Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends.

Welcome back to Hereworth for 2018!

The boys are always eager and refreshed at the start of a new school year at Hereworth. A total of 53 new boys arrived this year with a sense of excitement and a touch of nervousness. The returning students were keen to get back into the swing of things and certainly appear to have grown physically and mentally in the time that they have been away.

At the start of a new academic year, I often talk about goals and ambitions in speeches at Chapel and assembly. The boys are currently giving serious consideration to what they want to achieve this year. Goal aspirations do vary, although most boys will be eager to win significant trophies or placement in a top sports team. We certainly look forward to supporting them in establishing their focus on what they want to achieve in 2018.

In week 2 of this term, all the boys from Year 4 to 8 went away to camp. Year 4, 5 and 6 headed off to the Guthrie Smith Arboretum & Education Centre at Lake Tutira. The Year 7s went to Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre & Civil Defence Centre and the Year 8s were at the Hillary Outdoors Education centre at Tongariro. One of the main intentions behind having camp early in Term 1 is to ground the boys socially. The physical and mental challenges of a camp experience help to develop new friendships and consolidate existing ones. All of the boys returned to Hereworth with excited stories about their adventures and a stronger sense of belonging to the school.

With a focus on reinforcing Hereworth’s academic point of difference, in week 3 the students sat online Progressive Achievements Tests (PATs) and other carefully selected tests. We look forward to sharing your son’s initial results with you through a new feedback report in the near future. The assessments will be repeated in Term 4 to enable us to measure the learning progress of your son. Other schools are giving serious consideration to abandoning National Standards although Hereworth remains committed to using strategic forms of assessment to monitor our boys’ academic progress.

On most school days, I visit classrooms to observe what the boys are learning. I really enjoy watching them and their teachers in action.

To help improve the learning environments, we were delighted when our order for new classroom furniture arrived in mid-February. All of the Year 6, 7 and 8 classrooms now enjoy new desks, chairs and tables that help to create a real wow factor. We look forward to showcasing these newly furnished areas at key calendar events in the weeks ahead.

As our roll continues to increase during this term, we are delighted that Hereworth continues to attract boys with our values-based proposition. The numbers in the Boarding House continue to grow and the
new boarding model featuring Rev’d Alan and Hayley Burnett, is proving to be exceptionally popular with the boys and parents alike.

At Hereworth, we all treasure the special haven that the school is for boys. Across all year levels, the boys are really buzzing this year and I look forward to watching them grow and develop into the fine Hereworth boys we know they all aspire to be.

Steve Fiet

2018 STUDENT LEADERS

Head Boy
Roark Zachary

Prefects
Jamie Brough, George Kilsby, Jonty Lee, William Rawcliffe

Head Chorister
Pete O’Shaughnessy

House Captains
River Apatu and Thomas Thow (Elder), Jack Hamilton and George Kilsby (Grant), George Mowat and William Rawcliffe (Reeve), Jamie Brough and Jonty Lee (Rickard)

STUDENT AWARDS & BADGES

Captain of Sport - Cricket
Koji Hardgrave-Abe

Captain of Sport - Softball
Beau Marshall

Captain of Sport - Tennis
River Apatu

Head of Chess
Christian Lilburn

Chess Managers
Jamie Lie, Cody Caton, Daniel Lie, Ethan Bergstrom

Chapel Monitors
Ollie Barham, Alex Pochio, Matthew Bird, Beau Marshall, William Lowry, Isaac Boere, Joseph Clinton, Zac Burke

Librarians

Music Theory
Jasper Betty, Beau Marshall, Stanley Easthope, Joseph Clinton, Daniel Lie

2017 ST JAMES’ CHAPEL CHOIR

4 years:
Cooper Dunkerley, Jack Brittin

3 years:
Joseph Clinton, George Kilsby, Matthew Bird, Isaac Boere

2 years:

First year:

HEREWORTH GALA
Sunday 11 March
10am - 2pm
at Hereworth School
PRIMARY SYNDICATE

Four weeks already? It has been such an action-packed start to the year that it is hard to believe that we are almost half way through Term 1. Having camp in week 2 is an excellent way to start the year, and this year was no exception. Across the Year 4/5 and Year 6 classes, camp allowed the boys to relax a little more in each other’s company and start to develop or strengthen friendships at the beginning of the school year. While doing this, the boys were challenged in a range of settings, from ‘mudventures’ to caving, and canoeing to tramping and high ropes. The generous parent helpers also had a chance to experience these activities alongside their boys, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their time and support.

