

# Havelock North High School Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Benchmark Exams

This year the benchmark exams have been repositioned to the first week of term four. This provides a great opportunity for the holidays to be used for exam preparation. Now, I am not suggesting that every minute of the holidays be spent over the books, but for year 11 and 12 students, two to three hours per day is not out of the question. For year 13 students, especially those shooting for the top awards, four to five hours per day should be about right. This time will always be best spent with cell phones, ipods and other distractions switched off. Study is not a matter of 'time served'; it is all about concentration on the job at hand

The benchmark exams have a double purpose. Firstly they serve as an indicator towards how much more study has to be done prior to exams. Secondly, they are a form of insurance in case of illness during exams. The old aegrotat pass has long gone. Now, if a pupil misses the exam through ill health, or other cause, the school must supply results from comparative data. In other words, only a trial exam mark will suffice.

All staff will be grateful if parents do not allow themselves to be conned by assurances that study is not required. Pupils need to remember that the environment of internal assessment is more relaxed and allows pupils to work without exam pressure. For those sitting exams at the end of the year there is no question that study will be the thing that makes the most difference.

### Thanks to Coaches

As the winter season has now finished, I want to pass on my thanks to all the coaches who took teams this year. We have a team in almost every sports code in Hawke's Bay competitions. We can't do that without the dedication of staff, parents and pupils, who run these activities. Some of you offer your services every year, others just for a year or two, but I want to assure all of you that we do not take your efforts for granted. Win or lose, you all did a superb job. Thank you!

### Our first Fulbright Scholar

These pages are often taken up with accounts of pupils who have achieved something exceptional in the academic world. They have brought life to our motto "Aim to Excel". It is terrific to be able to show that the motto applies equally to staff.

Ngaire Addis from our Mathematics Department began her PhD at Massey University in 2008 and has been working hard on her dissertation since then. Her research is about the collection and use of achievement data by secondary school principals to improve teaching and learning programmes in secondary schools.

Ngaire has been awarded a Fulbright - Cognition Scholarship and plans to be working on that PhD at Harvard University, in the USA, for three months early next year. All flights, accommodation and expenses are paid for by the scholarship, which is why it is so eagerly sought after by university staff and PhD candidates around the country.

Mrs Addis has become a guru about e-AsTTle and using data in schools, taking and running courses for teachers around the North Island. She thoroughly deserves this wonderful accolade and we, as a school community, should be really proud of her achievement.

### Visit by Education Review Office

Our three-yearly review will occur in the week of 13/09/10. We look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate to ERO that we are "on-to-it" and to show that this increasingly diverse community is well served by its local school.

W. K. Adams (Principal)

## KEY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

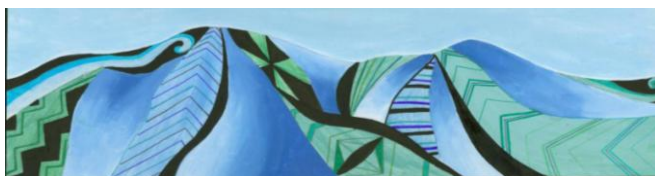
- Tuesday 21 – Project K parents' meeting
- Wednesday 22 – Mufti day for Christchurch Mayoral Fund
- Thursday 23 – Central 6 Cultural Exchange
- Friday 24 – last day of Term 3

### OCTOBER

- Friday 1 – Project K return from Wilderness Adventure
- Wed 6 – Fri 8 – Project K community
- Monday 11 – First day of Term 4  
– Project K day
- Mon 11 – Fri 15 – Benchmark Examinations for Years 11, 12, 13
- Wed 13 – Wed 20 – Project K community
- Tuesday 19 – Sports Dinner
- Fri 22 – Mon 25 – HB Anniversary Day and Labour Weekend holidays.
- Wednesday 27 – House Tug an Engine Challenge
- Friday 29 – Reading-Lydiard Athletic Championships

### NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 3 – Year 11 Course Registration  
– Year 10 Careers Evening
- Thursday 4 – Year 12 Course Registration
- Sun 7 – Mon 8 – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh tramp
- Thursday 11 – Year 13 Prize Giving  
– Year 13 Reports issued
- Friday 12 – Year 12 Prize Giving  
– Year 12 Reports issued  
– Last day of attendance for senior students



Azrielle Hartley  
Year 11

# SADD Week 2010

16 – 20 August 2010

The SADD (students against driving drunk) committee is a student-directed group that strives to bring awareness to the dangers of driving under the influence. Each year the students of the committee organise a week dedicated to the SADD cause. This year SADD Week was packed full of activities to encourage students to think about the consequences of their actions.

