

As we approach the end of the school year, this week we feature Flynn Crean's speech. Flynn is one of our 2017 graduates and a Hurunui College survivor.

Speech Competition, 1st place Senior: Flynn Crean, Year 13

A LIFE LESS ORDINARY.

Imagine you're a soldier in Syria, at war with the terror group ISIS. You're constantly under attack, fighting both the enemy and the fear inside you. Do you consider this to be an ordinary life? Now imagine you're an athlete, you've been training your entire life shedding blood, sweat and tears now finally at the Olympic Games stepping up to the podium to receive your first gold medal. Do you consider this to be an ordinary life? What if you suffer a crippling accident that confines you to a wheelchair for the rest of your life. Do you consider this to be an ordinary life?

Personally, I believe these are all lives less ordinary, lives that stand out from everyone else, lives that are unique. A LIFE LESS ORDINARY. If you were to ask Mr Valentine he wouldn't hesitate to say that I've struggled with this topic because I didn't know how my life was less ordinary, how I was different, how I stood out. I'm not a soldier. I'm not an Olympic medallist. I didn't think I had a special something. So I had to start thinking about who I am? How did I get here? What I've done to find myself, my special thing that makes me less than ordinary?

Some of you may know this, I love performing. I love the nerves and the exhilaration of being on stage, and the ability to bring words on a page to life, give them meaning through a fictional character you yourself have to create. It's a challenge. A lot of you may not think it, but it requires hard work. I've found it's the challenge of it that gives me the drive to work hard at it so I can perform well. Now over the years I've discovered that the performing relates so much to the rest of my life. I love working hard and performing well to achieve all of my goals.

The challenge of putting myself out there, taking all opportunities to step up and be recognised. I do this through performing, now I'm not just talking on stage performing but in all walks of life, from the classroom to the sports field and beyond.

I really began to recognise this about myself when I became a senior student. I was following two hard-working, pretty successful sisters who built up a reputation for going above and beyond the ordinary and achieving highly, so I felt a lot of expectation on me to do well.

At first I felt stressed and anxious about this, but then I decided to use those expectations as fuel for the flaming fire of passion I have for performing well. And so I did. My first year of NCEA was my proudest academic performance, I worked hard and came out the other end with a result I consider extremely unordinary. I passed with excellence endorsed but I also got 159 credits, one more credit and I would've had enough to pass level one twice.

I also love sports, it's an area I put a lot of effort into and where some of my best achievements have come from. A lot of you may know, I'm a black belt in karate. That took seven years, seven years devoted to intense training and hard work, but it all paid off in my last grading when I closed the curtain on a performance that earned me one of my most favourite awards, the prestigious Black Belt.

Now a major factor I believe that has allowed me to perform well and live a life less ordinary has been this place. You see we go to an Area school, which is a very unique little place with its own unique opportunities. Many people think that if you want to go somewhere, if you want to be someone you have to go to an expensive private school.

I could've gone to a private school, but I decided not to because I wanted to prove that at a so called "shitty ol area school" you can be successful, you can achieve at a high level, you can take opportunities that will lead to amazing things. I believe it was that drive that made me work hard and perform well so that I was recognised by selectors and selected for the New Zealand Barbarians Area Schools Rugby team two years in a row. I believe it was that drive that made me take every opportunity given to me to meet new people, try new things, learn new skills so I could become a head student. I believe it was that drive that allowed me to discover my special thing that I love doing that allows me to live a life less ordinary.

The best thing is it's just getting started, the future is a great mystery, but I know that from what I've discovered about myself and what I've learnt from this place, I can confidently walk out those gates in a couple of months time and continue living my life as less ordinary as I can.

Now I understand not everyone is the same, not everyone is willing to put themselves out there, to step away from their comfortable, protective bodyguard known as your comfort zone. But I would encourage you all to find your special something, the thing you love doing that allows you to achieve your goals, don't be that old guy in 50 years time telling everyone you went to school to eat your lunch. Scoff your lunch, take advantage of what this place offers you and how it can help you along your journey. Because once you realise that you are special, you will always live a life less ordinary.

