Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends.

It has been heartening to receive positive feedback on the advice, guidance and other snippets of information that I provide by way of introduction to the Week Ahead. Thank you to those who have made this known. In our daily lives, things that come across our desks, often via the internet, observations that are made or things that are heard can often provide a context to make a worthwhile comment. As many of you will have gleaned, what you read at times are the thoughts and views of others, sometimes with embellishments from me. If any parent comes across something worth sharing or has a suggestion to make, I would be very happy to receive a comment or a link to follow up.

Keeping to the theme of this publication, Hereworth Highlights, it does seem appropriate I comment on my highlights to date for this term.

>> Write That Essay. In addition to the grammatical errors often made in writing, a feature of boys’ writing is lack of clarity regarding the points they are trying to make and being able to gauge an audience response. Fear of succinctness is often an issue, as sometimes writing more is seen as desirable. The work of Dr Ian Hunter is becoming more well known in schools, particularly secondary schools and the impact of his work is having considerable impact. Three of our staff recently spent time with Ian and what they have brought back to Hereworth to share with their colleagues has been enlightening. You will hear your sons talk about the new things they are doing in writing and the developments are exciting for them and for us. Do watch this space!

>> The boarding boys have adjusted well to the changes in the boarding house routines and appear to be quite in sync with Mr Scott’s way of doing things. He has really appreciated the manner in which he has been accepted and is therefore keen to see his tenure through to the end of the year. This has been very heartening considering we were somewhat uncertain about how the boys would handle the change.

>> Invited guests and other speakers often impress and having heard many throughout my career, Rob Waddell’s message will rate as one of the more enduring in terms of its relevance to young people who have sporting ambitions and their parents and teachers. We were very fortunate to have him with us, albeit for such a short time and it will be great if he could return to speak to the boys.

>> Conversely, we also have boys of an age who do not yet know if they have a sporting ambition, yet are expected to play. Some of our boys, or their parents, choose something that they ‘might like to play’. At this stage, size does make a difference and some of our younger teams are playing opposition who have a significant advantage and our boys simply can’t keep up. I applaud those teams who, week after week have tried their best.
and it really is pleasing that their last effort has been their best. As much as they would like to have secured a win or two, they have not given up nor become despondent. Well done to them.

The recent Choir Tour was an overwhelming success. Many accolades have been received from our Auckland hosts and I thank the boys for their manner, conduct and performing abilities. They have rewarded those who have coached and in other ways assisted them, especially Mrs Stevens, in the best way possible.

Founders’ Day was seen to be a great success and I hope this day can be cemented into the school calendar as an annual event. The afternoon commenced with school spirit and passion coming to the fore in the inter-house tug-o-war competition and was followed by the Year 8 boys interacting intelligently with our guests in the Founders’ Room. Grant Harper spoke to the boys about his days here and then at assembly made further comments about the significance Hereworth holds for him. At the conclusion, he presented a totara tree to the school in the hope that it too will add something to Hereworth’s proud history. Hopefully, for the boys, enjoying a slice of Founders’ Day cake will remind them of a day in which they heard just a little of the history of Hereworth School, those who have impacted on it and what it means to others.

This brings me to my final highlight. That is the demeanour of the boys, both in and around the campus, but also when representing the school in various events and fixtures. There is no doubt that the boys of Hereworth are ‘our best marketing tool’. What they say and do is seen and heard by others and we can all be grateful for the messages they are giving. Many of these things are our point of difference and we need to keep highlighting these within our local and wider community.

The third term started with a hiss and a roar. The 1st teams of Hockey, Rugby and Football were into the action immediately with a prep fixture against Waihi. The boys really enjoyed this fixture as this only occurs every two years and they acquitted themselves in typical Hereworth fashion - sportsmanship, manners and the manner in which they played the games were impeccable once again.

This early prep fixture certainly set the tone for the start of the term. We have had the winter sports photos, chess tournaments and the Inter-School Science Fair. The Choir had a very successful trip to Auckland and the boys were abuzz with stories when they returned. Their hard work paid off with trophies and accolades at the Kids...
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Sing Competition - more of this in the next newsletter.

