



HEREWORTH  
DESIGNED FOR BOYS

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2012



**Tom Mackisack** - Head Boy

**Ben Aitken** - Deputy Head Boy



**Jack B Warren** - Head Chorister



**Zahn Phillip** - Deputy Head Boy



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

To returning families, I hope you have all had a nice Christmas / New Year break and that the boys are well rested and ready for another busy year at Hereworth. Your ongoing support is hugely appreciated.

To our new families, a very warm welcome to *'your'* school. It is important to us that you settle in and feel part of the school community as quickly as possible. Please make sure you come along to the classroom meetings this Friday and attend the AGM of the Hereworth Parents' Association (HPA) that follows. By attending as many school events as possible early in the year, new families are able to get to know other families and come up to speed with the many nuances that come with joining a new organisation.

## STAFF NEWS

### ***New Staff Member***

Mrs Kate Field joins the middle school team this year. Kate is a highly respected teacher and with three sons is well aware of the needs of developing boys.

### ***Boarding Master***

Sam Chatfield has taken on the role of boarding master this year. Sam's key roles will revolve around; coordinating the boarder's weekly and weekend programmes, overseeing the boarding culture, environment and behaviour management of boys. He will also be in regular contact with boarding families to inform them of boarding activities and programmes. Sam is very much looking forward to taking on this role and has spent time over the break reorganising the boarding house environment and schedules to give the experience a more 'home away from home' feel.

It is important to understand that although very much hands-on at certain times, Sam's role is a coordinating and overseeing one – he is not a live-in boarding master. The Matrons and I will still be very much responsible for the pastoral care of the boys and we are the people you contact if leave is being requested or other such arrangements need to be made.

### ***Classroom teachers for 2012 are as follows:***

1/2PK	Mrs Paula Kasper
2/3 MS	Mrs Megan Small
4 SC	Mrs Shirley Cameron
5 SJ	Mr Scott Jensen
5/6 KF	Mrs Kate Field
5/6 GS	Mr Geoff Styles
7 SC	Mr Sam Chatfield
7 IS	Mr Ian Scott
7 NM	Mr Neil McCorkell
8 KJ	Mrs Tracey Kinloch-Jones
8 PG	Mr Paul Green
8 GE	Mr Gary Exeter

## YEAR PLANNER, TERM CALENDARS AND FRIDAY MEMO'S

A Year Planner, listing key school events scheduled throughout 2012 will soon be added to the school website (see website Home Page). A full list of events for the term is listed in the Term One 2012 calendar that you should have all received by now – if not, contact the school office for another one, or look under the 'Events Calendar' on the home page of the school website ( [www.hereworth.school.nz](http://www.hereworth.school.nz) ).

Each Friday a 'Weekly Memo' is added to our website listing any additions or changes to the calendar. Once Saturday sport begins, team competition draws and details will also be included in this publication. A link to the Weekly Memo is emailed home to families on Friday morning. If you do not receive this email, please contact the school office as we probably do not have your (correct) email address on record.

# WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT MRS KATE FIELD

For this month we profile **Kate Field** (*newly appointed teacher of 5/6KF*)



**Family members (including pets):**

I am married to Scott and we have 3 sons – Oscar(9), George (7) and Monty (5). We have a cat, 5 chickens and 8 sheep.

**Favourite takeaway food:** Kebabs

**Food most disliked:** Brussel Sprouts

**Favourite out-of-school activities:** Going to the beach

**'Best book ever read:** Currently – 'The Language of Flowers' and 'The Story of Beautiful Girl'

**Favourite singer/band:** Pink

**Best movie ever seen:** 'Shawshank Redemption'

**Favourite cartoon character:** I'm not a huge cartoon fan

**Favourite Colour:** Red

**If you could be anywhere else in the world where would you be and why?**

Turkey as I missed going there while travelling round Europe and would love to go there – will get there....one day!

