Choosing a high school for your son

Choosing a high school is an incredibly important decision to be made, and we are very proud that the families coming to interviews have chosen us as the best option for their boy. This is also the time that our Year Eights begin the process of deciding which school they will attend next year.

Choosing a school for your child is a subject dear to my heart at the moment, as Vicki and I are in the process of investigating the local options available to us for Isla who will begin school in the New Year. Every child is very different and has different needs and interests, and I believe the key to finding the right school involves identifying the right mix of excellent teaching, strong management, evidence-based pedagogy, and school culture, and matching this to the particular strengths and interests of your child.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters the differing needs of boys and girls in regard to learning. Earlier in the month we presented an ‘Educating Boys’ evening for parents whose boys are about to start on their learning journey. Vicki Crozier and Toni Westcott (our junior school teachers) gave an extensively researched presentation on why boys learning needs are different in the early years of school and gave parents plenty of tips to help them prepare their sons for school. Their presentation highlighted recommendations of an educational expert and respected author, Dr Michael Irwin, for choosing a school for boys. If you are interested in some further reading on the topic we thoroughly recommend his book ‘Educating Boys: Helping Kiwi Boys to Succeed at School’.

I believe that many of Dr Irwin’s recommendations for choosing a school for a boy’s early education are also key for choosing the next stage of his education – high school. These include a values-based education, physical activity, the opportunity to progress and develop academically, a safe secure environment, and most importantly the opportunity to work and socialise with friends, or as we call it – develop mateship.

We are proud that our Designed for Boys curriculum at Hereworth focuses on all of these aspects and would encourage parents to continue to prioritise these.

Finally, when looking for a high school for...
FROM THE HEADMASTER

your son, I recommend discussing together what he feels has allowed him to have success here at Hereworth, and look for a school that will continue to allow him this success.

Steve Fiet

STAFF NEWS

We were delighted to celebrate the long service of two key members of staff earlier this term. Lisa Lee, Executive Assistant to the Headmaster, has been with Hereworth for twenty years. Lisa’s two sons attended the school from Year 0 through to Year 8 and she is a hugely loyal and committed member of the administration team.

Sean Feltoe is Hereworth’s indispensable IT Manager. Sean has been with the school for fifteen years and has seen huge leaps in advancement in the technology available to schools in that time. Sean keeps the boys and the staff online and he is always calm in a crisis. His ability to retain his good humour in the face of people with an IT emergency is remarkable!

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What to look for when choosing a school for your boy

Dr Michael Irwin recommends that you look for one that:
>> has a strong emphasis on learning
>> celebrates excellence
>> encourages individual academic pursuit
>> has strong traditions
>> establishes pride in self and school
>> provides regular daily physical activity

>> has a strong outdoor education programme
>> has a strong extra-curricular programme
>> gives equal emphasis to the arts and sciences
>> encourages student voice and participation
>> has a strong student welfare and pastoral care programme
>> sets clear boundaries and behaviour protocols
>> provides programmes to develop social responsibility and community involvement

INTRODUCING CHIEKO DIETZ

Hi, my name is Chieko Dietz. I am looking after Paula Kasper’s languages classes while she is in Japan on a scholarship. I am enjoying teaching at a full primary school. I consider it a huge privilege to play a part in the students’ lives. My hobbies are listening to classical music, reading, gardening, flower arrangement and watching tennis.
TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

With many of you looking to the next stage of your son’s schooling in the next few months, as you make the decision on which secondary school he will attend, I would like to share ten indicators that will help you to choose the best school for your son. These take a slightly different focus than Dr Irwin’s recommendations mentioned earlier in this newsletter, but together will give you a very real insight into whether a school is the right one for your son.

Professor John Hattie is a world renowned educational researcher. He was a Professor of Education at the University of Auckland, prior to becoming the Professor of Education and Director of the Melbourne Education Research Institute in Melbourne in 2011. Hattie was a member of the independent advisory group which reported to the Ministry of Education on national standards for primary school children in New Zealand.

One of the things I particularly like about the indicators Hattie provides us with is that they are down to earth, practical and help to bridge the gap between evidence of best practice in a school and the gut instincts and emotions that we feel as parents as we try to make the best educational choices for our children.