In the classrooms, we have seen a real push in writing. Three staff members attended professional development in Auckland on writing and have come back with some great ideas for teaching writing to boys. The early indications are very encouraging and feedback from the boys is very positive.

A number of boys have received their colours badges throughout the first five weeks and I suspect that more may be in line for their colours when the final winter sports games are completed. Congratulations to all the boys who received colours and badges in the first half of this term.

The Ski Team has been on the mountain for two events so far this term. In the Central Plateau Ski Competition, Herbie Coates won his event with a time that would have won the overall event for the North Island.

Once again, it has been a busy five weeks in which the boys have not had a moment to relax. The last five weeks of the term is shaping to be just as busy.

Paul Unwin
Intermediate Syndicate Leader

SCIENCE QUIZ

Which letters are used to represent lead on the periodic table? Which famous scientist is attributed to having invented the telescope? Questions similar to these kept our science quiz team of Jacob Parbhu, Jackson Reynolds and Oskar Norman busy for over an hour at Karamu High School on 9 August. Over twenty teams attended from all over Hawke’s Bay, all vying for the coveted title of ‘Pipfruit Science Quiz Champions’ for 2018. After six rounds of fierce competition, the elemental dust settled and Hereworth was named sixth equal. Well done to the team, who will have a chance to go one (or five) places better next year!

Nick Lorentz

SCIENCE FAIR

Science fair projects can be an arduous, but thoroughly rewarding undertaking. This year Hereworth entered three exhibits: One was an investigation into the suitability of milk products as a plastic replacement. Cole Brownlie and Iseo Pancotti shed light on the use of LED vs filament vs coloured light bulbs in the growth of indoor plants. Riley Kleinert and Roark Zachary tested a range of potting mix soils to see which one provided the best return in terms of plant growth.

All boys worked extremely hard and produced very thorough, well-presented investigations. On judging day, the boys were all subjected to multiple rounds of questioning from a range of wandering judges. The judges were very deliberate in their questioning, looking for mistakes in process, data handling, and variable elimination, all while gaining an insight into the boys’ understanding of their work.

Once judging was complete, one student received a ‘Highly Commended’ award, while Roark and Riley repeated their efforts from last year, earning one of three ‘Outstanding’ prizes. They were also awarded an NZ Statistical Association and Statistics NZ (Junior Prize), another from NZ Apples and Pears, and the ARL Special Prize. An excellent result that goes some way to acknowledge the amount of effort and time that went into a superb investigation.

Nick Lorentz

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 12 September
House Football

Wednesday 12 September, 6.00pm
Chapel Service

Friday 14 September
Multi Day & Year 0-4 Pet Day

Friday 14 September
Hereworth Formal Dance for Years 7 & 8

Monday 17 September
Hastings & Districts School Cross Country

Thursday 20 September
House Singing Competition
TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE

The brief: ‘Design a structure that can suspend a marble hanging from string. The marble needs to hang as far away from the base of the structure as possible, no more than 5cm off the ground. The point where the string attaches to the structure needs to be as far from the ground as possible. Final score will be the product of the distance from the base multiplied by the distance from the floor to the point where the string attaches. Resources: 30 straws, 3m of string, sellotape, scissors.’

Immediately, a range of different approaches was evident. Pyramid bases, double towers, and crane-like structures sprung up very quickly. Many groups focused on height, which was achieved easily until anything was added to provide distance away from the base of the structure. As soon as this happened, structures began to buckle and fold under the weight. Hastily implemented ‘redesigns’ meant that some groups recovered, while others attempted to re-engineer and strengthen their structures using the annoyingly flimsy straws. As the final minutes counted down, it was clear that judging was going to be close, with a number of the designs having achieved a similar height and extension. After final judging, Zac Burke and Jamie Brough fell just outside the podium, while Sebastian Bayliss and Cole Brownlie were awarded third place. Well done boys.

Nick Lorentz

INTERSCHOOL TEAM CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Hawke’s Bay Interschool Chess teams tournament is played to select Primary and Intermediate teams to compete in the national teams’ finals later in the year.

Throughout the day, the five teams were split between the A Grade and B Grade in the Primary and Intermediate sections, where in teams of four they played their competitive games of Chess. Overall, each boy played five to six games of up to 25-30 minutes each. Their results were recorded as wins, draws or losses and tracked throughout the day. Much success was experienced by all from some great moves to quick, four move checkmates.

