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Dear Members and Friends,

In November 2007 we had a private afternoons viewing of the new Science block at Henderson High School. Joy Eaton, current Principal, gave us a conducted tour of the new premises and explained all the new innovations that are now being placed into classrooms. Our thanks to Joy for her time and the ongoing support for HHSP.

After the tour members enjoyed refreshments in the staffroom and had the opportunity to discuss further with Joy what was happening at the school.

Below: Joy Eaton (left) with some members in one of the new science classrooms.



Condolences:

Our condolences to the Laurie Family. David Laurie passed away late last year. David attended HHS from 1960-1963.

Membership:

It is that time again to renew your Membership. We thank all our Members and Friends who have supported us in the past year. Please fill out the enclosed form and return. You are now also able to bank online, note our account no. on the bottom of the form but if you choose this option please remember to also send us your details either by email or snail mail.

Mark this date in your Diary - Saturday 7th June 2008

We are now in the process of organizing the Annual Dinner. This year we celebrate 55 years since HHS was opened so your help in passing the word around would be much appreciated. The date is Saturday 7th June 2008 6.30pm at the Croatian Centre, McLeod Road, Henderson.

We hope to have some of the present day pupils entertaining us for part of the evening.

A notice will be sent out with more details closer to the time. In the meantime contact all your friends and arrange to book a table.

'Highlights for Henderson High School 2007' by Joy Eaton

2007 was a fantastic year for Henderson High School. We had a 10% improvement in our end of year 'pass rates' for NCEA Level 1 (School Certificate) and Level 2 (University Entrance). Two Year 13 (7th Form) students received top University of Auckland Scholarships. A 2006 student, Se-mi Kim, has been accepted into Otago Medical School.

We also had some very special building projects. Science in N block was replaced by a brand new Science building. Teachers and students are enjoying the new surroundings. It was interesting to see all the old things being thrown out of N block (including some School Certificate Science papers for the 1950s). We have also completed refurbishment of A block. Maths is taught in this area. As these rooms are finished we will be installing the latest technology with data shows and electronic whiteboards. 2008 will see further refits in Music and S block.

2007 was also a special year as Dorothy Fernandez retired after 47 years as our librarian. She has been a great support to the school and she continues to have links with many past pupils. We wish Dorothy well in her retirement.

2007 was also a very successful year in terms of cultural activity and sports.

We look forward to much more success for 2008 as, in Olympic year, we are going for GOLD!!

Last but not least - a little poem by Mary Harrison entitled 'Yesterday'

Short Skirts, Long Skirts. What will it be?
Shall I show my ankles, Or shall I show my knee?
Square toes, Round toes, Toes that have a spike,
What does fashion matter?
I'll wear just what I like.

Help us carry on the message of 'The Past, The Present and The Future'