Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

Winter is really kicking in now and while we continue with our sporting programme, it is also a perfect time for our boys to have some time inside focusing on the Performing Arts.

Auditions and call-backs have been held recently for our biennial school production. This year we will be producing the classic ‘Oliver’ and I am thrilled to announce that our Oliver will be played by Year 8 student Sohum Karl, who will perform alongside a very talented cast of Hereworth boys. They will be joined by a small number of performers from Iona College and we look forward to working with them over the coming term.

Our choir was in the spotlight last week as they were away on tour to Wairarapa and Wellington. Their performances were, as always, very well received and excellent preparation for the Kids Sing competition early next term.

We said farewell to our Chaplain, Reverend Rosemary Carey, on June 16th and wished her well for her retirement. Rosemary was with us at Hereworth for two years. I have always been impressed by Rosemary’s empathetic nature and her interest in being involved in all aspects of Hereworth life. At Rosemary’s farewell chapel service each class presented her with a prayer jar containing short prayers written on lolly sticks by each student. I am sure she will treasure these as she eases into retirement, which begins for her with a trip to Europe. She will be very much missed.

The service also served as a symbolic “handing over of the reins” to our newly appointed Chaplain, Reverend Alan Burnett. Alan is the first male Chaplain the school has had on our staff and we are looking forward to the new dimension his presence will bring. He is very passionate about his upcoming role at Hereworth and like Rosemary, Alan is looking forward to taking part in all aspects of school life including coaching one of our sports teams.

Hereworth’s Anglican special character is one of the fundamental cornerstones of our school philosophy and has been since our inception in 1927. Our boys are taught to contribute and become valued members of their community. The values, manners and etiquette the boys learn during their time at the school are held in high regard and I believe our special character plays a key role in creating the Hereworth difference.

Our beautiful St James’ Chapel is the heart and soul of our school and the Anglican liturgy and support provided by our Chaplain and teaching staff gives our students a strong spiritual and moral compass. This sets the boys up with the solid foundation they will require to navigate their lives going forward into adulthood.

Enjoy the holidays, keep warm and I look forward to seeing you all next term.
TEACHING & LEARNING UPDATE

We’re halfway through the year already and what a busy year it has been so far!

A major feature of any school’s calendar is reporting to parents on their child’s progress at least twice a year. Here at Hereworth, we take that responsibility seriously. Reports are a document that holds teachers and students accountable for the teaching and learning processes that have occurred over the reporting period and guides the ‘where to next’ in those processes.

By now, you should have received your son’s mid-year report. If you haven’t, please let us know as soon as possible so we can get a copy out to you.

You will have noticed that we have made substantial changes to our reporting format. We have made these changes with the aim of providing you with more relevant, specific information about your son’s progress, both academically and holistically.

We no longer report on a student’s ranking within a class. This is a deliberate choice on our part, as we believe that our boys are so much more than a ranking. However, we accept that this is important to some parents, so, if you would like to know where your son sits, on an academic ranking scale within his classroom, please contact his classroom teacher, or the relevant specialist teacher, who will be able to provide you with this information.

We have, however, used a scale that provides an insight as to where each student sits in relation to where they are expected to be at each year level. The scale ranges from well below (which is a chronological variance of two years plus below) through to well-above, which is a chronological variance of two-years plus.

Attendance rates have been given in half-day increments. Our current reporting period was a total of 176 half days which equates to 88 full days. We have some very good attendance rates this year with 17% of the boys having a perfect attendance record. Whilst absences for illness, bereavement or other family reasons are justified, taking a child from school to grab a bargain airfare or beat the holiday rush is a little more difficult to condone. Taking your son out of school can disadvantage him, and not just because he will miss out on learning and study time. School sets children up for a lifetime of work, where discipline and effort are not optional. By opting him out of school, he may get a false impression about priorities in life. The absence of one child can also have an effect on the whole class, especially if lessons are put on hold until the absentee returns or the teacher has to spend class time helping the absentee catch up. So please do think carefully before agreeing to non-essential time off school for your son.

Mid-year goal reviewing and setting meetings for all students will take place in the first week of Term Three. These meetings take the place of the traditional parent-teacher interviews and students are expected to be present.

