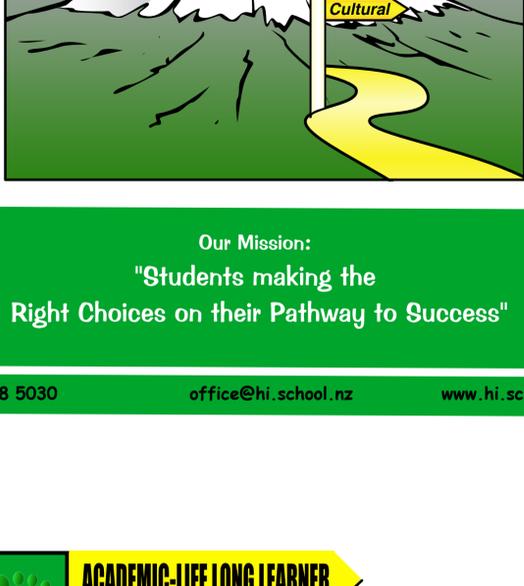


# Hawera Intermediate

A Pathway to Success

Panui

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Our Mission:

"Students making the Right Choices on their Pathway to Success"

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## ACADEMIC-LIFE LONG LEARNER

## COMMUNITY-CONNECTED

## SPORT-ACTIVE

## CULTURAL-VALUING DIVERSITY

### A MESSAGE FROM WENDY



I have been so impressed with how the students have been representing our school. Our Rugby 7s teams played with sportsmanship and fair play, showing many skills. It is always a pleasure to receive messages about how our students have represented us positively both on and off the field. Our Kapa Haka group represented with pride at Tatarakihi. I have had nothing but positive comments from everyone that was there and saw them; including principals and staff from other schools, and whānau from other schools. I know that Matua Russell Hockley and Whea Ahinekura Crawford have big plans for our group with some exciting events coming up between now and the end of the year. Thank you to the students that Whaea Dawn Mendes took to watch the contemporary dance show "Onepu"; they also visited Puke Ariki to explore the creative and innovative citizens of Taranaki. You represented our school with pride and we had some positive comments from members of the public about how you looked in your uniform, your manners and your behaviour. Tino pai rawa!

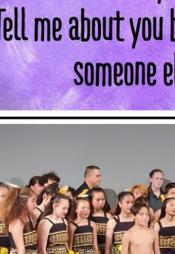
Finally we wish the HIS Celtics all the very best for next week when they are playing off in the finals! Celtics we are very proud of you and I know that you'll have some very enthusiastic supporters for your final. The students have had a lot of opportunities at school to join sporting teams, cultural groups or other interest groups such as debating. In all those things their pride at representing our school is growing and the compliments are rolling in.

Wendy Sheridan-Smith

Tuesday 10 September  
School Cross country

Wednesday  
25 September  
Inter Intermediate Schools  
Cross country

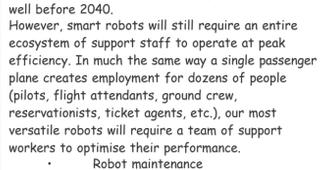
Friday 27 September  
Term 4 Ends



Two important things to ask your kid after school each day:  
Tell me about someone being nice to you.  
Tell me about you being nice to someone else.

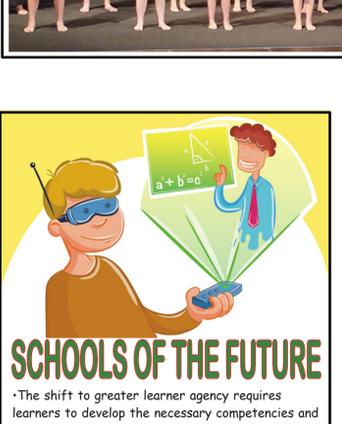
## MEASLES INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

There has been a second case of measles confirmed in Taranaki, and parents and caregivers are being urged to be aware of the signs and symptoms of the illness. Your child may have measles if they have not been vaccinated and have: - A high fever - A runny nose, sore red eyes or a cough - A rash 3-5 days later which usually starts on the head and spreads down the body. If you think your or your child might have measles, you need to keep them home from school and away from public places and other people. Measles is highly contagious from before symptoms start until 5 days after the rash has appeared. Please contact your doctor or Healthline on 0800 611116 for more advice and let your school or early childhood centre know that your child may have measles. Vaccination is the best protection against measles. Please contact your doctor to make sure you and your family are protected. For more information about measles please visit: <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>



## TATARAKIHI

Last Friday our school Kapa haka group took to the stage at The Taranaki Tatarakihi Festival, held at City West Church in New Plymouth. Our student leaders were, Pikihiua Hockley, Naiema Ross, Julius Hauraki and Thomas Kereti who were outstanding and lead the group well. We would like to thank all our parent supporters and especially Matua Russell Hockley.



