Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends

It struck me over the last few weeks what an amazing group of boys and staff we have here at Hereworth.

Recently I went along to support the boys compete in the Kids Sing competition – they were all dressed in their whites singing like angels. Without wanting to sound boastful, their sound and performance were quite outstanding. The adjudicator certainly recognised the quality of the boys’ performance with Les Jeunes Choristes winning a gold award and the best overall choir trophy, whilst the St James’ Chapel Choir also received gold alongside their trophy for the best test piece.

I took great pride in seeing that Hereworth appears on the Kids Sing trophies more frequently than any other school in Hawke’s Bay and this made me think about why this is. Does it mean that all the best singers choose Hereworth? Probably not, so why is our choir so good? And how do we have more than 50 boys wanting to be in the choir when other schools, some three times as large as us, had just a fraction of that number in their choirs? It comes down to the culture at Hereworth and the encouragement we give to boys to give everything a go. They are comfortable joining the choir because they know they have the support of their peers just as much as the support of their teachers and their family. As Joanne Stevens, our Choir Director, said recently “Choir is cool at Hereworth”.

This willingness of the boys to participate in all curriculum areas is most likely because of the single sex environment. There are no gender stereotypes or social pressures influencing the boys’ choices and behaviour at school. Doing well is encouraged across all areas of school life and boys, being the competitive beings that they are, naturally want to do their best. Having said all that, I must acknowledge the huge part Joanne Stevens plays in delivering exceptional choirs year after year. Joanne works tirelessly with the boys on vocal coaching as well as their overall presentation and performance and it shows. Thank you, Joanne.

The very next day after the Kids Sing, I saw many of the same faces (and knees!) covered in mud on the sports field in the prep fixtures against St Peter’s. As a community, we get used to the boys achieving success in different areas, and yet parents that I show around the school always react with surprise when I tell them that we have 1st XV props in our choir. For me, this again highlights our positive school culture that encourages the boys to try everything and supports them to achieve in their chosen areas. I’m not just talking about sport and choir here; we see it every day with boys who excel in Languages, Art, Technology, Maths, Science and every other curriculum area.

As I write this, the boys have just...
experienced one of the busiest sporting days of the school calendar. St Peter’s visited from Cambridge and our boys outperformed them on the football pitch and rugby field. Training and competing together on a weekly basis certainly pays dividends in these traditional prep fixtures. I was proud to see them compete strongly and being gracious in their victories. Later on in the day, our Colts teams faced off against Te Mata Primary for their preparation games for their annual ‘local derby’ against Havelock North Primary. The boys enjoyed tough competition across all three sports, hockey, football and rugby, and were certainly strongly challenged by our close neighbours. It was great to host these games and to see some of the boys and their families who will be joining us here at Hereworth next year.

Hereworth is a special place that affords boys the opportunity to flourish in a supportive and structured environment. As staff, we love the culture where the boys strive for success and doing all we can to help them get there!

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to the following boys on receiving scholarships for 2018.

**Academic Year 6**
- Jack Brownlie, Hereworth

**Academic Year 7**
- Noah Terry, Hereworth

**Performing Arts Year 7**
- Harry Huxford, Hereworth

**Old Boys Scholarship**
- Joshua Floyd, Turaki School

**Headmaster’s Scholarships (Year 7):**
- Excellence - Lewis Curran, Te Mata Primary School
- All Round - Thomas Potts, Te Mata Primary School
- Values - Jacob Croft, Haumoana School

**STAFF NEWS**

Welcome to Ali Oldershaw, Foundation Coordinator.

“I am thrilled to have been appointed to the role of Foundation Coordinator at Hereworth School and have enjoyed the warm welcome I have received in my first few weeks at the school. My family and I have been back living in Hawke’s Bay for the last three years following a fifteen-year break away in Wellington. Along with my husband Mark and two teenage daughters I love the lifestyle and opportunities Hawke’s Bay has to offer.

While my original education qualifications are in Languages and Nursing, I have spent the last many years working in relationship management, stakeholder engagement and communications. I’ve worked with a diverse range of companies across the country and in Hawke’s Bay, all of which have helped shape my skill set. I am really excited to be supporting this wonderful school and community.

We have a busy couple of months coming up, and I look forward to meeting more parents and Old Boys. Do come and introduce yourself if you are around – I would love to say hello.

**STUDENT AWARDS & BADGES**

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

**Full Colours Football**
Cristiaan Bull, Angus Dykes, Lovepreet Padda, Oliver Whiteside

**Full Colours Hockey**
George McFetridge, Joshua Thomas

**Full Colours Rugby**
Tyrone Chrystal, Harry Robinson, Tim Slabbekoorn, Jack Smith, Thomas Vautier, Joshua Wynne-Lewis

**First Colours Cultural**
Eduart Tremain

**First Colours Cricket**
Geordie Calder

**Year 6 Class Leaders**
6PU: James Dowley, Quinn O’Reilly
6NL: Maxwell Chadwick, Cameron Strong

**Orchestra**
First Year: Sebastian Bayliss, Jasper Betty, Samuel Botherway, Joseph Clinton, Cooper Dunkerley, George Hunt, Harry Huxford, Christian Inglis
Second Year: Michael Lansdown, James Strong
Third Year: Angus Dykes