Hattie’s indicators take the form of questions to ask or observations to make, as you meet with the Headmaster/ Principal and take your tour around the school.

1. In the playground, do the students look each other in the eye? Or do they avoid each other, or sit in cliques?
2. Diversity breeds fresh thinking. Can the school show you genuine evidence it is encouraged?
3. How does the school measure success? By the achievements of the few or of the many?
4. Ask to meet the best teacher. If they tell you they’re all good, they’re not thinking clearly.
5. Who do students turn to? All students should have someone who knows how they are doing and will spend time with them.
6. Do new students make friends in the first month? It is a critical indicator for success: how does the school make sure it happens with all students?
7. Do they like mistakes? Learning starts from not knowing, so do they embrace that? Do students feel confident enough to talk about errors or not knowing something?
8. Are students “assessment capable” in this school? Can they talk about how well they are doing, where they are now and going next?
9. Do they use acceleration for all? Are students enabled to learn at different speeds?
10. What feedback do students get? Ask - “what did you get told about your work today”?

I hope these questions give you some assistance as you look to choosing a high school for your son. They were invaluable to me when looking at secondary schools in Canterbury and ultimately choosing Christchurch Boys’ High for my son. I suspect it would benefit all schools throughout the county to reflect on how they would “score” under this scrutiny.

If you are interested in learning more about Professor Hattie and the findings of his various research projects here are some links that may be of interest.

https://visible-learning.org/john-hattie/
https://visible-learning.org/hattie-ranking-influences-effect-sizes-learning-achievement/

Deb Richardson
Deputy Head (Teaching & Learning)

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

As we have been following the Church Seasons in Chapel and in the RE sessions, I have been delighted to be the recipient of respectful curiosity towards the Christian faith that we uphold and teach here at Hereworth. The boys can easily see the correlation to our values and traditions that stem from the foundations of the teaching of Jesus, and are not afraid to ask questions and seek answers.

Some of the boys are beginning to discover the treasure of reading scripture for themselves as they seek to find the answers to their big questions of life in the Bible.

The awareness and importance of prayer, learning the Lord’s prayer and the school prayer off by heart in Chapel, and also knowing they can talk to God through their own prayers, anytime, anyplace, has also been evident as I move about the school and meet with the boys in my Chaplain’s role.

Obviously I am sad to say goodbye to Hereworth as I retire from a job I have adored. Knowing the school is in such good hands and riding on a strong current of faith, helps me in this process and so does the knowledge that it is time for me to start a new phase, as

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 16 June, 11.00am**
Farewell Service for Rev. Rosemary Carey

**Friday 16 June, 1.45pm**
Senior Performance Assembly

**Thursday 22 June**
Hereworth v Hadlow Prep Fixtures (Home)

**Friday 23 June**
Mufti Day in support of Cranford Hospice

**Friday 23 June, 2.15pm**
Hereworth’s Next Top Model

**Monday 26 June**
House Rugby
we all must do from time to time.

My new phase will include more time for family, friends and writing along with supporting the St Luke’s Family and Pastoral Ministry teams.

The wonderful response I have had from the boys to participate in the 40 hour famine this year has been terrific. One hundred and thirteen have taken home a pack to discuss with their parents how and when they will do something that will enable them to raise some money for the children in the Syrian refugee camps who have known nothing else for over seven years now. I am stepping up my piano practice time, so if anyone would like to sponsor me $1.00 an hour please let me know! World Vision do a magnificent job in their field of expertise, and it is wonderful to see the youth of New Zealand responding to support the need of others. It matches well our motto… Non Nobis Solum… not for ourselves alone.

As we say at the end of every Chapel service “Go now in the name of the Lord, go in peace, Amen we go in the name of Jesus.”

