

Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yet another busy week in the hostel has sped by!

This week our girls were invited to spend Wednesday afternoon at Napier Boys High School. It was a very generous invitation from them, to spend the afternoon and have dinner at their hostel. There were no formal activities planned but the boys had set up equipment for cricket, volleyball, tennis and mini putt golf. We even had use of the school pool, which a few brave girls took advantage of. It really was a wonderful afternoon and everyone seemed to be very relaxed in each other's company and a great time was had by all. Many girls were pleasantly surprised that they actually had fun! Their hostel turned on an absolutely amazing dinner for us all, followed by trumpet ice-creams, before heading back to Hewett House in time for prep.

Wednesday was a great ice-breaker, as tonight is our Hostel Social, hosted again by Napier Boys – there is high excitement in the Hostel and girls have been planning their outfits all week. I hope to capture many on camera as they head off on the bus tonight.

Last week I mentioned to you that I had met with the Parent Forum. The Parent Forum is a group of parents who meet once a term and feedback to us any issues relating to the Hostel. They are currently looking for new members, particularly from our new Hostel families. If you would like to find out more about the Parent Forum, please contact one of the representatives in your region. Their next meeting is Friday 7 May when they will be forming their committee, anyone is welcome and they would like to encourage anyone who is interested to come along.

The representatives from your area are as follows:

Karyn Glynn - Taupo

Michael Hindmarsh – Hastings

Alli Watts – Dannevirke

Vicki Manson – Wairoa

Stephanie Bond – Waipukarau

As I mentioned last week I have updated the Parent Contact List and this will be posted to you all today. Please let me know if I have any of your details incorrect.

We have had some wonderful achievements from our Hostel girls just recently and I would like to congratulate the following girls.

Georgia Wedd gained 3rd place in the junior section of the Kaweka Challenge. This event is a grueling cross country endurance event through the Kaweka Forest Park, so well done to Georgia for her excellent placing.

Kelsie Campbell placed 3rd in the HB Secondary School Canoe Polo Championships held last month and has also been selected for the Hawkes Bay team.

Melanie Hesseling gained 3rd place in the Junior Women's Air Pistol Shooting at the National Championships last weekend.

Pip Beachen was awarded 'Young Rider' at the Carterton Show Jumping Championships last weekend, which has set her up well going into the Horse of the Year competition next week.

Jaime and Caitlyn Burkin both competed in the East Coast Secondary Schools Athletic Champs this week. Caitlyn won the 100m sprint and will now move on to the National competition. Jaime placed 3rd in the Javelin throw. Awesome effort!

Well done to all our girls, the Hostel as always, is very proud of you!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards

Lianne Parkinson
Hostel Manager