With assessment week now wrapped up, classroom teachers have been able to glean valuable information with which to make groupings and learning programmes. Classroom timetables are now up and running, meaning that boys have an increased level of responsibility in making sure that they have all required resources for each lesson. Maths is humming, writing is focusing on camp experiences and science is looking at the concept of energy in its various forms. It has been great to see boys taking such pride in their learning and working hard to keep up with a workload that, for many new boys, will be a step up from previous years. We are currently finding a balance between having high expectations for the amount of prep being completed and making sure that all boys have the chance to rest and recover at the end of each day and avoid fatigue.

Parent-teacher interviews, prep trips and Grandparents’ Day are all exciting upcoming events, and swimming sports will have all the boys eager to do everything possible to get their houses over the line in first place!

Until then...

Nick Lorentz
Primary School Team Leader

INTERMEDIATE SYNDICATE

In reflecting on the first few weeks of the 2018 academic year, I realise just how great a start to the year it has been for both the boys and staff. We have achieved so much in a very short space of time. The Year 7 camp to Makahika and the Year 8 camp to Tongariro proved to be highly successful for all. Seeing the boys develop their teamwork, confidence and ability to push themselves out of their comfort zone was fantastic. Boys conquering their fear of heights, the feeling of being claustrophobic in the caves, abseiling down a cliff face, guiding their group on their tramp and many other adventures, meant that they all took away lifelong memories. Seeing the smiles and hearing all of the encouragement from the boys was something we all treasure. Having the time away from school and being able to watch and encourage the boys to achieve small personal goals throughout the camps is something special for the staff. A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who supported the boys at camp. Without your support, the boys would not have had such an amazing experience.

In having completed the school-wide assessments in week 3, the boys are now into their normal daily routines. With a slight change in the timetable from last year, the boys are moving between classes a lot more which is an adjustment to what they have been used to. It has also meant that the staff are teaching to their strengths and the boys are getting a slightly more specialised curriculum delivery. All the staff hope to see positive academic growth in every boy throughout the year. This goal has certainly been helped with the arrival of new classroom furniture. It has given every class a great new look and the boys and staff have been excited to work in their classes. If you have a chance, please drop into the classrooms and check out at the new look.

As with every new sports season, we have had some anxious boys waiting for the various summer sports teams to be announced. Whichever team they have been selected for, we know they will play to the best of their ability and do Hereworth proud every time they represent the school. I wish the boys all the very best in their sport this term. I know that with the swimming sports and prep fixtures during this term, we will have some happy but tired boys by the end of it.

Once again, another typically busy term at Hereworth for the boys. As always, we look forward to seeing you throughout the term and hope your son achieves to the best of his ability.

Paul Unwin
Intermediate School Team Leader

Thursday 15 March
Prep Fixtures (Home) v Southwell

Thursday 22 March, 6.15pm
Choir Installation

Sunday 25 March, 7.00pm
Chapel Service

Tuesday 27 - Thursday 29 March
Prep Fixtures (Away) v Scots and Wellesley College

Friday 30 March
Good Friday

Monday 2 April
Easter Monday
Hauora
The main focus for the boys in Hauora for the first part of the term has been swimming. They have been developing knowledge around water safety, how to be SunSmart and learning to swim at least 25 metres freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke with correct technique. All the boys are now looking forward to putting this into action at the Swimming Sports.

Music / Performing Arts
Hereworth now has the St James’ Chapel Choir organised, with 55 boys selected to be part of our largest team. The choir is currently preparing for their installation service on Wednesday 22 March. Our music programme is well underway with over 70 boys learning at least one musical instrument with our itinerant tutors.