**Best advice that you have been given (or quote you could live by)?**

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind!" Dr Seuss

## STUDENTS LEADERSHIP

Within all class levels at Hereworth, boys get the opportunity to experience some form of leadership throughout each year. By the time boys get to Year 8, they are expected to take on some recognised leadership role during this year, in fact without the Year 8's input in this area we would struggle to run the school as effectively. We have recognised this fact by building a specific leadership component into the Year 7 programme.

All boys in Year 8 will get leadership opportunities during the year, however key leadership positions are chosen on Merit (against agreed criteria), depending on what those positions entail. The fact that a boy may be a boarder or a day boy, has been here for seven years or two, may have some bearing, but ultimately the best candidate will be given the position. This is how it is in life for all of us – we are given opportunities to experience and develop, but at the end of the day for certain positions you need to choose the person best suited for each position. As Headmaster I make the ultimate decision on who are awarded key student leadership positions and parents need to know that there is a rigorous process that precedes such decisions, involving consultation with staff, boys and sometimes parents.

As announced at Prize Giving last December our Head Boy for 2012 is **Tom Mackisack**, and the Deputy Head Boys are **Ben Aitken** and **Zahn Phillip**.

The Head Chorister for this year is **Jack B Warren**.

## WWW.HEREWORTH.SCHOOL.NZ PHOTO GALLERY UPDATE

The 'Gallery' on our website is updated regularly as events occur and there are also a number of picture sets from previous years representing upcoming events. Make sure you visit this section of our website regularly as 'hundreds' of images are added each year.

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

### **Sunday Chapel services for Term 1 2012 are;**

Sunday Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm

Sunday March 18th - 7 pm Choir Installation

Sunday April 1st - 7pm Palm Sunday Service

Your son/s is required from Year 4 - 8 to attend two Sunday Chapel services per term - please note there are only three services this term to choose from. All family members are welcome to attend.

Chapel services start at 7 pm, conclude by 7.25 pm and are followed by supper served in the Founders' Room. Please mark on your calendar the Sunday Chapel services. Any enquires please contact the Chaplain, [anne@hereworth.school.nz](mailto:anne@hereworth.school.nz)

Anne Fortune

## BILLETING

We are hosting two schools coming to play sport at Hereworth this term. Our first visitors are St Peter's from Cambridge who are arriving on Tuesday 21st February at 5.30pm. Their 1st and 2nd XI Cricket teams and Tennis VIII will be playing our boys on Wednesday 22nd starting at 9.15am. The second "at home" fixture is against Southwell. These boys arrive from Hamilton on Wednesday 14th March at 5.30pm. All offers to provide a bed and hospitality to these boys will be gratefully accepted. Your son does not need to be playing in the team. Please ring the school office on 877-8138 or email; [office@hereworth.school.nz](mailto:office@hereworth.school.nz)

# COMMUNICATION

It is crucial there is good information flow between home and school. Please do not wait until scheduled/formalised meetings if you have any queries about your son's welfare or education, or wish to pass on any information you see as being important. It is important to contact your child's teacher as soon as possible so that concerns can be addressed quickly (staff are also asked to contact families a.s.a.p. likewise if they have any concerns or want to share a positive gain that your son has made).

Within the first month of school (probably during weeks 3 and 4) you will be contacted by your child's teacher to ascertain how your child has settled into school and if you have any questions you need answered.

Our school website [www.hereworth.school.nz](http://www.hereworth.school.nz) is very informative, so please make this your first 'port of call' if you have any queries about events, programmes, uniforms etc. If you cannot find the information you need on our website, please contact your son's teacher ("teachers first name"@hereworth.school.nz e.g. [ross@hereworth.school.nz](mailto:ross@hereworth.school.nz)) or the school office ( [office@hereworth.school.nz](mailto:office@hereworth.school.nz) or (06) 8778138).

## PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION SHARING MEETING

Class meetings for parents/caregivers have been scheduled for Friday 3 February, from 3-3.30 pm for Year 1-3 classes and from 3.30-4 pm for the Year 4-8 classes. The purpose of these meeting is so teachers have the opportunity to outline their programmes for the year and a little of their philosophy towards educating children. This is also a good opportunity for parents/caregivers to have any queries answered. If you have any specific concerns related to your child please make an appointment with the teacher as soon as possible to discuss the issue – class meetings are not the time for this sort of discussion (as the issues probably only relate to individual children). For those parents unable to attend these meetings, much of the information covered will be contained in class newsletters that you will receive during the first week of school. The Hereworth Parents' Association AGM is being held following these meetings at 4pm in the Founders' Room.

## BEGINNING OF YEAR CLASSROOM PROGRAMME

There is generally some academic 'drop off' over the longish end-of-year break, so please do not be surprised if boys bring home material that is similar to work they covered towards the end of last year for the first few weeks. Teachers need to extensively test boys during this period, to ascertain their 'known' levels in each of the core learning areas. If you have any concerns in this area, please contact the appropriate teacher as soon as possible.

## CLASS CAMPS

Class camps have been scheduled during February and March – check your term calendar for specific days/times etc. You should have already received some preliminary communication about your son's camp – please email the class teacher (or contact the school office) if you have not received this information. These adventure camps are often one of the main highlights of the school year for boys.

# FROM THE FOUNDATION OFFICE

## *Hereworth 20/20 Celebrity Cricket Match*

The long awaited cricket match is just around the corner. Tickets are selling well and we don't want you to miss out. Call the office on 8778138 to secure your tickets now.

Can you help us to promote the event and profile Hereworth? If your business or workplace has a notice board or window that you would be happy to have a poster of flyer advertising the cricket match then please let us know. Either pop into the office or email [linda@hereworth.school.nz](mailto:linda@hereworth.school.nz) and we will arrange delivery of the posters. This is an opportunity for us to ensure that Hereworth's name is up there in lights and we appreciate your help in making it happen.

For more information regarding the cricket go to our website [www.hereworth.school.nz](http://www.hereworth.school.nz)

## *Communicating with the School*

Facebook – we have an official Facebook page, this page is updated regularly and is another place for you to go to get updates. Photos and news items are added as well as upcoming events. There are a number of “unofficial” facebook pages so ensure you “LIKE” the right one.

Twitter – Ross is now the Twitter guru – this is another great way to find out what is happening at the school as Ross sends out tweets as and when things happen. You can get the tweet sent straight to your phone.

How to create an account:

- 1 Go to <http://twitter.com>, enter your **full name**, **email address**, create a **password** and click the yellow **Sign up for Twitter button**, or simply navigate to <https://twitter.com/signup>.
- 2 On the next page, select a **username** from one of the usernames we've suggested or create your own. We will automatically suggest available usernames based on the real name and email address you've entered. Try to pick something that describes you - whether it's a nickname, an interest, or a hobby.
- 3 Double check your name, email address, password, and username to make sure all fields are correct.
- 4 You may be asked to complete a Captcha. Fill in the words that are shown to let us know that you're human!
- 5 Success! You now have a Twitter account.

Linking to your mobile phone:

- 1 Browse the **Who to follow** tab for users type in Hereworth School in the search field. (Ensure you follow the official Hereworth School twitter account, there will be recent tweets on the account).
- 2 Clicking the '**Follow**' button next to username will add them to the list of users you follow.
- 3 You then want to link your twitter account to your mobile phone. Once you are following Hereworth School you will see a mobile phone icon. Click on this to enable the mobile phone feature.

# SPORT

Welcome to a new and exciting year of sport at Hereworth, by now many of you will be preparing yourselves for the much anticipated cricket trials. The first trial date is Friday 27 January from 4.30 pm followed by another session on Sunday 29 January starting at 3.30pm. Boys continue to trial at sports practice times during the first week of school, teams will be announced on Friday 3 February.