We kicked off the week with the tradition of making the SADD banner for 2010. Lots of students signed the awareness banner, which hung proudly in the quad throughout the week. We then had a mufti day to raise money for the SADD cause and to enable activities to be set up to further raise



awareness to the consequences of driving drunk. We had Brendon Hutchins from St John's Ambulance services speak to the Year 12 students, with a shocking and moving collection of photos from drunken crashes that left a lasting impression on every student.

Thursday lunchtime saw crowds of students in the quad testing their motor skills while wearing Fatal Vision Goggles (FVG). The FVGs give the wearer the vision of an intoxicated person. The students who participated quickly realised that completing simple actions while intoxicated is very difficult, therefore driving a car would most likely be a fatal decision.

We then finished the week with Bob Palmer from the Fire Service bringing a car to the school that had been involved in a fatal accident.



Students were allowed to come and inspect the car and speak to Bob Palmer. Witnessing the car up close was a chilling experience of the reality of the consequences of driving while intoxicated, and many students were brought to silence.

SADD Week 2010 was very successful,

with the SADD awareness on many students' minds. Thank you to all those who contributed and please students let's work together to abolish driving drunk.

Georgia Palmer  
SADD Committee

## Two Year 12 students qualify for the New Zealand Biology Olympiad

ACACIA FARMERY and GEORGIA DOWLING sat an entrance examination to be considered as members of a group of top biology students. They both were accepted into the programme following outstanding performances in the entrance examination. They will be taking part in an on-line training programme run by New Zealand's top biology educators.

In Term 2, 2011, there will be a second examination which will determine the selection of students to attend a ten-day training camp at a university. The top four students will then be selected to complete in the 2011 International Biology Olympiad.

## Staff Notes

Congratulations to Ngaire Addis (right) who has been granted the prestigious Fullbright - Cognition Scholarship, which she will use to continue her studies towards the completion of a PhD. Ngaire plans to spend three months at Harvard University in the United States from March next year.



Karen Chapman and Peter Mathieson have been granted sabbatical leave scholarships for Term 4 of this year.

We farewell Ms Sarah Myers at the end of this term. She has been taking the place of Ms Prenter who will be returning after maternity leave. Our thanks to Sarah for the hard work and dedication to her job that she has shown in the three terms she has been with us

## Funds for the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Fund

There will be a mufti day on **WEDNESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER** to raise money for the Mayoral Fund. Students will be expected to give \$2 towards the fund in return for being able to wear mufti on that day.

## Benchmark Examinations for Years, 11, 12, 13

October Benchmark Examination Timetable.						
2010	Morning			Afternoon		
	11	12	13	11	12	13
Mon	ENG (3)	HIS (3)	PHY (3) HIS (3)	MAT (2.5) MUS (2)	GRA (2) GEO (3)	CHE (3) ECO (3) DRA (3)
Tues	ACC (3) JAP (3) HIS (3)	CLS (3) CHE (3) MAO (3)	BIO(3) MAO (3)	SCI (2)	FNT (2) BUS (3) DRA (3)	BUS (3) MAC (2.5) HTH (2) APH (2)
Wed	ECO (3) PED (3)	ENG (3)	JAP (3) GEO (3) ACC (3)	GRA (line 5) (2) INF (2) ARV (2) (Wh's class)	MUS (2) ACC (3) COM (2)	FNT (2) MAS (2.5) MUS (3)
Thurs	GEO (3) MAO (3)	BIO (3)	CLS (3)	DRA (2) HTH (2) ARV (2) (Mh's class)	MAT (2.5) MAA (2)	ENG2 (3) ENG1 (3)
Fri	FNT (2) MSH (2)	ECO (3) SCIA (3) MSH (2)	MSH (2)	PEA (2)	HTH (2) PHY (3)	GRA (2) SCI (2)

The Benchmark examination timetable tells you when your child is expected to be at school to sit examinations or attend technology or art workshops.

Year 11 and 12 students must wear correct school uniform when attending examinations or workshops.

- Periods 1,2,3 in the morning. Periods 4,5 in the afternoon
- Number in brackets indicates length of exam

## FASHION EVENT ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY



The Alice in Wonderland Fashion Parade saw fashionable Hawke's Bay folk pack into the Hawke's Bay Opera House for a show that didn't disappoint. Dish Catering's Alice in Wonderland-inspired canapés and Alice in Wonderland characters set the scene for the evening, which showcased the best of fashion from local fashion stores, up-and-coming fashions from students of Havelock North High School and edible designs.