All the teams did really well with our A Grade Primary Team 1, Zack Caton, Daniel Lie, Jamie Lie and Cody Caton, who came second place to our ongoing annual challenger, Nuhaka.

Congratulations to the Hereworth boys for their diligence and dedication. We were very proud of their representation and impeccable conduct throughout the day.

A special note of thanks to Chris Smith, who offers a lot of his knowledge and game skills to the Chess Club on a regular basis. Many thanks to the many parents, grandparents and friends who came along and encouraged and supported the boys throughout the day. Terrific effort displayed Chess Club boys!

Paula Kasper

YEAR 8 HAUORA

Recent trends have shown that a lot of young people are participating less and less in sport compared to four or five years ago. This may be due to extra commitments, more opportunity to be inactive (e.g. computer games) or a decreased awareness. Whatever the reason, physical fitness is an important component of wellbeing and is being addressed through a series of practical tests and classroom theory. The tests include the Multi Stage Test, a 600-metre run, a 40m sprint, press ups and a broad jump. These tests measure a variety of fitness components that are important for performance in various sports, including speed, strength and cardiovascular endurance. The boys are then able to build a fitness and physical wellbeing profile of themselves, which can help make them think about their physical activity, the benefits of exercise and what they can do to develop this. Their efforts and results so far have been impressive, highlighting their individual strengths and specific areas they can focus on.

Tom Hill
The St James’ Chapel Choir travelled to Auckland with the aim of providing the choir with several performance opportunities, giving the boys billeting experience and also to enjoy some fun activities along the way.

The tour was off to a positive start when upon our arrival at King’s School, the boys were given seriously delicious dunkin’ donuts! The choir’s first performance was at King’s followed by a visit to the Auckland Museum and, because the weather was stunning, we took the boys to Cornwall Park.

Our second performance was at Dilworth. We were welcomed with an impressive powhiri and the Dilworth boys were a truly appreciative and responsive audience. A public performance in the city at Britomart followed, our first outdoor concert, which also went very well. This followed with ice creams from Giapo (the boys had eyes like saucers!) and a swim at the Mt Albert wave pool. We concluded our tour with a final performance at St Kentigern Boys’ School on Thursday morning. The boys were a credit to themselves and Hereworth.

A special thank you to Hereworth, King’s School, Dilworth and St Kentigern staff, our billeting families, and all those parents who were able to join us in Auckland. We appreciate your support.

Joanne Stevens
Director of Performing Arts
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Jonty Lee 8IS
Jonty is a modest young man; an excellent sportsman and a quiet achiever who has earned the respect of his peers. The lapel full of colours badges and list of cups to his name are testament to his commitment to rugby and cricket and overall dedication to his learning and the school. He is Deputy Head Boy, House Captain for Rickard and Captain of Rugby.

Jonty joined Hereworth at Year 7, coming from Te Mata with a number of other boys. Sport is his passion. He has played 1st XI Cricket and 1st XV Rugby since 2017 achieving his first colours for both sports in his first year here, and his full colours this year. An injury early in Term 2 has been frustrating for Jonty, but despite being unable to play, he is still on the sidelines for every prep fixture and at as many 1st XV training sessions as possible to stay very much a part of the team. Fingers crossed, he’ll be given the all clear to return to sport in Term 4.

For Jonty, the sport at Hereworth was a big attraction and he follows in the footsteps of his brother, Koby, who left for Wanganui Collegiate in 2015. The family connection with the school doesn’t stop there though; his dad Danny was a tutor here who coached Mr Hill when he was a student!

The biggest influence in his life has been his family; his parents and his brother, and academically he is striving to do as well as his brother. His dad’s career as a professional rugby player and now coach has seen Jonty travel the world (even if he was too young to remember much of it!). Born in Dunedin, he lived in Wales for a time, travelling back to New Zealand via Italy and Egypt to name just a couple of countries, and has visited Danny in Japan where he is currently coaching.

What’s next for Jonty? He would love to continue with his sport (if pushed, he’d choose rugby over cricket) and one day be a professional sportsman. A trip to Hawaii for the great surfing is also on his wish list!

