

Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term two and its business as usual here at the Hostel. Everyone appears to be settled and right back into the swing of things. Sports teams have begun their training and we are all realizing that there is so much to fit into our shorter days (daylight hours that is). Although we are well into autumn we are still having such beautiful days and there are some very red faced young women returning from their sports training.

I would like to give some advance warning of an upcoming social occasion. We are currently organising a Hostel Parent dinner. This will be in mid June and the date and venue will be confirmed shortly. It is a great opportunity to meet and socialise with other Hostel parents and Hostel staff so it would be really lovely to see as many of you as are able to make it.

With Saturday sport beginning this weekend, many girls will now be staying in on Friday nights. If you daughter leaves the Hostel on Saturday and returns on Monday morning this does not change her boarding status or your account. However, if she returns Sunday night, you will incur a charge for Friday night. If you have any concerns regarding this please feel free to contact me.

If you daughter plans to stay in for the weekend, as I have mentioned before, we do need to have your permission and a very good reason for her to do so. The weekends run differently from the weekdays for many obvious reasons. One of the major differences is in staffing and supervision. As you are all well aware, the Hostel runs very much on trust and we need to have absolute confidence that the girls in the Hostel over the weekend have a very clear understanding of the boundaries and can be trusted implicitly. The increased free time on the weekends can sometimes be difficult for our 5 day girls to adjust to. When the numbers increase significantly it adds pressure to the weekend staff and this I am not prepared to do. If we have advance warning of your need for weekend boarding then we can plan and prepare.

The Hostel Mini van will be available this Saturday to transport your daughters to Netball. Please ensure that your daughter signs out for the weekend and lets Mrs McKenzie or Mrs Whare know that she will not require transport back to the Hostel if you are planning to take her home from the courts.

Some of our Hostel girls were very busy over the term break and consequently I have many wonderful achievements to acknowledge this week.

Congratulations to:

- **Brooke McFall**, who has made it into the Under 19 Hawkes Bay volleyball team
- **Casey Glynn** and **Harriet Cameron** who represented NGHS and placed 1st in the Girl's division at the Upper North Island Sailing Championships and placed 5th overall
- **Kirsty McCallum**, who competed in the "Rotorua to Taupo Flyer" – bike race in the Holidays, this was a pair's event with each rider completing 50km
- **Molly D'Ath**, who competed in the North Island Orienteering Championships and placed 1st individually in the junior division; the relay team that she was a member of placed 3rd
- **Rebecca Manson** and **Georgia Wedd** who placed 4th in the senior division relay at the Orienteering Champs
- **Zivana Donnelly**, who placed 3rd individually in the senior division at the Orienteering

Well done to all those girls!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Lianne Parkinson