While the women in the crowd mentally put together their outfits for a balmy Hawke's Bay Summer, or for the upcoming Ladies Day's and Spring Classic Racedays, men took note that the metrosexual look was back.

Ex HNHS student Michael Pattison delighted the crowd with his fun and flirty collection Trix and Dandy. "We wanted to showcase a cross-section of fashion available in the Bay", show organiser Aimee Stewart advised, "Hawke's Bay locals don't need to travel out of the region to have access to up-to-the minute fashion labels or looks; we have everything we need right here. One of the objectives of the show is to encourage people to shop locally and support our local businesses".

Young designers from HNHS held their own against top NZ and overseas labels and showed that the school's Technology Department, under the guidance and leadership of Carol Rimmer, provided the inspiration and encouragement for students to think outside of the square and push the boundaries in fashion.

The inclusion of winning entries from the Edible Fashion Awards showcased another Hawke's Bay Event and the audience was blown away by the high standard and weirdly wonderful showcase.

Hawke's Bay's very own 'New Zealand's Top Model' contestant Ruby Higgins looked glamorous on the catwalk, although the boys stole the show with their antics, which included Ruby being piggy backed in the finale.

Approximately \$10,000 was raised for the Havelock North High School Foundation from the evening, and the show organisers were thrilled with the support for the event. "We would like to thank the public for the support of the event and of the Foundation, a lot of work goes into staging the fashion parade and we are building it up to be the premier fashion event in Hawke's Bay."

The show also enabled fashion stores in the region to showcase their summer collections and the stores obviously put together outfits which appealed to the audience. One store sold eight outfits on Friday morning, from the show, which in this market is something to celebrate.

Planning is already underway for the event in 2011, so if you missed out this year, make sure you don't miss out next year; this is an event which promises to deliver a fashionably fantastic evening in the Bay.

For more photo's of the event check out our events page on the website: [www.hnhs.school.nz/foundation](http://www.hnhs.school.nz/foundation)



# Careers Centre News

## Future Pathways 2011

### Gateway/STAR



We have recently had a general information meeting for those students who indicated an interest in a **2011 Future Pathways** (Gateway/STAR) course via the Senior Survey.

In week 9 (6-10Sept) of this term, there will be several lunchtime **follow-up meetings** for those that have decided to look at this option as part of their 2011 school programme. All interested student must attend these meetings in order to collect the information booklets, application packs and course outlines.

If parents have any questions regarding the 2011 Future Pathways (Gateway/STAR) programme, they are welcome to see or contact Hilda Overeem or John Taylor in the Careers Centre. Phone 8778129 ext 732. [hilda@hnhs.school.nz](mailto:hilda@hnhs.school.nz)

More information can be found on the school website [http://www.hnhs.school.nz/curriculum/careers\\_department.aspx](http://www.hnhs.school.nz/curriculum/careers_department.aspx)  
This information will be updated in November to reflect any minor changes for 2011.

### Profiles: Combining academic study and industry training at HNHS

<p><b>Sarah Le Comte</b> Future Pathways Career Area Aged Care /Health Course provider –Career Force Workplace Training <b>Mary Doyle</b> Thursdays- all day</p>	
	<p><b>James Bell</b> Yr 13 Gateway Career Area - Building Course provider- BCITO Workplace Training – <b>Gemco Construction</b> Thursdays –all day</p>

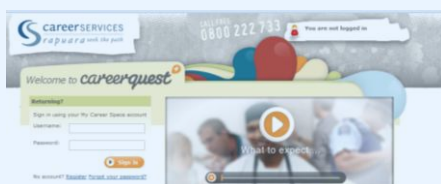
University/Polytechnic Visits to School	
Canterbury University	20 <sup>th</sup> September 11.10 am
UCOL	16 <sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm
Lincoln University	17 <sup>th</sup> September 1.30pm
Victoria University	12 <sup>th</sup> October 1.15pm
Massey University	18 <sup>th</sup> October 9.45am
Otago University	28 <sup>th</sup> October 9.45am

University/Polytechnic Open Days	
UCOL Open Day/Enrolment Day	05 Oct 12-2pm

## CareerQuest

CareerQuest is a useful online tool for anyone who wants help with job ideas for the future. CareerQuest helps people discover jobs through an online questionnaire. It analyses people's interest in different types of work, and matches these interests to more than 600 job outlines on the Career Services website.