As always, we thank you for your support of the teaching and learning processes here at Hereworth. The boys are receiving a high-quality, well-rounded education that will stand them in good stead for their futures. Yes, there will be occasional glitches and we are not perfect, but we are trying our absolute best to give our all to the boys, in all areas of their school life.

Deb Richardson
Deputy Head (Teaching & Learning)
At the end of Term 2 we farewelled our two tutors, Harry Pilcher and Annika Nielsen. Before heading home to take up their university studies, both Annika and Harry will be welcoming their much missed families and travelling with them around New Zealand.

We thank Harry and Annika for their contribution to the school over the past year and wish them both well for the future.

We also said goodbye to Cheiko Dietz who had been our languages teacher for the term whilst Paula Kaspar was in Japan. Thank you, Cheiko!

As we reach the halfway point of the year we can reflect positively on the gains made so far by so many of our boys. Having been fortunate enough to see all the Year 7 & 8 boys mid-year reports I feel proud, as I am sure you are as parents, of the boys’ efforts. Is there room for further growth and are there improvements to be made moving into the second half of the year - absolutely!

Year 8e sat their first exams for the year in Week 4, with many achieving very pleasing results. For some though, there was certainly disappointment. Auditions have taken place for ‘Oliver’ and key roles cast. There were boys who were over the moon, although others were gutted not to be given a major part. Again, disappointments. Essentially the point I mean to make is one that was highlighted in an article, recently shared with me by a current parent, written by psychologist Jim Taylor, titled ‘Parenting: Disappointment Is Good - could disappointment in children really be good for them?’ In the article, Taylor states “disappointment is a normal, though difficult, part of growing up. Your children will inevitably experience disappointment in school, sports, the arts, and in their social lives. How your children learn to respond to disappointment will determine its impact on their future achievement and happiness.” I want to reinforce Taylor’s point; let us not focus on the things that have not gone so well. Learn from them but also celebrate the successes, for there are many.

‘Oliver’ will be a significant focus for the seniors in Term 3. All boys will take part and it truly is a highlight of the intermediate years at Hereworth.

Our global concept for next term is ‘conflict within our world’ with particular attention being paid to the ways in which conflict management influences outcomes.

Eight teams represented Hereworth in the Inter-School Mathletics competition. Our top two teams in each year group placed second and third, and Eduart Tremain was awarded the bronze medal for Individual Problem Solving. What positive successes to end a term filled with significant academic, sporting, social and cultural gains. What a privilege to be part of such a buzzing school.

Happy holidays!
Kate Field
Senior Team Syndicate Leader

On the last Thursday of term, the Year 7 and 8 boys heard from Nate from ‘Attitude’ the youth branch of The Parenting Place. Nate spoke to the boys about the very topical issue of ‘Tackling Technology’. He covered a range of subject matter including having a positive digital footprint, posting online, social media and cyber-bullying. These are all issues that were not around ‘in our day’ but are prominent in the lives our boys lead today.

Next term we will be holding a parent information evening around these issues presented by Anj Webster, once Hereworth’s Art and Technology teacher, who now works for Netsafe. Details around this session, ‘Walking The Tightrope - The Balancing Act Between Social and Safe’ will be sent out via The Week Ahead early next term. In the meantime, keep the evening of Tuesday 29 August free!

Kate Field
Senior Team Syndicate Leader

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**JUNIOR SYNDICATE**

Numerous educational studies have shown how giving learners a choice in what they learn means learning will be relevant, meaningful and will build on what they already know. We certainly found this to be true in our Junior School this term.

At the end of Term 1, the boys brainstormed all of the things they could think of that they wanted to learn about in the world. A topic shared by the majority of the boys was boats, so Vicki and I designed our science, social sciences and M.O.R.E. learning around boats for Term 3. The response from the boys has been amazing! They have looked at different types of boats and how they are used, boat components and the America’s Cup boats. They have made their own boats and learnt about floating, sinking and buoyancy and taken on the challenge of making our paddle boats and balloon powered boats. Their learning also explored ships like the Rena, the Wahine and the Titanic, looking at how they became shipwrecks.

Next term’s topic, picked by the boys, is the bush and ways to survive and protect yourself in the back-country.