## SCHOOLS OF THE FUTURE

- The shift to greater learner agency requires learners to develop the necessary competencies and have an effective language of learning so we can have effective learning conversations.
- Learners also need to know what the learning process looks like and how to apply that independently.
- We need to shift to a conceptual curriculum and have learners learn in the same way they learn to drive!
- As educators, we need to become researchers of our own practice.
- We need to ensure that assessment drives learning deeper rather than being the end-point of the learning. The transformation of schooling is not a simple task, but rather it requires a well-planned implementation programme that will take between three and five years.

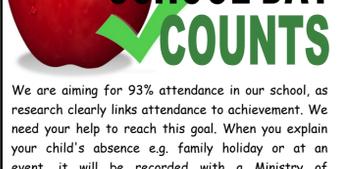
## CRAZY JOBS THAT WILL EXIST IN THE FUTURE

I thought it would be interesting to look at some futurist thinking about Jobs for the Future... The year is 2040; today's Year 7 students, on average aged 11, will be about 32 years old. They may decide to be: Robot Sherpas - Robots travel tend to be good at one or two things. So far we haven't seen the iPhone equivalent in robotics where people can build apps and the robot is capable of many things. That will happen well before 2040. However, smart robots will still require an entire ecosystem of support staff to operate at peak efficiency. In much the same way a single passenger plane creates employment for dozens of people (pilots, flight attendants, ground crew, reservationists, ticket agents, etc.), our most versatile robots will require a team of support workers to optimise their performance.

- Robot maintenance
- Robot monitoring
- Robot operation techs
- Robot suppliers
- Robot programmers
- Robot UI/UX experts
- Robot ethicists
- Robot business developers

The skills today's students will need to be able to be a Robot Sherpa, or any of the other jobs we will look at over the next few weeks, include: creativity, problem solving, collaboration, code writing, maths and literacy, curiosity and self management. This is why the Key Competencies in the NZ Curriculum are so important as are our school values.

## Maori Language Week 9-15 September



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

We are aiming for 93% attendance in our school, as research clearly links attendance to achievement. We need your help to reach this goal. When you explain your child's absence e.g. family holiday or at an event, it will be recorded with a Ministry of Education code onto our system. It could be J for justified as described below, T for truant if we receive no explanation, O for overseas, M for medical, or E for explained which means you have explained the reason however it does not fit MOE criteria.

The Ministry of Education only accepts the following as justified absence reasons:

- ✓ Cultural or sporting representation (Regional or National)
- ✓ Bereavement
- ✓ Force majeure - road closure, flooding, bus breakdown, car accident or fire
- ✓ Exceptional family circumstances (many of these can be very sensitive and involve other agencies - family separation etc, please ring the office and speak to a member of the Executive Team.
- ✓ Illness/or Hospitalisation - medical certificate required after three days.
- ✓ Appointments other than medical or dental
- ✓ Exam leave (ballet/music exam etc.)
- ✓ Bullying or other issues around attending - while waiting follow up.

At the end of each term we send out letters to parents of students who have 8% or more absence. You can see on the letters what codes were used for the explanations. If there are incorrect codes on your letter please let us know and we can fix them. It is a way of ensuring parents are aware. We all know the days can add up over time and it can easily be more than you think. We appreciate your help by texting, phoning or sending a note to the class teacher or the office to explain your child's absence.

Students who have attended every day will receive a 100% Attendance Certificate and a point on their Academic Pathway. We understand and appreciate it when you keep your child home if they are unwell or particularly tired, we just ask that you let the office know. Please be aware we do take illness into consideration for 100% purposes. If your child attended 100% and did not get a certificate please contact us as our system can have some glitches. Class teachers are also aware of each individual's attendance percentage and will try to motivate students to attend.

Another area where we would appreciate your help is consistent lateness. Occasional lateness is fine, however some students (many who walk to school) are late every day. Letters to inform families of this lateness are sent home each term to remind families of this matter. Often when students are late, they end up missing out on important instructions, which puts them at a disadvantage for the rest of the day. We would appreciate your help getting your children to school on time.

When attendance is irregular, you will hear from the class teacher initially, to see if you can help work out what the barriers are to improving this. If there is no improvement from that discussion you will meet with school leaders and if we cannot resolve the situation the student will be referred to Attendance Services who will follow up through the Rock On process. Our goal is to work together to have good attendance and great learning progress on our pathways to success!

If you have any attendance concerns, queries or need support in any way please contact Trisha via the office.