Blessings,
Rev Rosemary Carey

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**STUDENT AWARDS & BADGES**

Congratulations to the following boys on being awarded leadership positions:

**Captain of Sport - Rugby**
Tyrone Chrystal

**Captain of Sport - Football**
George Field

**Captain of Sport - Hockey**
Tosh Thomas

Congratulations to the following boys who received the following badges and awards:

**First Colours Academic**
Adam Gardner, Alexander Mortimer

**First Colours Citizenship**
George Hunt, Kees Tomlinson

**Art Managers**
George Hunt, George McFetridge, Lachy McIntosh, Henry Morgan, John O’Connor, David Ritchie, Oliver Taylor, Oliver Whiteside, Jak Wildbore

**Science Monitors**
Sohum Karl, Edwin O’Reilly, Angus Ross, Oliver Taylor

**Barbershop - 2 Years**
Eddie Bird, Jack Blyth, Harry Brenton-Rule, Cristiaan Bull, Geordie Calder, Sam Devescovi, Sohum Karl, William Kersjes, Hugh Kilsby, Lachy McIntosh, George Nilsson, Josh Thomas, Eduart Tremain, Karsen Vesty, Joshua Wynne-Lewis

**Barbershop - 1 Year**
Ollie Barham, Kade Barham, Herbie Coates, Joseph Clinton, Jack Davies, Flynn Ellingham, George Field, Jona Freudenberg, Adam Gardner, Cole Grant-Smith, Lochie Guerin, George Kilsby, Christian Lilburn, Will Lowry, George Hunt, Oscar Mabin, Henry Morgan, Alexander Mortimer, Charlie Murphy, Patrick O’Callaghan-King, Jimmy Peacock, Toby Powdrell, William Rawcliffe, Charlie Thomas, George Thomas, Jack Tremain, Thomas Vautier, Oliver Whiteside, Jak Wildbore, Aidan Wilkins

**Awards**

**Founders' Day Essay**
Jack Blyth, Hugh Kilsby, John O’Connor

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SENIOR SYNDICATE

Whilst in some classes one could have been forgiven for thinking that the primary focus for the term, particularly in the first week after the holidays, was duck shooting, the reality is a lot more focused.

Senior classes have been busy completing various assessments so teachers have a range of data to support comments for mid-year reports. These are currently being written and will be sent out at the end of Week 8 prior to interviews on Tuesday 27 June.

Year 8 boys have sat exams which for some is a ‘stressful’ process however this is never the intention. Hereworth is a preparatory school so we would be negligent if we did not prepare our boys for this part of their secondary education, though with the first NCEA exams being sat online at the end of this year, just what these exams will look like as our boys make the move into the next phase of their education remains to be seen.

Winter sports have made a highly anticipated start and with a successful fixture against Southwell under their belts, teams travelling to Wellington are quietly confident. Watch this space!

Kate Field
Senior Team Syndicate Leader

MIDDLE SYNDICATE

Planting of the middle school garden has begun! A big thank you to the tutors, Harry and Annika, for the work they put in to prepare the gardens for planting once our seeds have germinated.

After carrying out some investigations in science, the middle syndicate found the garden beds to be slightly lacking in soil quality and worm life. However, with planning underway for the worm farm and composting, along with offers of assistance in the form of quality manure, the gardens will soon be transformed into prime planting territory. Our aim is to recycle, repurpose, and ‘upcycle’ as much as possible for the gardens, so we still need some support in procuring the following:
- 2L plastic bottles (white or green)
- Old pallets
- Used car tyres

We would appreciate any help with these resources so that construction can begin.

The middle syndicate is in the midst of exploring New Zealand’s unique role on the world stage through some history, geography, and unpacking of factors that cause migration. The aim of the unit is to instill an understanding of our unique cultural make-up, while also making links to global issues such as refugees and asylum seekers.

Nick Lorentz
Middle Team Syndicate Leader

JUNIOR SYNDICATE

On Friday 12 May the junior boys celebrated Mother’s day by holding a ‘Pretty in Pink’ party for their mums. Mums shared a special junior school chapel service that honoured the special place they have in our lives.

The boys treated their mums to a delicious morning tea in the junior classrooms where the banners they’d created, ‘Happy Mother’s Day’ and ‘Pretty in Pink’, were on display.

The boys had made their mum’s cards and a message in a bottle, and in Technology they had crafted a gorgeous heart on a stick that opened up to a flower with a special message inside.

Thank you to the kitchen staff for the lovely food and to all the mums who were able to come along and share this special morning with their sons.

Vicki Crozier
Junior Team Syndicate Leader

YEAR 7 & 8 SKI TRIP

Year 7 and 8 boys are invited to take part in the annual ski trip from 24 to 28 September 2017. This is a parent-managed fun ski week, organised this year by Mr Hugh Ritchie. In the coming weeks Hugh will be in contact with all those who have registered an interest in attending the ski week to provide full details.

