



HENDERSON HIGHLIGHTS

February 2009

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have taken on 2009 student leadership roles:

- Head Girl—Rachael Sumner
- Head Boy—Patrick Loughran
- Deputy Head Girl—Helen Dart
- Deputy Head Boy—Matthew Tatana-Edmonds
- Student Trustee—Sarah Thompson

They are outstanding young people and will be great leaders.

In the next Highlights we will introduce you to the whole Prefect team.

CONGRATULATIONS also to....

Brenda Kelly 11SML participating in a four person team to represent NZ at the Trans Tasman Junior Showmanship Challenge at the Barastoc Horse of the Year Show in Melbourne, Australia between 12–17 February.

Dylan Dickson 12GRY playing as a member of the NZ Junior (U18) Ice Hockey team competing in the World Division III Championships in Taipei from 16 February to 10 March.

Korina Anderson Yr 13, who is competing in the Ramblers Women's Premier team at the NZ Women's Interclub Championships in Christchurch during early March this year. Korina is a current representative player in her age group. We wish Korina and her team every success at the Championships! Korina will be absent from school from 10-16 March.

Sloan MacAskill, a member of the NZ Ironblacks who won against Australia recently. They are now going to the Junior World Championships in Canton, Ohio, in June 2009. Good luck Sloan.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

If you have any HHS uniform which is no longer needed, we would be really grateful if you could donate it back to the school to help out our less financial students. Thank you in advance.

PEER SUPPORT

Six Yr 13 volunteer leaders came in for training two days prior to start of school. They meet their junior classes for half an hour once a week and run activities such as building self-esteem, communication, teamwork, how to deal with bullying and discussing general school life. They become familiar faces in the junior playground and our juniors can rely on them for support at any time.



By Cassie Hodder



"Twin Towers" by Sloan MacAskill

OPTIONS

Thank you to the parents and students who came into school early to discuss timetables. We did have to discuss options with a large number of students and we are keen to ensure that every student has good guidance through the process. Thank you for your patience as you waited for the interview. Thanks also to the Deans who put in a huge effort to make sure every student had an appropriate programme.

PLEA TO PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Please notify the school of any changes to your contact details—phone number/address. It can cause a lot of confusion and misunderstanding when documents are sent to wrong addresses or we are unable to contact parents in an emergency. Thank you.

HHS PHONE 838-9085

On Wednesday 11th February, one of our senior teachers, Mrs Suzanne Kirby, was involved in a car accident that has left her in a serious condition in hospital.

At this stage, we have no further information on her condition, but will endeavour to keep you informed as information comes to hand.

We know your thoughts and best wishes are with her and her family at this stressful time.

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE TRUST

Would you like a sailing adventure this year? In 2009 there are a number of berths available to HHS students for 10 day voyages on the Spirit of New Zealand. To qualify you must be between 15 and 19 years of age at the time of the voyage.

The Waitakere Trust and Schneider Electric NZ have generously offered sponsorship for the students who sail on these voyages. There are voyages through the year for both girls and boys. Applications will be accepted in the first few weeks of term 1 2009.

Contact Mr Jeung, Mrs Watson or Mr Watson for details and an application form. Applications must be in to one of these teachers by **FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY**.

For more information you can log on to: www.spiritofadventure.org.nz.

Start planning now for a challenging and rewarding experience at sea. Parents can contact one of the teachers above by phone (838 9085).



TOUGHLOVE

Are you at the end of your tether or at your wits end?

We can help **you** to help **your** family.

Toughlove runs weekly Parent Support Groups and can offer support, strategies and solutions to troubling teenage behaviour.

Toughlove is about parents helping other parents, sharing their collective knowledge and experience with other parents and developing weekly action plans to help you to manage that behaviour.

Want to know more?

Contact www.toughlove.org.nz or 624 43 63

'I DARE NOT TO SWEAR' CAMPAIGN

Inappropriate language or some form of verbal abuse account for about 20% of discipline referrals at high school. This is an initiative adopted from Bremerton High School, Washington, USA.

The aim of the campaign is to ask students to take a pledge to give up inappropriate words, to expand their vocabulary and their minds. Research has shown that students are as bothered by swearing as their teachers and they can be even more effective in reducing it.

We, at Henderson High School, hold our students to very high behavioural standards and work to create respect to all members of our school. We have a responsive and caring student population, though they are not yet perfect.

The school will be running regular 'ad' campaigns, students will be issued with wrist bands with 'I Dare Not to Swear' pledge cards which will be signed. There will be poster competitions, drama skits, etc, throughout the year to maintain awareness of the inappropriateness of unacceptable language.

HHS BIG GARAGE SALE

28th March

HHS hall starting at 7am

All profits to Stage Challenge 2009.

Any donations of re-saleable goods would be much appreciated. Contact Mrs Yasmin Gray during school hours on 838 9085.

HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL P.T.A.

The Henderson High School P.T.A. would like your help. One of the things that make a PTA successful is the parents. It's a great way to meet new people and help make a difference to your student's time at school.

WHAT WE DO:

- * Support school groups.
- * Help host events at school.
- * Give parents and caregivers a voice within the school.

If you can spare an hour or so on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm and would like to join, please contact the school on Ph 838 9085 ext 701 or fill in the membership form and return to the school office.

Parent/Caregiver.....

Student's Name.....

Telephone

Email.....

HHS PHONE 838-9085