

Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you to all those parents who sent in taxi card application forms. The taxi cards will be processed before the end of term. Girls who do not have taxi cards will need to ensure they have sufficient cash to pay for a taxi if they ever need to use one.

The Hostel mini bus has had very high usage this year with more girls than ever involved in co curricular activities that require transport. Mrs McKenzie does her very best to accommodate as many girls transport needs as possible but parents must realise this is a free service and occasionally your daughter may have to pay for a taxi to get to an activity.

The more flexible the girls are in timing their activities the higher chance they can utilise the mini van. For example if a girl can wait in a supervised environment after her activity has finished or start a little bit earlier this may assist in Mrs McKenzie and her scheduling of dropping off and picking up.

Many Hostel parents have come to school this afternoon to attend the parent teacher interviews with teachers. Parents who have been unable to make this trip but still want to speak to teachers about their daughter's progress, please contact their daughter's Dean.

Thank you to parents for keeping daughters home if they exhibit flu like symptoms. Any girls holidaying in foreign countries that develop flu like symptoms, please consult your doctor before returning to the Hostel.

The Hostel continues to enforce and practice good hygiene habits.

All our supervisors are currently undertaking a Duty of care Course to gain both New Zealand and Australian recognized certificates in Hostel residential care. The course is very comprehensive and ensures that all our supervisors are fully trained on all aspects of Hostel residential care.

Additionally, all our Hostel staff have current First Aid certificates.

I will be writing to all Year Twelve parents at the end of this term to ask if their daughters will be returning to the Hostel for Year 13. I can appreciate this is rather early, and you may still be unsure of the future, but if you do know your response would be useful.

Any other parents who may be looking at withdrawing their daughters, it is important that you give eight weeks notice in writing of your intentions. This will ensure you do not incur any further charges or forfeit your good faith deposit.

Yesterday evening the girls had a bonding evening with organized activities and team competitions. There was a lot of fun to be had and there was excellent mixing between year groups.

Congratulations to Soraya Kamau and her success at the Secondary Schools Speech Competition held at Te Aute College this week. Soraya came first in the Senior English prepared speech and first in the Senior English impromptu section. A fantastic result for Soraya and is the first girl from Napier Girls High School to win these titles.

The orienteering girls feature again in this newsletter with the Hawkes Bay orienteering Competition held on the weekend. Briana Massie came second in the juniors. Zivanna Donnelly came second in the Intermediate grade with Rebecca Manson hot on her heels in 5th position. Georgia Wedd was 4th in the senior level. Emma Pullen also competed in this competition. All these girls were part of the Hawkes Bay team that won this competition.

Finally Kelsie Campbell has been selected for trials for the New Zealand Under 18 Canoe Polo team. Good luck with the selections.

Kind regards,

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Hostel Manager