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- **Sunday 27 August, 7.00pm**
  Boarders Return

- **Sunday 27 August, 7.00pm**
  Chapel Service

- **Tuesday 29 August, 6.30pm**
  Netsafe Parent Evening

- **Thursday 7 September**
  Huntley Prep Fixture: 1st and 2nd teams away, Junior teams home

- **Wednesday 13 September, 2.30pm**
  House football

- **Friday 15 September**
  Mufti day
Term Three certainly has an Arts focus with rehearsals well underway for Oliver. There has been a change in the way practices have been undertaken this year with the intent there are fewer interruptions to whole class lessons. To manage this Joanne Stevens has allocated certain classes to set scenes, with the main cast and Fagin’s gang having their own separate sessions when needed. An acknowledgment of the commitment of time, after hours, by these boys needs to be made - as well as the many extra hours Joanne and Sam Grant-Smith have put in. ‘Oliver’ is really starting to come together and I am confident that, for many involved, it will be one of the highlights of their intermediate years. If you haven’t purchased your tickets yet do so soon as they are selling fast!

On a more topical note next week Anjela Webster, ex-staff member, and current Netsafe Educator, is presenting a session on ‘Walking the Tightrope - The Balancing Act Between Safe and Social Online’. Awareness of what our children are doing online themselves, and also what they can potentially be exposed to is something we, as parents and educators, need to be mindful of. Creating responsible digital citizens and also upskilling our boys on what to do when things don’t go to plan is so important. I am confident there will be a full house.

In the classroom the boys are working hard completing novel studies; historical recounts; evolution and ecology presentations; researching past, and current, conflicts and covering the fundamentals of Geometry.

A review of the criteria around being awarded First and Full Colours has been undertaken, and completed, this week and will certainly made the application process a lot clearer. I look forward to seeing a lot more being awarded as the year progresses.

Hereworth is never a dull place and Term Three is no exception - it is flying by!

Kate Field
Senior Team Syndicate Leader
MIDDLE SYNDICATE

Our current unit around conflict (and the way that it is managed) has really motivated the boys this term. It would appear that historical conflicts and current events involving The Trump and Kim Jong Un are of high interest, especially where guns, tanks and nuclear weapons are involved. We have a range of inquiries taking place in the middle school classes, ranging from the 1080 debate right through to D-Day and how to combat bullying. Boys are making connections between local, national and global examples of conflict, and are demonstrating their understanding through a range of different mediums. ‘Digging deeper’ has been a real focus for this unit, with boys looking at problems or issues from a range of perspectives in order to better understand their chosen topic.

With the warmer weather, the boys have been able to ramp up the planting in the middle school garden. This will allow us to harvest most of the produce mid next term, with the intention of using it in Food Technology, at home and to sell some based on demand. We have three worm farms that are now in operation thanks to Mr Twinn, 4HT and some very helpful dads. We have a beehive arriving with ‘leafcutter’ bees in a couple of weeks time to aid in pollination of the garden, and a ‘Little Garden Kit’ thanks to New World Supermarket. The boys have been extremely busy during STEAM in order to keep on top of the projects, and this demand will only increase as the garden develops.

Nick Lorentz
Middle Syndicate Teacher Leader

JUNIOR SYNDICATE

As part of our M.O.R.E. programme, on the last Friday of term 2 the juniors made a fire in Scouts Gully and cooked play-lunch. After watching a video on how to build a smoke-free fire, they set off looking for large stones to build a fire pit. They explored Scouts Gully, traversed the swollen creek and negotiated walking over large fallen tree trunks, before returning with their stones to make the fire pit. Getting the fire started proved a real challenge as the ground was very wet. The boys loved the experience of sharpening long sticks to cook their sausages over the fire they successfully built themselves. They learnt some valuable practical skills along with the value of persevering, one of the core values of M.O.R.E.

This term the juniors are learning about the New Zealand bush. In their M.O.R.E. time they are investigating how to survive in the bush. The boys have been learning about the essential equipment to take into the bush, how to tie half hitch knots and make huts using ropes, a ridge line and sheets in our classrooms and out in Scouts Gully. Later on this term we will be venturing out of school to local areas of native bush for more exciting learning opportunities for our youngest boys.

Vicki Crozier
Junior Syndicate Teacher Leader
Hereworth students helped to celebrate Matariki by creating a combined Korowai from mixed media. They are proudly displayed in the passage adjacent to the Hall. Korowai are traditional Maori cloaks generally made out of feathers that are worn during celebrations. These cloaks represent the legend of Tāne Mahuta (god of the forest) and how when Ranginui (sky father) and Papatuanuku (earth mother) were separated, he, their son felt badly for his parents in their lonely nakedness. So he clothed them. He clothed his father Rangi with the stars, the moon, and the sun. He clothed his mother Papa in the warmth of the Great Forest of Tāne.