Toni Westcott
Year 2/3 Teacher

As part of our M.O.R.E. program and our integrated studies on boats, Swim NZ spoke to the boys about water safety and how to wear life jackets properly. Following this was a trip to a lake on the McKimm’s property in Maraekakaho. Thanks to Ms Westcott, the Harrison and McKimm families, we had a large array of boats to try out, including an inflatable motor boat, kayaks and a row boat. All the boys had turns in the different boats and by the end of the day some of them were experts at kayaking! They also experienced fishing from a pontoon with fishing lines they had made themselves and tried out two different homemade toy boats in the lake.

Vicki Crozier
Junior Team Syndicate Leader

**‘OLIVER’**

Congratulations to all those boys who auditioned for roles in our upcoming senior production. The audition panel was very impressed with the calibre and talent presented. So many of the boys had thoroughly prepared for their audition, studied their character, learnt lines and songs from the show. Some boys auditioned for multiple roles and were at Hereworth all weekend. We were blown away by your commitment.

Not all were successful in winning the role they auditioned for – sadly that is theatre and the panel had to make some difficult decisions. However, every year 7 and 8 boy will get the opportunity to be on stage. This is very much a senior school production and everyone is expected to be involved.

We are very excited to bring ‘Oliver’ to Hereworth. We have an amazing cast – let the rehearsals begin!

Joanne Stevens
Director of Performing Arts

**CHOIR TOUR**

The choir tour to the Wairarapa and Eastbourne took place in the last week of Term 2. The itinerary included four performances, the first of which was at St. Luke’s Anglican Church in Greytown. We followed this with a visit to Masterton Primary School who followed our performance with a rousing haka – very impressive! The boys were billeted with Hadlow Preparatory School families overnight and performed for the school the following morning. We headed across the Rimutakas to Wellesley College where our tour finished with an afternoon performance and workshop in their stunning auditorium. The boys were billeted once again and we returned home on the Friday with a swimming stop in Masterton followed by a highly anticipated meal at McDonald’s!

Despite some sickness, the boys performed well and it certainly felt that as the tour progressed the performances got better and better.

Special thanks to Lincoln Doull, Eleanor Sutherland, Annika Nielsen and our accompanist Ms. Edwina Lawrence. You were amazing!

Joanne Stevens
Director of Performing Arts

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

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It was decided to trial a junior/middle and a senior performance assembly this term. This worked well and enabled the audience to be more engaged for a shorter period of time. Congratulations to all those boys who prepared well and were willing to share their talents. Thank you to all our music and speech and drama tutors for your continued support.

Joanne Stevens
Director of Performing Arts
After being influenced by the community rock hunting project, 4HT decided to get involved with hiding decorated rocks for others to enjoy in our community.

The boys took a trip to the beach at Haumoana where the mouth of the Tuki Tuki river enters the sea, to hunt for flat stones to take back to the Art Studio. Having cleaned up their rocks, the boys focused on carefully painting them with their designs. Knowing they were creating them for others gave the boys extra inspiration and enthusiasm for this project.

The final stage was to go out once again to hide the decorated stones in a couple of locations in Havelock North. The boys had a great morning walking around our beautiful community and finding the perfect spot to hide their rocks. Some of the boys even found other rocks hidden at the parks and were excited to re-hide them for others to discover.

Molly Munro
Director of Visual Arts & Technology

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### SPEECH & DRAMA COMPETITION

Apologies for the incomplete listing of boys who placed so well in the Easter weekend Speech and Drama Competition. The full list of places is below. Congratulations to all these boys.

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Proudly supporting Hereworth.
Always a hotly contested event, the Year 8 boys once again put their creative talents on show at the Hereworth’s Next Top Model competition. All the boys designed and made their shorts and teamed them up with some creative outfits to model them on the day!

Congratulations to everyone who had the confidence to get up and model their shorts in front of the whole school. Judging was a tough task for Toni Westcott and Harrison Twinn, but they eventually decided on the following winners:

Best Model - Jack Smith

Best Group - The Cricketers: Lovepreet Padda, George Field, Sohum Karl, Sam Cassidy, Oliver Whiteside and Geordie Calder

Best Shorts - George McFetridge

Plus, a special honorary award went to Edwin O’Reilly who looked stunning in his hippy inspired outfit.