If you have not done so and would like to register your interest for the ski week please contact lincoln@hereworth.school.nz

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport
The day dawned fine as the top Hereworth rugby, football and hockey teams hosted Hamilton based Southwell School for the first prep fixtures of the 2017 winter sport season. The selection of the Hereworth teams had not been easy; competition for places had been fiercely contested and this led to what looked like very strong squads that would defend the honour of our school.

The 2nd team matches all started at 9.30 am with plenty of parent, staff and pupil support on the sidelines. It quickly became apparent that this was going to be a close contest between two traditional rivals across all three sports. Goals and tries were hard to come by as defence from both sides was the story of the day. At games end it was Hereworth who had prevailed in all three matches and it was now the turn of the 1st teams to try and follow in their footsteps.

Not to be out-done, the 1st XV rugby and 1st XI football teams took control of their respective matches early in the first half. Through consistent passing, support play and teamwork, dominance was established on the field of play which in turn was transformed to points on the board. The 1st XI hockey boys battled hard against a skillful Southwell team that in the end achieved the only win of the day for the visitors.

A big thank you to all the parents who came out to watch and support the boys on the day; we look forward to seeing you all again on the Wellington trip.

Hereworth vs Southwell:

1st XV Rugby 61 - 0 win 1st XI Football 9 - 0 win
1st XI Hockey 1 - 5 loss
2nd XV Rugby 33 - 7 win 2nd XI Football 4 - 0 win
2nd XI Hockey 2 - 0 win

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport
Hot off the press are the results from the prep fixtures played this week against Scots College and Wellesley College.

117 boys and 11 staff took part in the fixture which delivered great results. Well done to all the boys who travelled with their teams and represented Hereworth with pride on and off the field. Thanks to all the parents (approx 100) who travelled to support the boys, and to their coaches and the staff who accompanied them.

A full report will feature in the next Hereworth Highlights.

**Hereworth vs Scots College - Thursday 1 June**

**Football**
- 1st XI: Won 1-0
- Junior XI: Won 7-5
- 2nd XI: Won 4-1

**Rugby**
- 1st XV: Won 53-12
- Junior XV: Lost 10-40
- 2nd XV: Won 70-0

**Hockey**
- 1st XI: Won 5-1
- 2nd XI: Won 17-0

**Hereworth vs Wellesley - Friday 2 June**

**Football**
- 1st XI: Won 5-1
- Junior XI: Lost 0-6
- 2nd XI: Won 4-1

**Rugby**
- 1st XV: Won 69-0
- Junior XV: Lost 17-42
- 2nd XV: Won 91-0

**Hockey**
- 1st XI: Won 5-1
- 2nd XI: Won 3-1

**TENNIS**

Year 8 pupil Hunter Every completed an outstanding 2017 tennis season. Hunter is the #1 ranked player at Hereworth and is ranked #43 nationally. As a boarder Hunter could almost take his bed onto the tennis courts for the summer months as this is where he spends most of his time. Hunter has been a consistent performer for the past three years for the Hereworth 1st Tennis VIII.

Hunter is also a member of the Greendale Tennis Club and was a member of the A Grade interclub team that was runner up in the 2016 competition.

Hunter is pictured with some of his season’s spoils:
- Dolbel Memorial Rosebowl for Men’s Singles
- Under 12 Boys Hawke’s Bay Residents Winners Cup and Certificate
- Greendale Tennis Club Under 15 Boy’s Singles Champion Trophy and Certificate
The 2017 Hawke’s Bay Schools Chess Tournament was once again held at the Hastings Sport Centre. As with previous years this is a very competitive tournament and only the best Hereworth chess players are selected to go along. All the boys play six rounds and as the tournament progresses all unbeaten players start to meet each other until the final round when the two top players from the first five rounds meet each other to find the champion.

In total the seven Hereworth boys won 28 games, lost 12 and had 2 draws to give us individual placings of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd equal. This was a fantastic result and one that all the boys should be very proud of.

Special thanks to Rev. Rosemary Carey for taking the boys on the day.

