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# GIBB HOUSE TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

The end of Term 2 marks the half way stage of the year. As I see it the first half of the year is when you establish the foundations and framework while the second half is when you build the walls and fill it in. This is the tough part of the year; the challenging time of the year. Over the holidays the boys need to reflect on Terms 1 & 2. They need to review their progress, re-establish or re-affirm their goals and set out a very clear path to achieving these goals. This was my challenge to the boys at the end of the term.

## **Challenge is an interesting concept.....**

I was once told by an old Zulu tribesman while hunting lions in the Kalahari Desert - *"Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors."*

The word challenge is often associated with negative connotations but why should it be? Challenges should be viewed in a positive light - an exciting adventure with genuine rewards at the end. Ed Hillary never thought of Everest as a negative nor did Peter Blake view sailing around the world as a negative nor did the 1<sup>st</sup> XV when promoted to the Premier 1 grade view this challenge in a negative light.

*General George S Patton once said "Accept the challenges so that you feel the exhilaration of victory."*

Challenges are our life tests. They are tests that we should all embrace. I think they are tests we should in fact go looking for because they are the things in life which provide opportunities and new experiences. Hillary conquered Everest and was then able to move onto his next challenge. Blake was able to sail around the world quicker than anyone else and was then able to move onto bringing the Cup back to NZ.

We all face challenges. We must accept these challenges and strive to deal with them.

Working out how to overcome the challenge is what makes it so exciting and such good fun.

How do you overcome challenges?

1. Never fear a challenge, meet the challenge head on, be prepared to move out of your comfort zone, never give up, be resilient.

*"If you're going through hell, keep going." Winston Churchill*

**Have courage**

How do you overcome challenges?

2. Team work, leadership, work towards a common goal, the reward, show loyalty, trust others.

**Believe in comradeship**

How do you overcome challenges?

3. Treat the challenge with respect and use the experience of others to help work out the solution.

**Appreciate & respect the wisdom of others**

The challenge for Gibb House is to always 'grow & support the boarder'. This was the challenge in 1916 and continues to be the challenge in 2010. My challenge to all boarders is to positively embrace your Gibb House opportunity and take full advantage of what is offered. Don't take it for granted and don't make any excuses.

My challenge to the boarding staff is to ensure that Gibb House continues to provide these opportunities and to also push the boys to take advantage of all that is provided.

Keep challenging yourselves. By doing this you will continue to grow; you will continue to succeed; you will continue to be excited; you will continue to have fun. You will not have any regrets.

*A famous American football coach, Vince Lombardi, said, "Challenges are what make life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful."*

### **My highlights from Term 2**

1. Mini putt at Carlucciland.
2. Stock car racing at Tamarua.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> XV victory over Wellington College.
4. Mid winter Christmas Dinner.
5. Farewell dinner for the Gap Tutors.
6. 10 pin bowling at The Lanes.
7. Junior social at Scots.
8. House music.
9. School Cross Country.
10. Boarders being recognised at school assemblies.

**All of these activities provided me with an excellent opportunity to see boarders in action. These events clearly reflect their positive and enthusiastic attitude to their school & boarding house and their loyalty to each other.**

### **Important dates: Term 3**

Boarders return (number 2s): Sunday 18 July  
Gibb House Parents' Meeting: Sunday 18 July @ 7pm  
School starts: Monday 19 July  
Farewell Dinner for Jeremy Horrell: Tuesday 27 July.  
Parent Teacher interviews: Wednesday 28 July & Thursday 29 July

School Production: September 12-14  
Founders' Service at St Johns: Sunday 22 August  
Gibb House ski trip: Saturday 11 September  
Year 13 Ball: Friday 17 September

### **EXEAT Weekends:**

Friday 6 August - Sunday 8 August  
Friday 27 August - Tuesday 31 August (Founders' Weekend)  
*(Parent Meeting held at 7pm on Sunday 8 August & Tuesday 31 August)*

Gibb House function: TBA

I trust everyone will have an enjoyable break and come back at the start of Term 3 fully re-charged.

Regards

Geoff Hall  
Director of Boarding

