

Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Two days from May and still no real sign of winter! We have certainly been spoiled by such a lovely autumn. It has been great that the girls have had a couple of weeks to make the transition from their summer uniform. Next week all girls must be in their winter uniform. Judging from visits to the uniform shop this week, I know that all girls will be prepared.

We haven't begun our 'cough and cold' season yet but we have had a large number of girls complaining of headaches. It does concern me the amount of panadol the girls are taking and I just wonder if now is the time to remind the girls about the importance of drinking water. With the weather so mild, some girls are not taking their jerseys off. The winter uniform is designed to be warm and with tights as well, I think a lot of girls are becoming a bit over heated and slightly dehydrated. Can you please ensure that your daughter has her own drink bottle and remind her to keep drinking throughout the day?

Last week I gave some advance warning of an upcoming social occasion, the Hostel Parent's dinner. We have now set a tentative date and are hoping to have it on Thursday June 3rd. I know this might seem crazy to some, but the date has been set to coincide with a school Fundraiser also on this night (the dinner would be prior). I will be able to forward you more information as it becomes available to me, however at this stage I do know that the evening is presented by Lisa O'Neil and is entitled "Be Gorgeous". Although all parents and friends are invited I suspect it will be for Mum's, Grandmother's, Aunts and girlfriends. Lisa is a stylist and comedienne and it will be a most entertaining and inspiring evening. The following day is our Parent Forum meeting which would be wonderful to see new parents attend. This is followed by the Hostel Achievers lunch at 12.00pm and then the Hostel committee meeting at 2.00pm. The Hostel will be closed that weekend for Queen's birthday so everyone will be collecting their daughters at the end of school that day. It would be really great if schedules and budgets allowed, to have as many parents as possible attend these events. Hence the advance warning! More information will follow.

I love informing you of the fabulous achievements of our Hostel girls. I would hate to think that I am missing anyone out or getting the details incorrect but I am aware that it does happen. It has always been a Hostel tradition that girls come and tell the supervisor on duty what they have achieved or awards they have gained. It is then recorded in a notebook and from this notebook I get my information to report to you. As all parents are aware, depending on the mood of the day, teenagers either communicate every single detail and some..... or nothing at all!!

They can also be very modest and feel 'stink' telling us about their achievements. I would love to hear about their achievements from you if you ever want to drop me an email. If I ever get any details wrong please let me know. The girls work so hard to achieve what they do; I think it is really important to congratulate them publicly. Unfortunately we kiwis often feel we are showing off when we talk about our own achievements.

Attached to this Newsletter is a flier advertising the upcoming school production of Footloose, many parents will remember the original movie back in the 80's so if you're keen for a nostalgic trip and some familiar music from your Youth – come along and be entertained by NBHS & NGHS's talented cast! The Hostel girls will all have the opportunity to attend the Opening night. We will provide transport and tickets will be charged through your Hostel account if they choose to go. It will be a fabulous show!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Lianne Parkinson