**ATTENDANCE RATES SO FAR THIS TERM**

Year 7 76%	Year 8 78%
Female 77%	Male 76%

We want to be achieving 93% as the minimum attendance rate so we have some work to do. How can we support you to improve this rate?

## Diversity: the art of thinking independently together.

Malcolm Forbes



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brooke MacDonald who competed at Olympia North Shore, Auckland recently placing 3rd against 5 other clubs in Level 2 Cheerleading Division. Brooke is part of the Platinum Elite Cheer and Tumbl Squad based in New Plymouth.

Apologies to Keyarn Rowlands whose name was omitted from the list of students who made the South Team for Rugby this season. Well done Keyarn!

## HAPPY DAFFODIL DAY

## Haere Ra

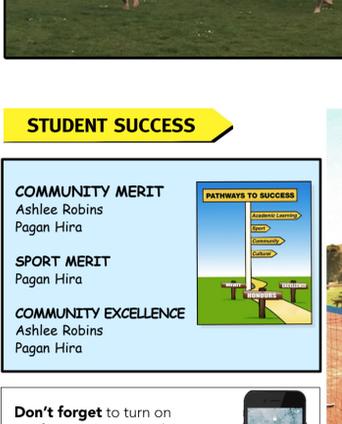
Last Friday we said 'goodbye' to Lucy (Jin Mei), who has been visiting us from China for the last 4 weeks as part of a teacher exchange programme. She quickly became part of our staff and freshly shared her culture teaching our students both calligraphy and arts from her home.

Lucy returned to the Yantai, Shandong Province in China with 2 weeks of her summer holidays left to enjoy before beginning the new teaching year.

## Team Work makes the dream work

## RUGBY 7s

What an amazing time away at the New Plymouth Racecourse for the Rugby 7s. All the students were incredible and played exceptionally well. Our captains, Naema Nelly, Roman Hurley, and girl co-captains Naiema Ross and Pikihiua Hockley helped lead their teams to win some of their games. We would like to thank Maria Christie, Tui Tamou, Kane and Ange Kahui, for their support and helping to make our day successful.



## Miss Ninny Nightmare

All the petrified children retreated to the shadows of their desks, as the door opened with a faint "creeeaaaakkk" and a tall lanky teacher prowled into the class like a panther on the hunt. All the children quivered in fear as the teacher slowly scraped her long fingernails against the chalkboard, then she slumped into her chair. A devilish grin smeared her face and with a cunning voice she let out a quiet sentence, "I'm Miss Ninny Nightmare."

The only reason Miss Nightmare hadn't been EXPELLED from Willcourt High was the fact that this school barely had enough teachers to teach MATH CLASS! And poor Mr. Baylis was the Reading teacher, Writing teacher, P.E. teacher, Lunch Lady AND the Principal. But the reason Miss Ninny Nightmare had been expelled from all those other schools was the fact she constantly enjoyed petrifying the children. Once she scared a boy so much he became paralysed for six years and when he finally started moving again he couldn't go anywhere without screaming and this is what she was famous for.

Pagan Hira

## STUDENT SUCCESS

**COMMUNITY MERIT**  
Ashlee Robins  
Pagan Hira

**SPORT MERIT**  
Pagan Hira

**COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE**  
Ashlee Robins  
Pagan Hira

Don't forget to turn on notifications on your phone to receive instant alerts from us via the Skool Loop App.

## READY? PLAY.



**Junior Tennis Open Day**  
King Edward Park Tennis Courts Hawera  
by the playgrounds  
Saturday 14th September

Tennis for all abilities age 4-12  
Little or no tennis experience 10-11 am  
Some experience: 11-12noon

Tennis racquets available  
Everyone welcome, come along and give tennis a go

NO FEES and FREE BBQ

To find out more information visit [www.tennishotshots.kiwi](http://www.tennishotshots.kiwi)

## EXPLORE YOUR WAY TO WELLBEING

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
October 11 2019  
Put together a team  
Come spend some time with whānau  
TSB Hub Hawera 10am-2pm  
FREE WHANAU EVENT

Register by contacting  
brendon.whitmore@tuiora.co.nz  
Registrations close Friday October 4 at 12pm

## TARANAKI COUNTRY BASKETBALL PRESENTS

**U13 BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL MUSTER**

BBNZ CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - NEW PLYMOUTH  
SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH  
AT 12:30PM - 14:30PM  
AT TSB HUB HAWERA

REGISTER ONLINE  
[WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/TaranakiCountryBasketball/Online-Registrations/](http://WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/TaranakiCountryBasketball/Online-Registrations/)  
OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS BORN 2007, 2008 & 2009