moving to an automated interview system that parents can log on via the internet and book an interview time. This lets parents have control over the interview time they want and also saves hours of work for the office staff. I have also allowed 15 minutes for interview times after feedback from the PFA ring-around. We are doing interviews over two days. Thursday is designed to cater for day families or nearby boarding

families and Friday is designed for boarding families from further away. A link is available on the website - <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

The SCHOOL CODE on for these interviews is **TLSMK**. Parents without internet access can ring the Office and they will go on line for the parent and book an interview.

Te Horo Information Evening Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm

We would like to invite any current parents from the region to this evening being held at Bryce and Margaret Grant's house in Te Horo. You are also encouraged to bring along any interested prospective parents as well. Please phone the school office to confirm numbers and receive directions.

Notices from Mr Osmond

Year 7 School Immunisation Programme - 16th September

Year 7 parents have recently received a Consent Form for the Immunisation Programme which we would ask you to fill in and return to School as soon as possible. It is important that we receive both parts of this form whether you consent to the immunisation or not.

Boys' PSPs, iPods, Electronic Devices

We feel it is important to make parents aware that most electronic devices such as iPods and PSPs have the capacity to store information on them like any computer. Recently the school found a small group of boys with inappropriate material on their iPods and PSPs. These have now been confiscated from the boys till Fourth Term. We have also found that a number of the games that the boys are playing and bringing to school are of a R15, R16+ nature. If these games return to school again in the future, they will be disposed of permanently. We would encourage all parents to be aware of the material on their son's iPods, PSPs and electronic devices.

Changes to Parents' Email Addresses

Now that we are sending school communications out via email as much as possible, please ensure you update the office with any changes to your email

address.

Manawatu Performing Arts Competition Results

Richard Pearson	Highly Commended	Toad of Toad Hall
Richard Pearson	Highly Commended	Getting out of getting into bed
Richard Pearson	Commended	Getting out of getting into bed
Richard Pearson	3rd=	Mime
Hamish Maxwell	3rd=	Mime
Jack Newman	3rd	Assembly Restricted
Jack Newman	3rd	Charlie Brown Characterisation
Jack Newman	3rd=	Assembly
Justin Pang	3rd	Prepared Talk
Justin Pang	3rd=	Impromptu Speech Under 13 yrs
Justin Pang	Commended	Impromptu Speech Any Age
Matthew Dawidowski	Highly Commended	Impromptu Speech

Davis Trading

Many thanks to Davis Trading who have been very generous in their sponsorship of the Golf Day and Cook Book. If parents are able to support Davis Trading it would be our way of showing our appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

Bradden J. Gay

Headmaster

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 Oral Assessment Results
 Swine Flu Information Sheet

The Gift of Music

Most people think of gifts as material items: phones, cars, laptops, even houses. But real gifts are

ones that can bring out your emotions. Music can make you cry, laugh or suddenly feel immense joy. Music is a gift that can be read and furthermore, felt by people anywhere in the world.

I have talked to people about what they think music has done for them and most say things like “It has given me something to strive for success in and something to be the best in my league” and “Without music, life would be boring and unemotional.”

Music can bring people to tears by reminding them of their past, make people happy because of the chirpy major scales or sometimes even make them fall asleep. Most songs tell a story. The story can be of love, death, birth or of a memory of past times or events. Music has changed throughout history; from classical to country, hip-hop to military, from salsa to romance.

I became interested in music in my early childhood. My parents are both musically talented – my mother a theory and singing extraordinaire, my father a guitar-playing singer. My mother always insisted on me learning at least one instrument and I naturally took to piano and, as a leisure activity, the recorder. I joined the North Shore City Children’s Choir and found it very enjoyable. I was immediately entranced by the way that the voices of the sopranos, altos and tenors blended so perfectly the way that they did. When I came to Huntley I had wanted to be in the choir to sing, not knowing that I would be lucky enough to go through the unique experience of progressing through the Voice for Life system. I later found out that my mother and grandmother had achieved Voice for Life Red already!

Knowing what my relatives had achieved inspired me to try my best in the Voice for Life system. I found that my former knowledge in music theory through learning piano really helped me understand the material I saw in the booklets and I found that the choristers that did not learn instruments found it a lot harder to complete the exercises.

The difficulty I faced while trying to pursue my passion for music was the fact that I have something against singing solos.

I hope to pursue my passion for music further by achieving Grade 4 Piano, catching up to my family by passing Voice for Life Red & Bronze and by singing my solo in the school musical ‘Aladdin’ comfortably and with confidence.

I think that the people around me have been the ones who have truly inspired me to succeed in achieving my musical goals.

In conclusion, I think everyone should learn to love the way that music is so much more than an object. Everybody should understand the powers of music: it’s beauty, it’s ability to reconcile, heal, bring back past memories and the way that people all over the world can come together to sing, dance or play music to keep music alive.

“Music is a gift, a language, a lifestyle.”

By Riva Hayward