Week ending 24th November 2017

SCHOOL NOTICES

RISE AWARDS Congratulations to the people who have received RISE awards last week for demonstrating our school values. You have earned points for your House. The following people have had their names drawn to receive a principal's reward; see Mr Beck on Monday.

Year 0-7 Hannah Sidey, Kikorangi Class for showing Integrity by completing her reading homework even though she was absent from school.

Year 8-13 Abigail Merry, Year 10 for demonstrating Excellence by knowing her metals.

COMING EVENTS

Week 6	24 Nov	Primary Assembly
Week 7	27 Nov	Year 8 Camp departs
	29 Nov	CPSSA Triathlon
		Year 8 Camp returns
	30 Nov	Year 10 Day Trip
	1 Dec	Year 1-7 Wearable Arts
Week 8	4 Dec	Board of Trustees Meeting
	6 Dec	CPSSA Athletics, Ashburton
	7 Dec	Year 0-7 Hammer Trip
Week 9	12 Dec	Hurunui College Prizegiving

Check our website at www.hurunuicollege.school.nz and follow the link to our school calendar for further school events.

Basketball draw as follows for this Friday 24th November:

Hurunui Hotshots v Cust Crushers	RNLS2	4.45pm
Hurunui Hurricanes v Amberley Wildcats	Woodend	6.15pm
Hurunui Hustlers v Ohoka Hotshots	Ohoka	7.45pm
Hurunui Hoopsters v Southbrook Shooters	RNLS2	5.30pm

Hurunui College Athletic Sports Congratulations to the following students who broke or set new records at our school athletics day. The 200m and Javelin were new events this year.

50m G 8yr Sophie Thompson	50m G 10yr Regan Kay
80m G 5y Tina Tuinawaivuvu	80m B 9yr Andrew Fincham
100m B 12yr: Nathan Kay	200m G 10yr Regan Kay
200m B 10yr Angus Hodgen	200m G 9yr Brooke Dunn
200m B 9yr Andrew Fincham	200m G 8yr Sophie Thompson
200m B 8yr Harry Woods	200m G 7yr Leah Crawford
200m B 7yr Will Zino	1200m B 12yr Nathan Kay
Discus G 9yr Brooke Dunn	Discus G 13yr Millie Hassall
Shotput G 12yr Briana Hodgen	Lg Jump G 11yr Georgie Bethell
Lg Jump B 13yr Jack Zino	High Jump G 10yr Regan Kay
High Jump B 13yr Jack Zino (equal C. Beck)	
Javelin G 11yr Sophia Thompson	Javelin B 11yr Josh Gunn

Canty Primary Athletics Wednesday 6th December at Ashburton Domain. We have had a group of students selected for this event following on from the Hurunui Zones last week in Amuri. Congratulations to the following students: Samuel Dobbs, Regan Kay, Ollie Zino, Luke Chisnall, Georgie Bethell, Brandon Johnson, Geordie Hassall, Briana Hodgen, Cody McMullan, Alexei Nichol, Nathan Kay, Fred Calder, Millie Hassall, Lucy Frame, April Kelly, Tahlia Beck, Jack Zino, Rommel Wilson.

NINA VALLEY RESTORATION GROUP / KIWIVATCH

Last Wednesday a group of ten junior Kiwiwatch members had the good fortune to be able to visit Willowbank to assist with handling kiwis. We helped the kiwi manager weigh and assess 19

young Rowi kiwi chicks from Okarito that were in transit to an offshore predator-free island. We also watched some incubating Great Spotted Kiwi eggs being candled and learned more about the kiwi life cycle. Afterwards we had a good look around the park at the other animals, and enjoyed being outside in the good weather instead of being at school!

The next Kiwiwatch trip will be on Dec 2/3 and post-exam NCEA students are welcome to come back for it.