Charlie Thomas 8GU
Charlie is a farm boy at heart. A Year 8 boarder who started at Hereworth in Year 6, Charlie likes nothing more than pulling on his gumboots and getting stuck in helping out on the farm or riding his motorbike when he’s home for weekends and holidays.

The Thomas family has a long association with the school; Charlie and his twin brother George followed big brother William (2006 – 2013), Dad, Uncle and Grandfather into the Hereworth community.

For Charlie, the most challenging thing about school is being away from home. He’s obviously well respected by Boarding Master, Ian Scott, who sees him as a reliable student and a responsible member of the boarding house. As a dorm leader, Charlie sometimes found the challenge of being in charge of a dorm of lively boys a little challenging! Perhaps this will be a good grounding for his future career – Charlie has a long-held ambition of joining the Police force.

Mrs Unger is having a big influence on Charlie this year – he is aware that she is always trying to get him to achieve his very best. For those readers who don’t know him, Charlie is a twin. His brother George is in Mr Unwin’s class this year and although there is a close tie, Charlie says they go down the route of being different, rather than having the same taste and wanting to do the same things.

Thomas Potts 7KF
Thomas is the second in his family to come to Hereworth. He joined us this year, coming from Te Mata and prior to that, Parkvale. He follows his older brother Cameron who left for Havelock North High School in 2016.

Thomas remembers his first impression of Hereworth, at an Open Day, was of all the different rooms and subject areas and the different learning opportunities available here. He’s certainly making the most of those opportunities and finding his strengths and pursuing his love of music. He plays in the orchestra, sings in the St James’ Chapel Choir and the Barbershop. He’s a guitarist, taking weekly lessons here with Mr Couper and has been learning for four or five years.

His biggest challenge is overcoming his nerves, but he faces this head on and it hasn’t stopped him taking part in the choir performances and we may even see him on stage in the next Performance Assembly or even in next year’s production!

In true Hereworth style of striving to achieve his very best and giving everything a go, Thomas’ ambition is to be a great musician. We look forward to seeing where his musical talent takes him in the future.
Wellesley School has been a traditional foe of Hereworth for many years and be it at home or away they always bring a high level of competitiveness to the sports fields. As the games kicked off early on a Tuesday morning we knew this was once again going to be the case. After the two second-team matches (rugby and football) it was one game apiece with Wellesley winning the football and Hereworth having a convincing win in the rugby.

Out at Hastings Sports Park, the 1st XI hockey match was another tight affair; the halftime score of 1-1 being testament to that. In the second half, the Hereworth boys played the best half of hockey they had played all season. The result of a dominant second-half performance was two more goals scored to give Hereworth a well-deserved win.

Back at Hereworth, the 1st rugby and football matches were underway in front of a large, supportive crowd that was treated to some excellent sport from both teams. Wellesley had the upper hand in the football during the first half. Hereworth came back strongly in the second but failed to put all their opportunities away and thus, in the end, they had to settle for a loss.

The Hereworth 1st XV once again showed what a good team they are. The forwards started well and soon had Wellesley on the back foot and this domination allowed Hereworth the luxury of a handy halftime lead. In the second half Hereworth right winger Toby Powdrell was rewarded for his hard work, strong running and never say die attitude as he ran in three tries in cementing the win.

It was a tough day at the office for all the Hereworth teams, and even though the rugby scores did blow out a little, it was not easy and all the boys should be very proud of their efforts.

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SKIING

Central Plateau Ski Race
An early morning start for us town folk along with boys in the boarding house had us on the road by 5:00am. The event takes place at the Whakapapa ski fields on the Northern slopes of Mt. Ruapehu with all runs being a Giant Slalom course. Hereworth boys compete in the “Out of Zone” (Non Central Plateau region) schools competition in both Primary and Intermediate grades.

Year 4 student Oliver Wilkins won the Primary school race in a field of 15, many of who were Year 5 or 6 boys. His time would have placed him second in the in zone competition.