The Year 8 boys have been learning about one point perspective in art and have created some eye-catching forest scenes to depict this using watercolour paints. The middle school had fun creating prints using wood block and wool stamps which they made. They learnt about contrasting and complementary colours as they chose two colours to create their designs with.

Molly Munro
Director of Visual Arts & Technology
Laura Maloney
Art & Computer Science
Kids Sing

The Kids Sing is a regional choir competition open to all primary/intermediate schools within the Hawke’s Bay region. The competition this year was held at Peak Vision Church, Havelock North. Once again our boys gave of their very best and we were very proud of their achievements.

The St James’ Chapel Choir and Les Jeunes Choristes compete in the full primary section of the competition which means we compete with other predominantly intermediate choirs.

The St James’ Chapel choir won a gold award and a trophy for the best set piece. Les Jeunes Choristes also won gold and shared the Overall Best Choir Trophy with Heretaunga Intermediate. Special thanks to Mrs Elizabeth Curtis for her continued support and excellent accompaniment for both choirs.

Congratulations boys!!

Oliver!

Our rehearsals are going along well and with only four weeks now until opening, the pressure will start to come on – in an exciting way!

Tickets are available from the office for the four evening performances and one matinee. At the time of writing more than 200 tickets have been sold for the Thursday evening performance! Email tickets@hereworth.school.nz to reserve your seats. Adult tickets are $15.00 and children $10.00.

Konnichiwa Nihon! Hello Japan!

Being recognised and awarded from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Economics an AFS Language Immersion Award for 14 weeks professional learning development in Fukuoka, Kyushu was an authentic opportunity to gain immeasurably in the Japanese language and culture.

In Japan, their school days, like Hereworth, are full and contain many learning areas with cultural club training at the end of the day. My role at the various schools ranged from observing and participating in Japanese lessons, teaching about New Zealand, Maori and English, preparing, setting and marking tests, participating in cultural events and experiencing everyday Japanese life to the maximum.

There were so many highlights but some of the main ones were: attending a school baseball match that had the excitement level of one of our rugby matches; travelling on the shinkansen bullet train, and spending (literally!) time at Universal Studios in Osaka. Harry Potter World and the pterodactyl ride were amazing!

There are many short and long term benefits from learning Japanese as a foreign language. For our Hereworth boys I am keen to develop critical thinkers and problem solvers that are empathetic, intelligent and knowledgeable, that become globally diverse students that are life-long language users. Every step and every level of Japanese language learning is valuable. Learning an additional language like Japanese increases their first language ability and with the transferal of skills, enhances their understanding of self and their own culture, and creates global citizenship.

This is encapsulated and ties in perfectly with our school motto, ‘Non Nobis Solum - Not for ourselves alone’.

Paula Kasper
Languages

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Proudly supporting Hereworth.
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MULTI SPORTS

Year 8 student Karsen Vesty has been competing in Multi Sport events for the past three years, achieving some great results along the way. Most recently Karsen finished 4th in the New Zealand Schools under 13 Duathlon Champs, a 2.25km run, an 8km bike ride followed by a 1km sprint to the finish line.

Earlier this year Karsen competed in and won the under 14 section of the Hawke’s Bay Road Race Championships riding a distance of 14 km.

We’re proud of your achievements Karsen!

SKIING

Results from last week’s Central Plateau ski race were outstanding. Hereworth competes in the Outer Zone section of the competition and at the end of the day we proved to be one of the top performing schools. Team manager Tim Wilkins was full of praise for all the boys who took part on the day.

Year 5 & 6 - J Howard 1st, George Ladbrook 4th.

Congratulations to all the boys who competed on the day and a big thanks to Mr Tim Wilkins, team manager.

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”  Winston Churchill

Proud supporter of Hereworth sports
On Thursday 10 August Hereworth Rugby and Football teams played host to St Peter’s School from Cambridge. Fresh in the minds of many Hereworth boys were the scores from last year’s respective matches when St Peter’s hosted us. Determined to put those results behind them, the Hereworth teams had trained well during the lead up to this fixture.

The preparation prior to and depth of the Hereworth teams on the day proved too strong for the visitors across all four games. A key factor in both codes was the pace in which the Hereworth boys played and the support they had for each other, in both defense or when on attack. A positive day result wise and we now look forward to facing Huntley later on in the term.

Final Scores:
Football 1st XI won 21 - 0, 2nd XI won 12 - 0
Rugby 1st XV won 60 - 0, 2nd XV won 54 - 16

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport
A highlight for many of the boys who attend Hereworth is the House competition. For rugby this often means that hockey and football players get to strut their skills alongside or against the Saturday rugby boys.

Wet weather and a muddy ground made for an exciting 2017 competition with the four house teams (junior and senior) playing each other in a round robin format. Parents, staff and non-playing boys packed the sidelines to cheer on their favourite House team and players in what proved to be a close and enjoyable afternoon of rugby.

For the final result, senior and junior points are combined to find the eventual winner. This year Grant House proved to be too strong and earned valuable points that go towards the 2017 House Competition.

Final Points
Grant - 14, Rickard - 10, Elder - 7, Reeve - 3