



HEATON  
NORMAL INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL

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## Heaton Normal Intermediate School *Newsletter 2 February 2012*

**I want to warmly welcome back all returning students and their families.** I hope you had a very relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and holiday. An extra special welcome goes to our new Year 7 and Year 8 students and their families. It is great to have you as part of our school community and we look forward to getting to know you. We hope you have a wonderful two years with us.

Welcome also to our new teachers, Stephanie Hubbard (Room 16), Kit Clarkson (Room 12), James Lissaman (Room 3) and Kristine Rhodes (Room 6). I know you will all be wonderful assets to our Heaton team.

You will notice some changes to our website. This year you can easily access our calendar of events and the daily notices that go to students each day. We hope these two new additions will help keep you informed about what is happening in the school.

You are always very welcome to come along at all school events or to offer your support as a parent helper. We love to have parents and family involved as much as possible in our school. Intermediate school is different to primary school and students often like a bit of distance from parents as part of their growing up and wanting to be more independent. Students do though, still love to have their parents come along and watch them at sport, music or other school activities.

There are a number of ways that parents can be involved in school life:

- **Helping out with class trips and activities**
- **Helping out on camps**
- **Talking about their career on Careers days in Term 4**
- **Helping with sport** – coaching/managing a team (lunchtimes) or Tuesday afternoons  
Please contact Brendon Donkers at [donkersb@heaton.school.nz](mailto:donkersb@heaton.school.nz) if you can help.  
We desperately need as much parent help as possible so we can offer the range of sports and teams that parents want for their children. Our staff are all fully involved in coaching and managing teams so we really do need your support.
- **Participation in parent/teacher/student interviews**
- **Joining the PTA or BOT.**
- **Helping out at the canteen.** Contact Karynn McNichol
- **Helping out in the Learning Resource Centre.** Contact Jane Boniface
- **Watching children play at sport or musical events**
- **Attending end of term special celebration assemblies**

Please communicate with us straight away if you have any concerns. It is very important to us that your child is happy and learning. Your child's teacher should be the first person you contact but your child's House Leader, Year Level Coordinator, Lynne Topham (Deputy Principal) and myself are available and here to support you.

**Andrea Knight**  
**Principal**

### **Calendar and Daily Notices, James Musgrave**

In order to communicate more with our community, we have now made our calendar and daily notices accessible on the Heaton website. Students can now check the daily notices from home to get organized for meetings, sports practices, music rehearsals and more. In addition, parents who want to find out about up and coming events such as camps or school-wide activities can check this on the calendar.

### **Heaton Board of Trustees, John Osborne, Chairperson**

Welcome to all returning and new families to Heaton, we hope you are settling in well to the school routine after the holiday break and look forward to your children learning and enjoying their time at Heaton.

Mrs Sandy Brinsdon has resigned from her position on the Board of Trustees and we wish to acknowledge and thank her for her dedicated work for the school, serving on the Board for the last four and a half years. We wish her well with her role on the Board of Trustees at Papanui High School as well as her professional commitments.

## Houses 2012

*House Leader (HL)      Extension class (E)*

<b>Year 7</b>	
Lansdowne	(HL)Wendy Edge, Room 11 Kit Clarkson, Room 12 (E) James Musgrave, Room 10
Tikao (Note change of spelling)	(HL)Jason Naidoo, Room 7 Nic Thomas, Room 9 (E)Kristine Rhodes, Room 6
Purau	(HL,E) Christina Just, Room 15 Jenny Gilchrist, Room 17 Dan McMillan, Room 14
<b>Year 8</b>	
Rhodes	(HL) (E) Kate Revell, Room 8 Jodi Bisley, Room 19 Stephanie Hubbard, Room 16 (Brendon Donkers)
Otahuna	(HL,E) Susan Rogers, Room 18 Melanie Marryatt, Room 2 Grace Crandle, Room 5 (Jarrad Brown)
Elmwood	(HL,E)Anne Chambers, Room 1 James Lissaman, Room 3 Cara Ashby, Room 4

### Newsletters

Our newsletter link is sent out to families by email and the newsletter posted on our website. Our database is able to send out to the **primary caregiver** of our students to share with extended members of the family. If you are the primary caregiver and are not receiving the newsletter by email, please contact the office to check your details.

**This is the only paper copy of our newsletter which will be sent home with students.** On the day of publication the newsletter is posted on our website for those of you who wish to access the newsletter and do not receive the link by email. We will also have paper copies available at the office for students/families to collect a copy if needed.



The Heaton Year 7 and Year 8 teachers  
invite their students and families to a  
Picnic Tea

on Heaton's playing field.

Please see the coming events for days and times.

BYO picnic food, deck chairs and sports gear

If the weather is doubtful, a decision to cancel will be made by 3.00 p.m.

### Text Alerts for the Heaton Normal Intermediate School Community

**Messages you receive will be urgent messages only**

Sorry, not currently available on 2 degrees.

#### What to do

1. Text Follow HeatonInt to the number 8987 on your cellphone.
2. You will receive a message asking if you want to tweet but at the moment we will not be using this feature.
3. From here you will receive messages from HeatonInt on your phone.

#### To stop texts

Send OFF@HeatonInt to 8987

### Lost Property

Lost Property is displayed in the foyer outside the school canteen all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays for students to claim their lost items. Parents are welcome to come and view lost property during these times.

### PTA Fundraising, *John Drummond, PTA Chairperson*

#### EASY SHOPPING – EASY FUNDRAISING

Shop, save money, save time and raise funds for your school.

**Step 1** – sit down & relax !

**Step 2** – get someone to make your favourite coffee !

**Step 3** - simply go to [www.yourfastshop.co.nz](http://www.yourfastshop.co.nz), select your school and start browsing.

- No queues, No parking problems, No aching feet !
- Save on petrol costs.
- Over 70 online stores to choose from including electronics at Apple, fashion at Ezibuy, books at The Nile, toys at Mighty Ape and you can even get FREE DVD rental at Fatso.
- Your shopping is dealt with directly by your chosen online store.
- [www.yourfastshop.co.nz](http://www.yourfastshop.co.nz) automatically provide funds to your school.

**Treat yourself to easy shopping and help your school fundraise.**

### Coming Events

#### February

Thursday, 2 Board of Trustees meeting, 5.30 p.m. Boardroom  
Wednesday, 8 Year 7 picnic, 5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.  
Thursday, 9 Year 8 picnic, 5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.  
Monday, 13 Parent/student/teacher interviews  
**School finishes at 2.00 p.m.**  
Tuesday, 14 Hagley summer sport begins  
Parent/student/teacher interviews

**School finishes at 2.00 p.m.**  
Wednesday, 15 Rhodes House to Raincliff Camp  
Monday, 20 Elmwood House to Raincliff Camp  
Wednesday, 22 Otahuna House to Raincliff Camp  
Monday, 27 Lansdowne House to Blue Skies

#### March

Monday, 12 Purau House to Blue Skies  
Thursday, 15 School photos  
Monday, 19 Tikao House to Blue Skies  
Wednesday, 21 Intermediate triathlon

#### Term Dates for 2012

<b>Term 1</b>	Monday, 30 January	to Thursday, 5 April
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday, 23 April	to Friday, 29 June
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday, 16 July	to Friday, 28 September
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday, 15 October	to Friday, 14 December

#### Additional Holidays

<b>Waitangi Day</b>	Monday, 6 February
<b>Anzac Day</b>	Wednesday, 25 April
<b>Queen's Birthday</b>	Monday, 4 June
<b>Labour Day</b>	Monday, 22 October
<b>Anniversary Day</b>	Friday, 16 November