Molly Munro
Director of Visual Arts & Technology
Last year the six lower North Island independent schools (Wellesley College, Scots College, St Mark’s Church School, Hadlow Preparatory School, Huntley School and Hereworth) decided to each purchase a trophy that would be contested amongst the schools throughout the year in prep fixture competition. The six sports of cricket, softball, tennis, football, hockey and rugby which form the basis of summer and winter prep fixture competition now each have a trophy that is played for on a home game challenge basis similar to that of the Ranfurly Shield.

It was a 6.00am start for ten boys and Mr Doull as they left for the Gisborne Showgrounds to compete in the East Coast North Island cross country event. Hereworth enjoyed good results last year and hopes were high as we turned off the main road and into the venue. The Year 7s were the first to tackle the 3km flat fast course. Local competition was strong and no inch of courtesy was given to the visitors. George Mowat led the way for Hereworth but the lead runner always seemed to have a little in reserve and was able to maintain a comfortable gap at the head of the pack. George finished strongly with a well-deserved 2nd, followed soon after by Oliver Barham (6th), Jimmy Peacock (9th) and Flynn Ellingham (15th).

The Year 8 runners then had the challenge of bettering the performance of the Year 7 Hereworth boys. Once again a strong local contingent had gathered to ensure the title did not leave Gisborne. From the start, the pace was hectic and only the very determined kept up with the leading pack. By the time the second lap started, the field had spread out considerably with the best of the Hereworth runners, Karsen Vesty, within sight of the front runners. A strong finish meant Karsen finished in 3rd place, followed by Harry Brenton-Rule (10th), Angus Ross (12th), Joshua Wynne-Lewis (14th), Rupert Brown (15th) and Sam Cassidy (16th).

As well as the individual competition there was a 3 and 6 runner team competition in which the Hereworth boys achieved great results.

Year 7 three man team event - 1st
Year 8 three man team event - 3rd
Year 8 six man team event - 1st

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport

Pictured above are Hereworth captains Tyrone Chrystal holding ‘The Blandford Shield’ for rugby, donated by Wellesley College and won by Hereworth 64-0. George Field holds ‘The Strathmore Cup’ for football, donated by Scots College and won by Hereworth 1-0. Tosh Thomas has ‘The Gary Exeter Cup’ for hockey donated by Hereworth and retained after a 2-2 draw with Hadlow.

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport

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After an absence of five years, Hereworth welcomed Hadlow Preparatory School back for football and hockey Prep Fixtures and a rugby match for their combined Masterton Intermediate/Hadlow rugby team.

The Hereworth 1st XI Football team continue to impress this season. From the outset they dominated possession and this led to constant pressure on the Hadlow defence which soon turned into goals scored. The style of play that the boys are producing under the coaching of Mr Dan Ball is fast paced and very entertaining for the spectators. This match was a great way to finish the prep program for Term 2 and we are sure the team is looking forward to competing against St Peter’s, Medbury and Huntley during Term 3.

For the Hereworth 1st XI Hockey this was always going to be the toughest prep match of the season so far with many of the Hadlow team being Wairarapa age grade representatives. Hadlow took an early lead in what was a tight first half, each team fighting hard to maintain possession and control the run of play. Hereworth gained the upper hand to score late in the first half to make it 1-1 at half-time. The second half mirrored the first. Hadlow scored soon after the break only to see Hereworth equalise late in the half. The final 2-2 scoreline being a very fair reflection of the performance of each team on the day.

As Hadlow was not able to field a full school rugby team, they combined with Masterton Intermediate for this fixture. The Hereworth XV, a mixture of 2nd XV and Year 7 and 8 boys who would not normally get to play in such a match, acquitted themselves well on the day. The first half was fiercely contested by two relatively even teams who both gave 100% at all times. Although trailing at half-time, the Hereworth XV were still in the game. Playing uphill in the second half the Hereworth boys found it hard to get out of their half. In the end, the constant pressure that the visitors applied was regularly turned into points. The final result was a win to the combined Hadlow/Masterton side.

Final Scores:
- Football: Hereworth 23 vs Hadlow 0 - Hereworth retain the “Strathmore Cup”
- Hockey: Hereworth 2 vs Hadlow 2 - Hereworth retain the “Gary Exeter Cup”
- Rugby: Hereworth 14 vs Hadlow/Masterton Intermediate 64

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport

Hockey photography by Hadlow Preparatory School