**CareerQuest - get started!**  
<http://www2.careers.govt.nz/careerquest.html>



## Sleeping Giant Showcase

Ben Throp has made performance a reality for Year 11 – Year 13 Musicianship students.

30 students will perform live at the **Century Theatre, 7.30pm, 20 October 2010.**

*Please help support these talented musicians.*  
Tickets are available from all senior musicianship students and Ben Throp.



Izzy Fulford  
Year 13

## PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop

Wed 1:30 - 2:25  
Fri 1:30 - 2:25

We welcome all clean and tidy second hand uniforms to sell on your behalf. Please leave them at the front office with your contact details. Selling your uniforms through the second hand shop is a great way to assist the school. The PTA takes 25% commission and this money is put towards various projects.

A pay out will be made at the beginning of October. If your contact details have changed since you dropped the uniforms off please let me know.

Amanda Milne (Uniform shop co-ordinator)  
(Hm) 877-4955



Jade Gilling-Goldbert  
Year 12

If you have a student coming to HNHS from the Intermediate School, could you please get their enrolment card in before the end of term?



# The Cultural Scene

## Great Achievements



Manaia Munro

Congratulations to **Manaia Munro** who came third in the prestigious Hawke's Bay Young Musician of the Year finals. Manaia has been tutored in voice by Mrs Elizabeth Curtis for the last three years. This is a great achievement for a Y12 student. Great work Manaia, well done!!

Congratulations also to **Kimberley Lamborn** whose group came first, and **Salote Kulimoeanga** whose group came third in the Hip Hop Dance Competition held at the Hawke's Bay Opera House on Sunday 12th September.

## Music 2010



Mana Lawrence - student band



KAPA HAKA MAGIC .. L-R Maatu Akonga, Toru Moa, William Tamainu



Harrison Pogai, Alice Gee



Anna Milne - cello



Concert Band

## Music Matters

Much has happened in the Music Department since the last newsletter. Voix de Femmes and Colla Voce (45 students in total) travelled to Auckland for the Finale of the Big Sing, accompanied by six adults: myself, Susan Melville, Warren Bird, Dianne Keip, Janine Palmer and Steve Scrimshaw. I would like to thank these parents who volunteered their time and energy to make this trip possible. Without such support we could not make these opportunities available to students, so thank you!

As a guest choir (we were one of four guest choirs), Voix de Femmes was invited to four special workshops designed to assist the choirs to improve their singing technique and (hopefully) stand a better chance of competing in the Big Sing Finale next year. We all heard some very sound advice from two of NZ's top choir directors, John Rosser and Robert Wiremu, and all we need to do now is put all of it into practise. Easy... Alongside the workshops we were lucky to secure a rehearsal at St Matthew's Church and a combined performance in St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral with Colla Voce. The acoustics of both of these buildings were beautiful and it allowed us to hear the effect architecture has on music and performance. Other highlights included a visit up the Sky Tower and the boys enjoyed a tour of the Devonport Naval Base.

Voix de Femmes performed twice on the Auckland Town Hall stage, each time raising the bar from previous singing. You cannot ask more of students than to do their best and keep aiming higher, and that is what these girls did! A particular highlight for me was working with the choir on Ave Maria, which I composed this year for the choir following their outstanding performance in the regional Big Sing competition. Also, well done to Kyung Hee Lee for accompanying our first piece, Lux Aeterna, so well, especially in front of thousands of people.

On the way home we sang in the Cathedral Cave at Waitomo Caves, and the guide told us he would, from now on, list us alongside Kiri Te Kanawa and other famous people who have sung there in the past. After an unscheduled stop in Taupo (to fix the door of the bus) we all made it home safely, tired and much better informed about what it takes to reach next year's Finale. A final thanks to Susan Melville and Carmen Hausler who both did a power of work behind the scenes in the planning of the trip.

Music Festival has just finished and a very successful Music 2010 it was. This was our opportunity to show the community what we do around here and to allow students to really step up and perform in an authentic performance setting. I am proud of the work of all our music groups and tutors, and while we were unable to showcase absolutely everything, we presented a wide range of our top groups and soloists. I said all the thank yous on the night, except to pay special tribute to Susan Melville and Ben Throp, who both give a great deal of their own time (think above and beyond, then double it!) to make music what it is at HNHS. Our students are very fortunate to have such gifted mentors and role models working with them.

Stephen Lange  
HOD Music

## From the Drama Department

This has been a busy term for all our drama classes. Currently the Year 11 class is preparing their second scripted piece and Mrs Fitzsimons' Year 12 class is working on devised scenes. The Year 13 class will be presenting their devised performances in the final week of term, aptly named "Flying Solo".