Technology
The boys are learning a range of skills in Technology and Art and building on from prior knowledge. In these hands-on environments, the boys are working in the Food Technology, Multi Materials or the Food Technology classrooms.

Art
Our biennial event, the Hereworth Photo Competition and Exhibition, is well underway. The boys were given guidance and the skills to take a quality photograph. This year’s brief was ‘What a Wonderful World’. We are very excited to have the exhibition of the boys’ framed photos displayed in the hall for a week.

Languages and Culture
All Hereworth boys are immersed in either Japanese or Te reo Maori for Terms 1 and 2. These swap over for the latter half of the year. The focus is on listening, speaking, reading and writing, encompassing the cultural component which is the essence of language. Involving critical thinking and inquiry learning when looking at verbal and non-verbal cues used, our boys are finding it interesting to compare and contrast these local and global differences.

Joanne Stevens
Specialist Team Leader

The past four weeks have been a mad rush of new practices, new relationships, new learnings and new experiences as we, Alan and Hayley, have begun our first term as Boarding Parents at Hereworth School. With renovations now complete and a few weeks under our belts, we are starting to get the hang of what can be a very busy part of the school’s life.

Coming into the boarding house, we have been particularly charged with developing a pastoral and family-centred approach to how the boarding house runs. This is not an easy feat given the necessary routine and elements that govern a boarder’s day during the week, which means we have to make good use of times when we can sit with and get to know the 39 boys who currently call the boarding house home. On the weekends, however, there is a greater degree of freedom and these opportunities are taken. Already over the past few weeks, we have been on excursions to the park, to beaches, bush walks, tramps, camps and maybe even a go at jet skiing in the future.

Boarding at Hereworth is a unique experience and one that forms strong friendships and relationships between the boys and the staff who care for them. Even in our short time thus far we have seen the real magic of boarding life and are loving how we can help build up and support those boys in our care.

Alan and Hayley Burnett
Boarding House Parents

Casual boarding is available to any boy in Year 4-8 during the week and at weekends throughout the term. This can be for a single night or an extended period.

There is a fee of $40 that includes dinner and breakfast and this is added to your disbursement account.

Contact Hayley in the Boarding House to book by emailing boarding@hereworth.school.nz

TENNIS
Teacher in Charge: Kate Field
Kate Field is a well-rounded sportsperson who is equally at home on the tennis court, umpiring cricket or in the pool. Kate is in her third year of coordinating the tennis programme at Hereworth and this year she is assisted by our tutor, Oliver Tutt.

Oliver Tutt comes from Kent in England and is a keen sportsman. Like many young English lads his passion is rugby and he is looking forward to helping take a team in the winter months.

We are also very fortunate to have had professional tennis coach Simon Winter and his assistant Jacob Federer on court at sports practice time two nights a week. Simon also organises and runs after-hours coaching for many of the Hereworth tennis boys.

SOFTBALL / TEE BALL
Teacher in Charge: Ian Scott
Ian Scott is in his second year as coach of the Hereworth A softball team. Ian has knowledge of all sports and a passion that allows him to get the best out of the boys when coaching. He is looking forward to another successful year with the Hereworth A softball team.

Dan Ball takes the Hereworth B softball team this year. A former professional sportsman, Dan brings a great attitude to training and on match day. His mantra is to see the boys improve throughout the season and enjoy themselves at all times.

Gill Unger is in charge of the Tee Ball team for a second year. Gill works hard on developing game awareness, striking and catching skills to ensure all the boys can take an active part in the game each Saturday.
Teacher in Charge: Lincoln Doull

Lincoln Doull is a former NZ Under 19 and NZ International Sixes representative who played six seasons of 1st class cricket for Wellington in the early 90s. On retiring from playing he took up coaching. He has coached club, representative, provincial age group and 1st class teams over a 20-year period. Lincoln works with all the coaches and teams on a regular basis.