Local cricket starts for all teams on Saturday 11 February. This will also be the first day for tennis, with coaching sessions being conducted at the Hereworth courts and our school softball team starts play in the local schools competition.

A lot of our in-school physical education during the first four weeks is focused on swimming, the boys are put through their paces in the school pool. Times are recorded and these are used to place the boys into appropriate heats and championship finals for the school swimming sports scheduled to be held on Thursday 23 February.

This time will also be used to select the Hereworth swim team to compete in Havelock North & Country Districts Primary Interschool Swimming Sports to be held at the Havelock North Village Pools on Monday 20 February.

Friday 24 February is the date for the Hereworth Celebrity 20/20 Cricket Match to be played on the schools 1<sup>st</sup> club ground. The line-up includes former New Zealand cricketer's Chatfield, Doull, Greatbatch and McMillan along with former All Blacks Danny Lee and Mark Ellis. Tickets for this event are on sale now, just visit the Hereworth School web page and follow the links.

This is a very busy sporting start to the school year and one we are all looking forward to. If you have any questions about sport at Hereworth or are in a position to help by coaching and managing one of our teams please do not hesitate to contact me.

## **Lincoln J Doull**

*Director of Sport-Hereworth*  
*lincoln@hereworth.school.nz*

## DECEMBER FILMSCHOOL 2011 - WHAT A FANTASTIC TIME!!

Quick synopsis - The sun shone, enthusiasm ran high, and three days was not enough! We had a fantastic time, 22 boys able to come along and make a variety of films across the three days in the week following prize giving. The first day saw the boys in allocated groups with a creative theme of blending some reality TV show concepts into a short film. We viewed many of these at our afternoon 'OSCARS' and winners were named. The next two days boys grouped and made their own projects and these were hilarious!. We were not without challenges but not fazed by the power cut that took out three hours - instead boys created scooter games and 'top gear' styled activities around the school. All films made can be viewed on my YouTube account - FXWorkshop Anjela Webster - or you can search 'Hereworth School' and you will find a variety of films that I've uploaded over the time. This was the first time I've run a film school at the end of a school year, and found it very successful so hopefully this may be offered again in December 2012 if not at another time during the year.

Anjela Webster  
Hereworth School

## THIS MONTH'S TEASER

### *Fun with Geometry*

*Rebus brain teasers use words or letters in interesting orientations to represent common phrases.*

*What drink does this represent?*

180 degree arc

360 degree arc

180 degree arc

A

180 degree arc

360 degree arc

90 degree lines

A

*Solution next month*

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### **The World Is A Puzzle**

**By: Author Unknown**

There was a man who had a little boy that he loved very much. Everyday after work the man would come home and play with the little boy. He would always spend all of his extra time playing with the little boy. One night, while the man was at work, he realized he had extra work to do for the evening, and that he wouldn't be able to play with his little boy. But, he wanted to be able to give the boy something to keep him busy. So, looking around his office, he saw a magazine with a large map of the world on the cover. He got an idea. He removed the map, and then patiently tore it up into small pieces. Then he put all the pieces in his coat pocket.

When he got home, the little boy came running to him and was ready to play. The man explained he had extra work to do and couldn't play just now, but he led the little boy into the dining room, and taking out all the pieces of the map, he spread them on the table. He explained that it was a map of the world, and that by the time he could put it back together, his extra work would be finished, and they could both play. Surely this would keep the child busy for hours, he thought.

About half an hour later the boy came to the man and said, "Okay, it's finished. Can we play now?"

The man was surprised, saying, "That's impossible. Let's go see." And sure enough, there was the picture of the world, all put together, every piece in its place.

The man said, "That's amazing! How did you do that?" The boy said, "It was simple. On the back of the page was a picture of a man. When I put the man together the whole world fell into place."

kindest regards



Ross Scrymgeour