I recently returned from a trip to Wellington with the Year 13 group where we saw two performances at Circa Theatre, "Parlour Games" and "The Great Gatsby". This was a very rewarding and pleasurable trip for all, and should stand our students in good stead for the external examination. Several of our Year 13 students will shortly be auditioning for positions at Toi Whakaari, our national school of drama, and they currently seem to be living in the drama room as they prepare their audition pieces. We welcomed former drama student Cameron Jones back recently - Cameron is a student at Toi Whakaari and he provided our students with some welcome advice.

Auditions for next year's major school production are well under way and, as usual, the depth of talent is impressive - I could easily cast this show twice and competition for lead roles is healthy and robust!

Tim Walton.  
Head of Drama Department.

# Sports News

## Sports News



### Want to help with the website?

The sports committee have a project to provide sport pages for the school website using *Sportsground* which is a popular and rapidly expanding website company with a strong Hawke's Bay connection through founders Mike Purchas and Jo Perry. We wouldn't replace the school site, just provide a link through to the sport pages. While the current website is more a 'prospectus' for people to find out about the school, the new pages will be aimed at the current school community, with the aim that this is the first place our players will look to find things out. The content for each sport will be limited only by the amount of energy and enthusiasm the 'webmaster' for each sport has. Besides the obvious team information, draws and results, there could be photos, game reports, players of the day etc. If you want to see what a school *Sportsground* website could look like, look up Hereworth School, or for a club or sport, look up Havelock North Wanderers Football Club. As soon as we floated the idea, we received an offer to look after boys' football. Jo Perry will come in to run a session for the webmasters as soon as we can arrange a time. If you want to be the one looking after one of our codes, or one of the teams within a code, then please contact HNHS Sports Co-ordinator, Steve Armon at the school as soon as possible.

### Max Williams off to Thailand



The latest step up in the rise and rise of Max Williams as a volleyball player is his selection in the New Zealand under 20 team to the Asian Championships.

The team, under coach Alani Samia, leaves for the Asian Champs in Thailand on 29 September. Max will be the only Hawke's Bay player in the twelve selected.

The Asian Champs are a world ranking event, so if the New Zealand team were to win, they could qualify for the World Games.

**PRAISE TO THE MAX** ... Max Williams pictured in his North Island secondary schools' top, says his NZ gear hasn't arrived yet.

### HN juniors win CHB College exchange

Havelock teams came out ahead in the sports exchange for juniors on Tuesday 10 August by 9.5 matches to 5.5. Results were: Basketball, Boys to CHB 41-22, Basketball, Girls to HN 53-15, Claybird to HN 179-129, Football, Boys to HN 8-0, Football, Girls to HN 6-0, Hockey, Boys to HN 8-1, Hockey, Girls drawn 2-2, Netball, Prens v CHB 10A 25-19, Netball, 9A v CHB 9A 16-26, Netball, 10A v CHB 9B 50-8, Netball, 9B v CHB Mystics 19-21, Road Race, Boys to HN by 8m 5s, Road Race, Girls to HN by 3m 47s, Rugby Year 10 to CHB 20-13, Rugby F Grade to CHB 40-5.

### Girls win at Virginia Lake

Jessica Ford, Ellerie Hawkins, Laila Franklin and Lulu Jordan won the year nine girls' race at the prestigious Virginia Lake Relays in Wanganui on Monday 6 September.

The junior boys' team of Angus Fuhrer, James Cruickshank, Ryan Calder and Marcus Yule finished second to New Plymouth Boys' High School, while Havelock's year nine boys placed fifth in their race to complete an excellent set of results.

### Havelock girls take senior squash title

With a resounding 4-0 win, the Havelock North Senior A girls' squash team won the senior girls' grade of the Hawke's Bay secondary school competition, played at the Woodford House courts on Monday 16 August. Taylor Newbery, at number one, had to fight back from behind, and put on a run of points close to the end. Matches are played under the American system of declaring the winner as the player ahead at the end of twelve minutes play. Catherine Sambrook (at 2), Jaye Sanders (3) and Sarah Fagan (4) all had easy wins against Woodford. The girls were unbeaten this season.

The Havelock Senior A boys and Junior A boys both finished third in their competitions.



Sarah Fagan (left), Catherine Sambrook and Jaye Sanders; Taylor Newbery (left front) and Erin Tomlinson pictured with the trophy just after their win.

