Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been a very busy last two weeks for secondary schools around the region. Along with well-publicised events in other schools, we had our own major challenges with a violent incident that resulted in suspensions for students involved. In recent days we have been in touch with other agencies to provide the necessary responses and have held assemblies at the end of last week to talk about both our own and others' situations. The fundamental issue here is that schools – all schools – must be safe, and if that line is crossed then students jeopardise their place in the school. That line, as I outlined to the school in our whole school assembly three weeks ago is the point where a student introduces harm to others. That can be in various forms, especially in this age of social media, but the underlying principle is that words or deeds must not harm the social cohesion needed for society to function. Our mantra is "always look after the person beside you whether you know them or not." Students whose actions in various schools in the Wellington region have featured in recent media coverage have clearly failed that test.

That's incredibly disappointing. Alongside that fact, however, must be seen the wider fact of just how positive, sincere and socially motivated are the vast majority of students. Here, for example, 30 of our students yesterday acted as marshalls for the Weetbix Tryathlon (their spelling) at the Hutt Rec. Last night the liaison students ran a dance for Year 9 students and while the music was loud and perhaps not to the taste of one such as me, it was clearly fine with the students. Today a group of senior students are in a training session to equip them to work as student mediators to help younger students. This weekend, over 200 students will take part in the student-organised Relay for Life fundraiser at Frank Kitts Park in Wellington, starting on Saturday afternoon and ending early on Sunday morning. And meanwhile, for the first time in the school's history, we have over 1000 students taking part in regular inter-school sport. That's alongside those involved in about 90 other events, bands, groups and clubs. That's a huge number of teenagers who "get it". They are out there enjoying each other's company, practising new skills, getting fit, helping their community and making each day better for their presence. That's the reality here. Our students are brilliant.

Even so, we like all schools need to continue with programmes that challenge students to think about social situations and how they will deal with them. Year 11, for example, are involved in the Dates'n'Mates programme that is designed to encourage teenagers to think about how they keep themselves and others safe as they move towards the changed social patterns of young adults. That work is important and it highlights that creating a strong and safe community is an active process, not a passive one. I said to the assemblies last week that it is not enough to be smug and secure in one's own morals and world view. There is a more active demand on us as human beings; that we work each day to create the positive, whether that be by random acts of kindness, by refusing to use swear words (we all know the words but choose whether we employ them) or by speaking up when situations or conversations are not okay. If we all take that commitment to be active, to look after the person beside us, then we add our small piece to a total that emphasises that which is good in us and which creates a cohesive society. As a school, our greatest strength is exactly that cohesion. We're a lovely sprawling, inclusive picture of contemporary New Zealand and we ensure our own and our country's future by being actively positive every single day.

That notion of effort and success demands that I cannot finish this newsletter without congratulating the large group of students who represented us at the Hutt Valley Zones. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter, and I want to note the retention of the Brabin Shield by the girls' team – commiserations for the boys' narrow loss – and the fact of five new Hutt Zone records, within which are marks set by people who later became very well-known names in New Zealand adult competition. That was a team and individual effort that spoke well of us as a school, both in the level of competition and the manner in which the day proceeded. Thank you all for the HVHS style with which you competed and supported each other. Thanks, too, to the Sports Department and PE staff who worked to make the day happen.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Looking Ahead

March

18-19	**Relay For Life**
19-22	Year 13 History Trip
20-21	**Level 3 Health and Safety Course**
22	Tennis Tournament
23	**Wellington Regional Athletics**
24	Year 13 Auckland University Visit
24	**Year 13 Massey University Visit**
26-31	Summer Sports Tournament Week
27	**Past Pupils AGM, 7.30 pm**
29	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

April

3	Civil Defence Team Training
4-7	**Year 12 Outdoor Education Camps**
5	Junior Mathematics Competiton
5	**Summer Sports Team Photos**
11	Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations

Conjunctivitis

We have had several cases of conjunctivitis in the last week. Conjunctivitis is an infection of the thin skin, called the conjunctiva, on the front of the eye. It is very common. One or both eyes become red or pink, they may be sticky or watery and they may have surface irritation. Children with conjunctivitis should not go to school until their eyes are better.

When to seek medical advice:
Conjunctivitis does not usually affect vision. If you have any reduced vision, or if there is pain in the eye, or other symptoms such as fever or severe infection, visit your doctor straight away. You can also phone Healthline for advice on 0800 611 116.

If you have symptoms of conjunctivitis without any of the complications listed above, talk to your pharmacist. They will usually be able to advise on an appropriate product to use – or in some cases may refer you directly to the doctor.

Sports Notices - Wanted

Netball Umpires for College games on a Saturday during Term 2 and the first half of Term 3. Umpires will be paid according to level of their experience. On-going training will be provided.

Netball Coaches/Managers for College games on a Saturday during Term 2 and the first half of Term 3. We welcome any interest from students or caregivers. Some training courses will be available.

Please contact the Sports Office if you are interested.

Congratulations to:

- Congrats to **Mia Toheriri** 12MO , **Safari Hynes** 12SR and **Jemima Jansen** 12LO whose Hutt Valley U19 Team placed runners-up at the NZ Indoor Netball Club National Championships last weekend in a very close final.
- Congratulations to **Jaimee Beal** 11FR who has been selected for the NZ Under 17 Indoor Netball World Cup Team travelling to South Africa in July.
- Congratulations to both HVHS Dragonboat teams who won their Finals at the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival last weekend.
  HVHS 1 (Black Dragons) were underdogs in the A Grade Grand Final, and against the odds, they pulled off the fastest time of any NZ mixed team over the entire weekend, 1:20:50, just pipping favourites Heretaunga.
  HVHS 2 (White Dragons) easily won the B Grade Final in 1:24:68 after taking and maintaining an early lead.