Paul Unwin is in his second year as coach of the Hereworth 1st XI. Another former 1st class cricketer who represented Central Districts, Canterbury and Somerset. Paul has previously coached at club level, and at provincial 1st class for the Central Districts Hinds. He is currently spin bowling high-performance coach for the Hawke’s Bay Cricket Association.

Neil McCorkell is in his ninth year as 2nd XI cricket coach at Hereworth having previously taken the 1st XI for several years. Neil has a wealth of cricket knowledge both as a former player and now a coach. His passion for the game was passed down to him by his Grandad, Neil Thomas McCorkell, who played 396 1st class games over a 19-year period. Neil works hard to lift the skill level of all the boys within his team.

Nick Lorentz joined the Hereworth staff two years ago and immediately expressed an interest in taking a cricket team. For the second year running Nick takes the Hereworth 3rd XI. Our 3rd XI play in the intermediate Division 1 grade along with our 1st and 2nd XI teams. This is a challenge that Nick thrives on and by working hard with his team at practice time he ensures they are a competitive unit come game day.

Harry Twinn. An Englishman, cricket runs through Harry’s veins. He has a great love of the game and enjoys taking his team of Year 7 and 8 boys. Harry strives to instil the basics of batting, bowling and fielding into his team and thus help them improve and become a competitive unit on a Saturday.

Matthew Pringle. Another one of our English born cricket coaches, Matthew is in New Zealand for the summer and is the son of a former Somerset County Cricketer. Matthew has a good understanding of the game and loves nothing more than to pass this knowledge on to the boys at Hereworth. Along with taking a team, Matthew is doing several hours of one-on-one private coaching with some of the Hereworth boys.

Megs Small. For many years Megs has worked with our Year 4, 5 and 6 cricketers. Her passion and enthusiasm when taking a team is endless, while her competitive nature always ensures a tough battle for any opposing team. This year Megs is taking the Hereworth Stags B team and her goal is to improve the skills of the boys so that next year they can fulfil their dream of playing in the Stags A team.

Tom Hill. After a very successful season with the Stags B team last year, Tom takes over the coaching of this year’s Stags A team at Hereworth. Prior to departing for England in 2009, Tom was a Premier club cricketer for Cornwall CC in Hastings. A former Hereworth pupil, Tom played in both the Stags A and 1st XI teams while attending Hereworth.

Max Lyde. Another English born lad who works as a tutor at Hereworth. Max is taking the third of our Stags teams which is a mixture of Year 4, 5 and 6 boys. Some are new to cricket, while others were born with bats in their hands. Max will work hard with his team this year with a big emphasis on fielding, running between the wickets and bowling straight.

Graeme McCarter. The last of our overseas coaches, Graeme hails from Ireland where he plays professionally for the Northern Knights franchise. Graeme has played for English County, Gloucestershire and represented Ireland in both T20 and 50 over cricket. Graeme works with all the Stags team coaches during the week as well as doing many hours of individual one-on-one coaching with several Hereworth boys.

INTERESCHOOL SWIMMING

The timing of this event does not always work in our favour as it is always before our school Swimming Sports. All the Hereworth boys swam strongly with most of the team making it into finals in what turned out to be some very competitive races.

As with all swim events the final races are the relays and it is these events that bring about the most excitement. This year all three Hereworth teams made it onto the podium with a second and two third placings, a great way to finish the morning.

Well done to all the boys and thanks to all the parents for your help and support on the day.

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport

Year 4 Boys
25 mtr Freestyle
25 mtr Breaststroke
25 mtr Backstroke
4 x 25 Relay

Year 5 Boys
25 mtr Freestyle
25 mtr Backstroke
4 x 25 Relay

Year 6 Boys
25 mtr Butterfly
4 x 25 Relay

Director of Sport
Lincoln Doull

Year 4 Boys
Sam Skidmore 1st
Monte Douglas 2nd
Sam Skidmore 1st
Monte Douglas 1st
Monte Douglas 2nd
Sam Skidmore, Monte Douglas, Oliver Wilkins, Sam Harrison 2nd

Year 5 Boys
Cody Caton 1st
Cody Caton 1st
Cody Caton, Ralph Absolom, Charlie East, Monty Stewart 3rd

Year 6 Boys
Archie Whiteside 3rd
Liam O’Callaghan-King, Henry Salter, Archie Whiteside, Zack Caton 3rd

CRICKET
After a seven year absence Hereworth hosted Hadlow School from Masterton for a summer fixture. As we were still in the process of selecting our 1st Tennis and Cricket teams this fixture was used as part of the trial and selection process.