Results:
1st Harry Brenton-Rule
2nd Angus Ross
3rd Cassius Solomon and Roark Zachary

Other team members were Zac Burke, Lachy McIntosh, Struan Mitchell and David Ritchie.

Eight Hereworth boys took part in the annual East Coast Cross Country Relay event held at Anderson Park, Havelock North on Monday 15 May. This is a four man relay event with each runner completing a 2.2 km run over a very flat and fast course. The Hereworth teams for this event were mixed Year 7 & 8 boys who ran in the intermediate grade. On the day all the boys put in a huge effort in an attempt to help their team win the race. When the dust settled we had a 2nd and a 6th place.

The boys now look forward to the East Coast Cross Country Individual event that will be held in Gisborne on Wednesday 7 June.

Team 1: 2nd place
Rupert Brown, George Mowat, Angus Ross, Karsen Vesty

Team 2: 6th place
Herbie Coates, Flynn Ellingham, Alexander Mortimer, Oliver Whiteside

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| Winston Churchill |

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Kate Field
Senior Team Syndicate Leader

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**SPEECH & DRAMA COMPETITION**

Congratulations to all Hereworth boys who took part in the Easter weekend Speech and Drama Competition. With up to 25 competitors in some categories, the boys did exceptionally well coming away with such high placings.

Natalie Sandbrook
Speech & Drama Tutor

**Trophies**

- Joseph Clinton
  - Cox Partner Speech & Drama Scholarship - most points overall in 4 of his classes
- Sandbrook Law Encouragement Cup
- Adam Gardner
  - Incentive Award Trophy
- Hugh Kilsby
  - Kathleen O'Rourke Memorial Cup for Dramatic Ability
- Hugh & George Kilsby
  - Napier Repertory Players' Shield

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**ASB FINANCIAL LITERACY**

In Week Two all classes had a very brief look into what, if the saying is to believed, makes the world go round...MONEY! Whilst the content of each session varied depending on the age of the class, topics covered in the Financial Literacy sessions included:

- **Years 0-3** - an introduction to 'Captain Cashtastic' and what money really is
- **Year 4** - the different forms of money and where it comes from. Boys were encouraged to become 'Cash-letes' as they played in the 'Money Games'
- **Year 5 & 6** - saving; earning interest and budgets
- **Year 7 & 8** - earning, saving and spending - and making smart choices around these

Boys loved the interactive sessions and, if there was any criticism, it was that the time went too quickly! Parents are welcome to check out the site www.getwise.co.nz

Kate Field
Senior Team Syndicate Leader

**BOARDING EXPERIENCE**

A reminder for Year 7 boys to book in for their two-week boarding experience on any of the dates below.

Boarding experience is an option for boys in Year 6 and Year 8, and if you’d like to know more, please contact Boarding Master, Ian Scott.

**Term 2**
Sunday 11 June through to Friday 23 June

**Term 3**
Sunday 30 July through to Friday 11 August
Sunday 13 August through to Friday 25 August
Sunday 3 September through to Friday 15 September

**Term 4**
Sunday 22 October through to Friday 3 November
Sunday 5 November through to Friday 17 November

**Casual Boarding**
Casual boarding is available for all families at $35 per night for stays of a single night or longer term. Contact Matron to book.

matron@hereworth.school.nz

**Hastings Women's Refuge**

Hereworth presented two cheques to the Hastings Women’s Refuge totalling $2,426 thanks to the funds raised by the HPA and a recent Chapel service collection.

It was a pleasure to be able to support this local charity that does vital work in supporting Hawke’s Bay families.

**Edgecumbe**

Thank you to every family that contributed to the Edgecumbe linen drive. A letter of gratitude from St David’s Presbyterian Church sums up the impact that your generosity has had on the community.

"The most frequently expressed positive is amazement at the extent of kindness and material help that is arriving from so many people from places far and near.

Today a gentleman left with arms full of linen essentials to help make the bach he has had made available to him a bit more like a habitable home. His huge smile belying the fact that everything he owned was removed from his home ... after the flood had filled it to about bench height.”

Central Kids Kindergartens wrote:

"Believe it or not there are some silver linings in this. Our sense of community continues to grow and strengthen every day. People surprise and humble us with their thoughtfulness and whole-heartedness in so many ways.”