PTA XMAS RAFFLE Once again the PTA would like to run the Xmas raffle to be drawn at the end of year prize giving. This cannot happen without the support of our families and the money raised goes towards trips, and equipment that the budget does not normally cover. This will once again be run as a house points competition, for each unexpired item that is donated 1 point will be awarded to your child's house. Please help support the PTA by donating. *Thanks*
Last year Taylor donated the most items and were awarded the most points and in 2015 Sumner was the winner.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017

Anglican	10.00am St James, Hawarden
Catholic	8.30am Hawarden
	11.30am Culverden
Presbyterian	10.00am St James, Hawarden
Living Waters	10.30am - 12 noon at 47 Princes Street, Waikari

DIABETES AWARENESS NOVEMBER If you are 15 years and older take this opportunity to visit our local Waikari Health centre for a free quick and easy diabetes test. No appointment is necessary. Diabetes is an increasing problem nationwide. Please!! Rule it out for you!! A Hawarden Lions Project

HAWARDEN WAIKARI SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS

From next week the Monday class will now be on a Tuesday.

Remaining classes for the year will be as follows:

Friday 24th November Tuesday 28th November

Friday 1st December

Tuesday 5th December (start time 10.30am, with Christmas break up to follow at end of session at Hall)

Friday 8th December (last class of the year).

The first class for 2018 will be on Tuesday 30th January.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tuesday 5th December, Hawarden Hall. This will be a catered two course dinner. \$10 / head. Names to Sarah Sidey or Sonya Kelly before 30th November please. Class will start later at 10.30am on this day, with dinner to follow. *All welcome.*

HAWARDEN LIBRARY The Library is closed Thursday and Friday this week as the move to our temporary location is completed. Easiest access to the library is via a short walk from the Primary School gate on Allandale Rd. While the refurbishment is underway, we have fiction books, magazines, DVDs and free Internet access available, as well as all the eResources (Books, Magazines, Comics, Newspapers, Audiobooks) you can access on phones, tablets and computers, free of charge. We can also get you any item from any other Hurunui library at no charge.

A huge thank you to all the students, Library Volunteers and users, who gave their time (and strength!) to assist with the

massive job of clearing, storing and relocating everything in the library – we could not have managed without you all. The builders move on site this Friday. We hope to be back in our ‘new’ building at the start of the 2018 school year.

We will advise contact numbers as soon as we know if phone lines have been reconnected successfully! If you need to call the library, try Hurunui College first 314-4430.

HAWARDEN SWIMMING POOL The Hawarden Swimming Club would like to thank all the people who helped with the draining, cleaning, water blasting, acid washing and painting of the pool. It was a huge effort from a large number of Club and community members. **The pool water is currently being chemically treated and is not safe for swimming.** We hope to have the pool open by the start of next week – keep an eye on the Hurunui College or Hawarden Swimming Club Facebook pages for the announcement!

The Swimming Club runs the school-owned pool to make it available to the community. Unlike many public pools that are open for set hours, with paid supervisors, we rely on the integrity of our users to have the pool available every day from sunrise to sunset, except school hours and when the Swimming Club has events.

Individuals or families can either pay \$60 to have a pool key for the season, or pay \$2 per swimmer per day, into the honesty box, if there is a keyholder there to let you in.

If you have a key from last season you can pay for your key by Internet Banking, to 03 1582 0012259 using your key number as the code and your surname as the reference.

Keys can be purchased from the Paul Munnerley (027 630-4747), Bronwyn Gunn (314-4411) or the Hawarden Library (314-4652).

Please take care entering the pool – grass seed has been planted outside the entrance where new underground power has been installed. Approach the pool gate from the Bowling Club side of the pool area.

The Club will not be running a Learn to Swim Week this season, but Sue Trumper is offering tuition to individuals or groups. Contact Sue, 314-4232 for more information.

Swimmers of any age interested in competitive local swimming are welcome to join the Club coaching sessions leading to participation in the Hurunui Country Swimming Clubs’ carnivals and championships. Contact Paul, Bronwyn or Melissa Brown (Hurunui College Office) for more information.



**APPLICATIONS FOR STALLHOLDERS ARE CLOSING
Monday 4th December at 5pm.**

**To request an application or any other enquiries please
email : culverden.market@gmail.com**

ADVERTISING



November 21, 2017

Please look on the website www.waikarihealth.co.nz for the month’s roster of who is on duty.. We have a period of locum cover with our regular locums who have been here many times before. Dr Racle is on duty on Mondays.