After the 1st four tennis singles matches ended, teams were locked at 2 matches apiece and it looked like this was going to be a tough, even encounter. The second round of matches started with the Hereworth boys putting on a strong display of baseline tennis that led to some excellent rallies that often ended with powerful winners from both fore and backhands.

The afternoon’s doubles matches all went the way of Hereworth in what turned out to be a very dominant display of tennis. The Hadlow boys never gave up and kept trying throughout the four matches but in the end it was the superior match fitness and game awareness that eventually proved too much for Hadlow.

The Hereworth Cricket XI upon winning the toss elected to bat on what was a very easy paced wicket ready-made for run scoring. After the loss of an early wicket against some tight Hadlow bowling, a substantial 3rd wicket partnership developed between Francis Kirkland and Jimmy Peacock. From then on it was small but productive partnerships that led to a total of 174 for 7 off 30 overs. In reply, Hadlow found the going tough right from the start as the Hereworth bowlers maintained good direction with both pace and spin. The regular fall of wickets had the game safely in the bag by the 20th over and soon after the game finished with Hadlow being all out for 97.

Cricket
Hereworth 174 for 7
Francis Kirkland 46, Jimmy Peacock 43
Jack Blyth 26, Hugo Absolom 20
Hadlow 97 All Out
Oscar McDonald 2 - 6
Win to Hereworth by 77 runs

Tennis
Singles: Hereworth 6 vs Hadlow 2
Doubles: Hereworth 4 vs Hadlow 0
Win to Hereworth 10 matches to 2
On Wednesday the 7th of February, 39 energetic boys, three teachers and seven parent helpers set off from Hereworth on their way to Guthrie Smith in Tutira. We set off the way we intended to finish the camp; enthusiastic, positive and cooperative. Driving past Bay View, the weather started to look pretty ominous, with thick black clouds hovering over the sea, just waiting to drift inland towards our intended destination. We experienced a fair bit of rain over the three days, but this did not slow the boys down or dampen their enthusiasm at all.

Not long after arriving, day one saw the boys either don a snug-fitting harness for the high ropes, or figure out how to operate a GPS unit for the geocaching activity. On the high ropes, there were plenty of shaky knees, nervous smiles and high pitched squeals as gravity fought against the material of the harnesses. All the boys did themselves proud by pushing through each challenge, or forcing themselves higher than they had thought was possible.

While 6HT were in the high ropes, 6NL made their way around the arboretum by GPS while answering location specific questions. The boys put their tech skills to the test while operating the GPS, especially after swiping rain off the screen and completely losing track of where they were!

Day two involved Canadian canoeing on Lake Opouahi and caving at Cave ‘Hugemongous’. There were a few very nervous boys (and some parents and teachers) before the caving activity. After negotiating the first ‘squeeze’ though, most boys and parents relaxed a little, knowing they had already passed through the tightest gap.

Further moments of excitement included; greeting weta up close, seeing glow worms, stepping in deep holes and finding out about and seeing speleothem for the first time. All were relieved to exit a tight gap into daylight at the end of the seemingly never-ending cave, only to find that it was only roughly eighty metres long!

The Canadian canoeing was an excellent team challenge, where communication and coordination were truly put to the test. Donuts, sprints, and ball collection exercises on Lake Opouahi all challenged the boys to work more and more efficiently in their canoeing groups.

