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Making Waves: HSP Students Participate in Peaman Biathlon

The tide was a bit higher than normal Sunday, October 28 when HSP students arrived at the Kona Pier. This did not stop 13 HSP students from competing in one of the monthly biathlons in Kona.

The event was put on by Sean Peaman and called the "Thrash and Dash" that consisted of a 1/3 mile swim followed by a 2 mile run. Seven students

completed the swim and then tagged off to six other HSP students that would finish the run.

Even more impressive was the amount of support other students and staff showed their athletes. Another 15 students along with several staff members were present to cheer and video tape the event.

"I couldn't be more proud

of our school today," said Ms. Rene' Kuebker shortly after completing the event herself.

In the future, HSP plans to attend more events like this one. HSP hopes to promote fitness and bring the school closer to the community through the participation in these events.

Improving Student Life: Student Government Forms



*Student Government
President
Erick Paul
Class of 2008*

In kicking off another successful school year at HSP, an important committee was formed and officers appointed.

HSP Student Government began meeting shortly after the start of the school year. Officers and members are as follows: President-Erick Paul, Vice-President-Eika Davis, Treasurer-Kemmei Ito, Secretary-Tanya

Yinug, Liasons-Frannie Baker and Lisa Sighrah, and Class Representatives- Iniki Johnson, Melody Damon, Mark, Alex, and Imelou Primo.

“We plan to make this year the best of the best,” stated President Erick Paul. “We have discussions and make decisions about activities at the school.”

Erick also shared that Student Government was currently working on getting various clubs started on campus. Some of these clubs include sports club, recycling club, running/swimming club, fundraising club, and cooking club.

School Discipline Committee in Place



*Student Discipline
Committee Chairman
Andrea Mylar
Class of 2009*

An additional student-operated committee was formed this fall at HSP, the Student Discipline Committee. Junior Andrea Mylar was chosen as Chairman and Diane Peter Vice-Chairman.

What is extra amazing about this group is that each member represents a different island nation in the Pacific. The goal is to have input about discipline from all backgrounds.

Andrea Mylar- Hawaii, US
Diane Peter- Marshall Islands
Rosie Ruben- Kosrae
Verna Gomez- Pohnpei
Tisek Akapito- Chuuk
Elain3 Chugen- Yap
Mariah Lund- Palau
Peta Akauola – Tonga

When asked about what this group does for HSP, Mylar commented, “We are basically in charge of consequences for rule-

breaking. We decide what punishment a student gets after breaking a rule and getting referred to us.”

The current project of the discipline committee involves looking at the HSP student handbook and making any needed adjustments to some of the behavioral policies.



“The High School of the Pacific is presently developing a cadre of ethical and capable future leaders who, as Islanders, will effect positive social change.”

A Celebration for Students' Dedication

Part of HSP's mission is to prepare each of its graduates “to excel in higher education and life long achievement.” In fulfilling this goal, students not only prepare for the SAT as part of their coursework, but also take several practice exams.

One such exam was given on October 17, 2007. The PSAT was given to all HSP students. Freshmen were introduced to the test format as well as some new strategies in taking the test. Upperclassmen benefited from another

practice before the real SAT on November 3, 2007 in Waimea.

As a reward for the diligence and dedication of the students an afternoon at Pu'uohonua o Honaunau National Historic Park was enjoyed by both staff and students. Immediately after the test, a picnic lunch and afternoon of swimming eased the stresses of English and Mathematics.

“That day was a wonderful example of how HSP can work hard and play hard

all in one day-part of the unwritten philosophy of HSP,” said Principal Michael Breslin in response to the event.