A much smaller Intermediate field assembled for the race but competition was still high in quality. Once again Hereworth topped the standings with Year 8 student Herbie Coates recording the quickest time in the field of 12. His time of 28.2 seconds on his second run would have also seen him win the in zone competition. Luke Wilkins came in second place with a time of 29.1 seconds; the second fastest time by an intermediate boy on the day. In a podium clean sweep Will Lowry placed third to cap off an excellent day on the mountain for the Hereworth boys.

Other placings on the day: 4th Christian Lilburn, 5th Angus Pringle, 6th Jasper Howard, 8th Hugo Mabin, 9th Elijah Freudenberg, 10th Cameron Strong, 11th Louie Farrier, 12th James Strong.

North Island Primary School Champs - Year 7 & 8
For this year’s event Hereworth sent two teams along to compete. Unfortunately, the weather did not play ball and all boys returned home early as the championships were cancelled due to very poor conditions.

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport

PREP FIXTURES V WAIHI SCHOOL
For the first time in since 2012 Hereworth welcomed the Southernmost member of the Independent Schools fraternity to Hawke’s Bay for winter fixtures. A large number of local supporters joined 40 Waihi travelling supporters on the sidelines to witness some fantastic competition and skills from both schools. It was good to welcome back Hereworth Old Boy David McLeod who is now the Waihi 1st XV Coach.

Results
Football Hereworth 3 Waihi 1
Hockey Hereworth 0 Waihi 11
Rugby Hereworth 85 Waihi 5

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport

FOOTBALL REPS
The final Hawke’s Bay rep team selections have now been finalised and we can confirm that Year 5 student, Andrew Wakefield, has gained selection in the HB Under 10 rep team and Elijah Freudenberg in the Under 12 team. Andrew and Elijah join Archie Absolom, Jasper Howard (Under 11s), Harry Huxford (Under 12s), Sebastian Bayliss and Riley Kleinert (Under 13s) as members of Central Football’s Federation Talent Centre players. Well done boys.

HOCKEY REP
Hereworth School 1st XI hockey captain, Jack Blyth, has been selected in the Hawke’s Bay Curtis Cup Hockey team. Congratulations Jack and we wish you all the very best for the representative season.

FIXTURES V TE MATA SCHOOL
If you want to excite the Hereworth Years 4, 5 and 6 boys, then mention competition against across the road rivals, Te Mata School.

On a sunny Monday afternoon close to 100 parents, grandparents, teachers and supporters from both schools enjoyed watching fantastic competition on the rugby, football and hockey fields. With all games being played at Hereworth it made for easy viewing across all codes and supporters were regularly seen walking from ground to ground.

All games were competitive and exciting as boys and girls from both schools played with determination in an effort to get a positive result for their team. The Te Mata football team was a very classy unit, their ability to control the ball for long periods of time paved the way for an 8-2 win. It was the complete opposite on the hockey turf where the Hereworth boys showed great composure under pressure to maintain position and convert into points. This greater control led to a very good 3-1 victory to the Hereworth team.

For the rugby, Hereworth went out to an early 17-0 lead only to have Te Mata claw their way back into the game with three quick tries and trailing by just two at half-time. The second half was a much closer affair with each team crossing the line a couple more times; in the end Hereworth held on to win the game 34-29.

Lincoln Doull
Director of Sport
This year we enjoyed the start of the celebrations with a very fiercely fought inter-house tug-o-war on the turf. In the junior competition, Elder won followed by Rickard, Reeve and Grant. The seniors’ competition was won by Reeve, with Elder second followed by Rickard and Grant. This gave Elder the overall win with Reeve coming second, Rickard third and Grant in fourth place. Despite the very chilly wind some Old Boys joined us for this tug-o-war and plans are afoot to have them participating next year. Watch this space...

Mr Grant Harper (1963-66) was our guest Old Boy speaker, and he briefly spoke with the Year 8 boys in the Founders’ Room about how he spent his days here at school – amazing how a plate evokes memories! Grant’s address in assembly was to the wider Hereworth family and he regaled us with stories of the part Hereworth has played in his life and how he enjoys returning. The boys loved the sweet treats!

To finish the afternoon, the youngest current pupil (Fredrick McKimm) and the oldest Old Boy present (Graham Ramsden, 1942-44) cut the enormous and delicious Founders’ Day cake, which the boys enjoyed for afternoon tea.

Tor Hamilton
Foundation Co-ordinator