After Hours There is always a doctor or rural nurse specialist on call - please phone the Health Centre on the number below during normal business hours and after hours and you will be directed to the appropriate assistance. The After Hours calls are managed by HML (Homecare Medical Ltd) who will assess your needs and advise your best course of action. The on call clinician is able to access patient records, if required, to improve patient safety.

Rata Foundation have approved a grant to Waikari Health Centre to enable the continuation of the Over 65s exercise class at Hawarden twice a week and also free Podiatry at the Health Centre. If you are interested in attending either of these projects please contact us.

Public Feedback on the Hurunui Health Services Development Group Model of Care is sought. Copies of the Model of Care are available at the Health Centre and a meeting is being held between 1pm and 2pm on Friday 8th December at the Waikari Hall.

Chicken Pox Vaccine is free for children turning 15 months of age and children turning 11 years of age, who have never been infected with or previously immunized against chicken pox. The vaccine is also obtainable for children, teenagers and adults but a charge will be incurred.

HPV Vaccine There is a nationwide shortage of this vaccine, but we hope to have stocks by 1 December. This is now funded (FREE) for both males and females. 9-26 years of age. HPV immunisation protects against infection from the types of HPV that cause most cervical, anal and genital cancers, as well as some mouth and throat cancers. Please phone the practice nurse if you have any questions about the vaccination programme.

Respiratory Illness Review Are you a smoker or ex-smoker over 40 and do you have more than your fair share of coughs and get out of breath easily? If the answer is Yes please ring us and ask for a respiratory questionnaire.

Janice Bremer, Dietitian for Rural Canterbury PHO - 7 December This is a free service for eligible patients. Please phone the Practice Nurse if you would like to see the dietitian.
Free for Under 13 years for ACC and Medical visits for enrolled patients.

Travel Vaccines We are formalizing our process of recommending travel vaccines and have forms which we require patients to complete before a consultation with the doctor. Please be aware that it is necessary to have some vaccines a considerable time before travel, so it is advisable to consult us early.

Shingles Vaccine (Zostavax) is available for people over the age of 50. It costs \$200 and we have some available, please phone the nurse if you are interested in more information about this.

AA Members aged 74 + can book a FREE Senior Drivers session to brush up on changes to the rules and the roads. Eligible members may have a free one hour session every two years. Ph 0800 223 748 or book online aa.co.nz/senior-driver
Physiotherapy: Ben Cameron of Physio South is at the Health Centre on Tuesday and Friday mornings. A doctor’s referral is not required. Ph 03 3374832 to make an appointment at Waikari.

Waikari Health Centre Ph 03 3144 506. In an Emergency dial 111.

Website www.waikarihealth.co.nz Find and like us on Facebook

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HURUNUI MAINTENANCE

For any maintenance or painting.
Free quotes. Call Cass, phone 027 325 6712.

EMPLOYMENT

Hurunui College is looking to appoint a Learning Assistant/Teacher Aide to work across the school in 2018. If you are interested, please forward a short CV and covering letter addressed to the Principal, Hurunui College. For more information please don't hesitate to contact Stephen Beck sb@hurunuicollege.school.nz or Jane Marsh jm@hurunuicollege.school.nz.

WANTED/FREE

Wanted: VHS Video Recorder / Player. Please phone Nigel 027 337 6034.
Wanted: Swan Plants for Kakariki Class, Hurunui College.
Free: Standing Meadow Hay Phone 314 4532.

HOUSE TO RENT

House, Wanted to Rent by semi retired couple. Rural or semi rural. 2-3 bedroom. Must allow pets and be long term. Accommodation wanted from late January 2018 / beginning of school year. Phone 03 685 5842 or 022 384 3041.

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Thursday 30th November
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727 Leamington Road, Cheviot

An opportunity to view The Gums rams on offer at this year's sale in a relaxed setting free of sale day time pressures. Rams will be yarded for close inspection.

RAM SALE 2017

Thursday 7th December
Inspection from 11am, sale starts 1pm

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TE ARA 2017, HURUNUI COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Orders are now being taken. Please return payment of \$15 with order to the school office.
Magazines will be available at Prize Giving, to collect.

Name:.....

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