On our last day, we decided (definitely not democratically) to climb a high peak on the opposite shore of Lake Tutira. This proved to be a real test at the end of three action-packed days, but the boys all pushed through the challenge and made it to the top. They were rewarded with some excellent ‘mud-skiing’ on the way down thanks to all the rain falling on the clay track. There were some spectacular falls and extremely muddy boys by the time we reached the shore of Lake Tutira for lunch before heading home.

A big thank you to George and Kirsty at Guthrie Smith, PK and Lynn the instructors, and all of the parent helpers who made the camp such a memorable experience for boys and teachers alike.

Nick Lorentz
No rain, unimogs or delays for the 2018 camp at Makahika Outdoor Pursuit Centre. Thankfully the weather was co-operative as our new Year 7 cohort set off for five days in the foothills near Levin. The facilities are second to none with outstanding meals being provided - a very important consideration when dealing with boys. The week saw the boys undertake bush walks, firelighting, abseiling, river crossing, shelter building, flying fox and both a high and low ropes course.

The degree of challenge was perfectly pitched at this age group; a number of boys enjoying the challenge of pushing themselves on the abseiling wall and high ropes course. We were fortunate to enlist the help of Marcus Peacock, Andrew Huxford and Kristin Chadwick. Thank you to these parents for their involvement. Between chasing Max the pug, playing spotlight and drying wet socks the boys had a fantastic time experiencing the outdoors and getting to know one another a little better.

A super camp and a great start to the year.

Neil McCorkell
Having school camps in New Zealand is an amazing experience and one in which we are incredibly blessed to have these opportunities. We are privileged to have the wonderful natural environment right at our doorstep.

Leaving Hereworth on Waitangi Day this year meant that the boys were able to complete the Taranaki Falls Walk right beside the Chateau on Ruapehu. Arriving in the early afternoon meant they had the opportunity to swim at the base of the falls after a leisurely walk through the tundra and native forests.

Once the boys were settled at the OPC Camp, they all ate well and spent the evening excitedly playing and chatting about the next three days. After meeting their instructors, the excitement ramped up tenfold. The first night was a typical first night at camp - adults trying to calm the excitement down and get the boys to sleep at a respectable hour.

Day two arrived with much anticipation. With breakfast and the group duties completed, the boys were off to their various activities.

A stunning day in the middle of the North Island saw the boys participating in kayaking, Canadian canoeing, high ropes, flying fox, jumping off a bridge into the frigid water below and team building activities. The chat and banter at the evening dinner table was testament to the amazing time they had all had during the day. The boys had conquered their individual fears as well as supporting each other throughout the activities. There was also excited murmuring about the prospect of the tramping and caving the next day. A much easier night for the adults as all the boys were asleep shortly after lights out.

Day three arrived with the same anticipation and fine weather. Three groups set off in vans to the caving activity while the other three groups started their tramp. The instructors gave the boys the opportunity and the belief in following their own path. Having the boys work together reading maps, as well as deciding the quickest and safest way to progress up a stream, meant they all developed a greater understanding of the importance of safety in the outdoors. The natural beauty of the fauna was something to behold and one in which we all took time to appreciate. After swapping over after lunch, the cavers hiked back to the base while the trampers went caving. Many of the boys were a little apprehensive in going underground, especially with some of them having never been in a cave system like the one we went in. Every boy can be so proud of what he achieved throughout the day. I think many of the teachers were very relieved to eventually emerge from the deep dark depths of the earth too. Having the boys cook their dinner out among nature was a treat. I believe we all survived their cooking and may even have enjoyed it. Sleep came quickly when all the boys returned to camp and their cabins.

The last morning at camp saw the boys complete the activities they had not participated in the previous day. The excitement was still prevalent and the boys were able to tick off a couple of things they had been looking forward to. Seeing the smiles on the tired faces as they ventured onto the bus for the journey home summed up the four days.

The camp was an amazing experience that has left an indelible mark on each and every boy that achieved many small goals. The OPC staff were so professional and caring throughout the week. Our staff had such a great time and enjoyed seeing the growth and development of the boys. The boys very much appreciated all of the adults that were part of the camp.

A great experience and we are looking forward to an even better camp next year.

Paul Unwin