### Brandon Ransfield in New Zealand team

Congratulations to Brandon Ransfield who has qualified to represent New Zealand in the mountain bike championships in June 2011.

### Alice Gee wins badminton final

Ten Havelock North High players contested the Hawke's Bay secondary school individual badminton championships at Napier's Centennial Hall on Tuesday 24 August. Alice Gee beat team-mate Monica Cheng once the pair had won through to the C Grade final.

At the doubles championships played two weeks later, Alice Gee and Monica Cheng franked their singles form by taking out the C Grade doubles title.

### HNHS netballers win thrilling final

Hawke's Bay netball finals night is made into a huge occasion at the Pettigrew Green Arena and this year's secondary school premier final was a game befitting that occasion.

To deafening support for both teams, Havelock North High School and Woodford House played out the tensest and closest of finals which was won by Havelock, 25-23.

For coach Charissa Barham, the win was the culmination of her nine years coaching Havelock High teams. It means this team, which has no year thirteens, has reached its target with a year to spare. They can now really enjoy their final year together.

The premier title is Havelock's first since 2003 when Nga Gifford-Kara's team, led by goal shoot Michal Tangaroa, beat Hastings Girls' in the final.



**WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS** ... Coaches Charissa Barham (holding Anika) and Jewels Falcon flank their winning team, Riana Rolston (back, left), Pounamu Gardiner, Hannah Boekhorst, Bridget Dick, Jade Waldin and Maddy Buddo; (front from left) Katharine Hall, Kate Mackintosh, Alice Horne and Colette Ritchie.

### Havelock North win D Grade rugby final

In a powerful and committed display of rugby, Havelock North High School's D Grade team won the Hawke's Bay final played at Hastings' Boys' High School on 'finals day', Saturday 28 August.

Frank Kight, Chris Cooper, Waevyn te Rito, Kurt Clearwater and Blake Neil were standouts in a strong team performance, but it was the captain Frank Kight who was singled out by HB Union presenter (and ex-All Black second five) Ian MacRae as Player of the Day.

### ... and Havelock E Grade provide a thriller

Havelock North High's E Grade rugby team showed just what commitment and belief can sometimes achieve.

They were beaten 0-56 early in the season by the same Hastings Boys' High team they met in the final. As recently as three weeks before the final, Havelock met Hastings again, being beaten again, this time 0-25, so Hastings must have expected more of the same at the finals.

After being behind 14-20 at half time, Havelock fought back. A Brad Coutts' try right on the final whistle made it 19-20 with the conversion from wide on the right to come. When Caleb Higgs' attempt for a dramatic 21-20 win shaved the right hand upright to miss, it ended a thrilling game of rugby and a great season for E Grade.

### Badminton girls win grade

The Havelock North 1 badminton team of Neesha Johnson, Caitlin King, Julia Gee, Amy Smith and Ayumi Suzuki are the winners of the Hawke's Bay B Grade competition after going through their thirteen games for the season unbeaten. Their margin of four points over Karamu and five points over Hastings Girls' meant no semi-finals were required.

### Sports Achievements

**TINESHA CAREY** was non-travelling reserve for the New Zealand under 17 hockey team which placed at the Youth Olympics in Singapore recently.

**NAOMI SMIT** was the best of the Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay swimmers in the centre's open winter championship at Flaxmere. The year nine Havelock North pupil set four records in the 13-14 year age group which she won with nearly twice as many points as her nearest rival in a championship which drew swimmers from around the North Island.

**JONTY GLAZEBROOK** won a gold medal in sparring at the national ITF taekwon-do championships in Clive. **ESKAVAN McCARTNEY** won a bronze medal in self defence. The team of Eskavan, **AARON GARNHAM-PITCHER**, Johann Landkroon and Michael Donovan, who had all come through Ben Evans' HNHS Special Needs Unit programme, placed third at the champs.

**TAMARA WALKER** was named Student Umpire of the Year at the Hastings Netball Centre prizegiving on Saturday 21 August. Tamara has umpired two or more games every Saturday in the competition and umpired in the Havelock-CHB interschool games.

**NEESHA JOHNSON** was named Most Improved Student Umpire at the prizegiving.

**TAYLOR NEWBERY** and **BRENDAN SAMBROOK** made their respective senior finals at the Hawke's Bay secondary school individual squash championships. Taylor lost to Hastings Girls' Ashley Harding. Havelock's Catherine Sambrook and Jaye Sanders finished third and fourth. Brendan played William Hirst from St John's in the final.