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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Taruna College delighted recipient of HBS Bank \$1000 prize draw**

Taruna College is the second non-profit organisation in Hawke's Bay to be celebrating after discovering they are the winner of \$1000 in the HBS Star monthly prize draw run by HBS Bank this month.

Taruna College manager Lesley Waite said the most difficult thing about the win would be deciding what project to put the money towards.

"We're pleased to be on board with HBS Star – it's been along time coming through the combination of the Hastings Building Society and SBS Bank to build a bank locally and it just shows the benefits that can be given back to the community through the new products and services that have been made available.

"We're absolutely delighted to receive the additional \$1000 through the prize draw and look forward to further developing our relationship with the HBS Bank team."

Ms Waite said the college was run by two trusts, with the Taruna College Students Fees Trust picking up the bonus \$1000. Because of the unique nature of the college and its structure they were always looking for additional funding and the switch to HBS Bank had reaped them an early reward, which could go towards a new building project that was currently being undertaken or fencing their large property on the outskirts of Havelock North.

HBS Bank manager Blair Cross said it was exciting to see non-profit groups in Hawke's Bay benefiting so much from the added perk of the HBS Star monthly prize draws.

"It's a fantastic feeling for our team to be able to ring up the Napier Family Centre last month and Taruna College this month and share the news that they've just received an additional \$1000 to put towards a worthy cause for their organisation."

The Star banking package, specifically designed for non-profit clubs and groups, not only offers fee-free transactional banking for hard-working non-profit organisations, it also has 10 monthly prize draws every month where there is the chance to win \$1000. For the next six months HBS Bank is having an additional draw of one prize of \$1000 that is dedicated just to Hawke's Bay Star account holders.

Some additional features of HBS Star are an advanced internet banking package with 24 hour access that allows two or more people to approve payments online, no minimum opening balance, a fee-free transactional account, call account, investment account and funds transfer options and an AGM summary facility.

Mr Cross said further benefits for getting on board with HBS Star meant non-profit clubs and societies could also promote their fundraising activities on the HBS Bank website calendar of events or in the branches on their community notice boards, there was the chance to borrow marquees and additional resources and, most importantly, non-profit

organisations that brought their banking business to HBS Bank got preferential access to sponsorship support.

“At HBS Bank we’re committed to giving back to our customers and our communities and our Star banking package is just one of the ways we can deliver additional benefits to our non-profit customers.”

The HBS Star banking package is one of many new banking products and services now available at HBS Bank.

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