Many thanks to Ms Chave and her assistants Ms Knights and Ms Penfold.

Tuesday 11 April

On Tuesday 11 April the school will be holding Year 9 and Year 10 learning conversations. All Year 9 and 10 students and their mentors will be involved in learning conversations with students', parents and caregivers. Students in Years 9 and 10 will come into school for their learning conversation, but will not be required for the rest of the day. The day is very much part of the students' programme and school uniform should be worn as usual. Information on how to book your interview has been be emailed home.

Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 will opt for workshops running here at school or for independent study at home, working on NCEA internal assignments. Morning sessions run from 10.00 am -12.00 pm; afternoon session run from 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm (unless advised otherwise). Each student is required to sign up for a morning and an afternoon option. A google form will be shared with students.

Hutt Zone Athletics Results

A fantastic day for HVHS at the Hutt Zones Athletics on Friday. Congratulations to all of our Athletes!

Our Girls team again won the Brabin Shield.
The Boys team came second to HIBS again this year!

NEW RECORDS made by our students:

Phoebe McKnight 11BE - 3000m Intermediate 9.38.84
Phoebe McKnight 11BE - 1500m Intermediate 4.41.64
Jayme Maxwell 12CR - 3000m Senior 11.00.18
Hannah Keating 9ROBC - 300m Junior 50.64
Eleanor Humphrey 10GLTS - Triple Jump Intermediate 9.44m

PLACINGS:
Junior Girls:
Imali De Silva 10MIDY 2nd - 200m
Hannah Keating 9ROBC 3rd - 200m
Hannah Keating 9ROBC 1st - 300m
Michaela Ellis 10HYGW 2nd - 300m
Charlotte McFarlane-Karl 9CLAE 3rd - 300m
Charlotte Leach 9KIPA 3rd - 800m
Claire Brownlie 10HRRI 1st - 1500m
Claire Brownlie 3rd - Long Jump
Natasha Codyre 9CLAE 3rd - 1500m
Angela Magno 9KIPA 1st - High Jump
Camryn Morresey 9HUGU 2nd - Triple Jump
Shanti Carter 9GELY 3rd - Triple Jump
2nd in the 4x100m Relay

Intermediate Girls:
Genevieve Berry 11VE 1st - 100m
Genevieve Berry 11VE 1st - 200m
Genevieve Berry 11VE 2nd - Long Jump
Charlotte Wilson 11RG 2nd - 100m
Charlotte Wilson 11RG 2nd - 200m
Charlotte Wilson 11RG 1st - Long Jump
Eleanor Humphrey 10GLTS 3rd - 200m
Eleanor Humphrey 10GLTS 1st - Triple Jump
Macey Caughley 10HLYN 2nd - 400m
Macey Caughley 10HLYN 2nd - Triple Jump
Laura Kelly 12VY 3rd - 400m
Laura Kelly 12VY 2nd - 800m
Macey Caughley 10HLYN 1st - 800m
Phoebe McKnight 11BE 1st - 1500m
Phoebe McKnight 11BE 1st - 3000m
Nina Simmons 10GLTS 3rd - 1500m
Nina Simmons 10GLTS 3rd - 3000m
Caitlyn Lewin 11OA 3rd - Javelin
1st in the 4x100m Relay

Senior Girls:
Ellen Homstad 13RS 1st - 100m
Ellen Homstad 13RS 1st - 200m
Ellen Homstad 13RS 1st - Long Jump
Paris Nicholson 13JD 2nd - 100m
Paris Nicholson 13JD 2nd - 200m
Paris Nicholson 13JD 2nd - Long Jump

Senior Girls continued:
Michelle Barr 13KN 3rd - 100m
Michelle Barr 13KN 2nd - High Jump
Mikayla Lewin 13KN 2nd - 400m
Mikayla Lewin 13KN 2nd - Javelin
Mikayla Lewin 13KN 1st - Shot Put
Paige Hansen 13JD 1st - 800m
Paige Hansen 13JD 3rd - Triple Jump
Jayme Maxwell 12CR 1st - 1500m
Jayme Maxwell 12CR 1st - 3000m
Honestly Morete 13JD 1st - High Jump
Grace Goddard-Winchester 13NS 2nd - Triple Jump
Olivia England 13KN 3rd - Discus
1st in 4x100m Relay

Junior Boys:
Caleb Davey 10HRRI 2nd - High Jump
Samuel Doornbos 9MCCA 2nd - Long Jump
Joseph Sime 9HUGU 1st - Triple Jump
Raniera Pattison 9MCCA 2nd - Triple Jump
Kaleb Sola 9CLAE 2nd - Discus

Intermediate Boys:
Richard Evans 11VE 1st - 400m
Richard Evans 11VE 3rd - 800m
Reuben Goldingham Newsom 12SU 2nd - 1500m
Reuben Goldingham Newsom 12SU 1st - 3000m
Jonathon Roberts 10BLMS 2nd - 3000m
Jared Taylor 12LO 1st - High Jump
Jared Taylor 12LO 3rd - Long Jump
Loketi Afu 11FR 2nd - Shot Put
Kade Muru 12SR 3rd - Discus
Kade Muru 12SR 1st - Javelin

Senior Boys:
Nick Smith 13KN 1st - 100m
Nick Smith 13KN 1st - 200m
Finn Neely 13CK 3rd - 200m
Cameron Mackenzie 13WL 2nd - 400m
Jack Hammond 13RS 1st - 800m
Jack Hammond 13RS 1st - 1500m
Yuto Nissato 13SU 2nd - 800m
Peter Roberts 12KG 3rd - 3000m
1st in 4x100m Relay

PPFA Movie Fundraiser

Light House Cinema Petone, Sunday 7 May 2017

The PPFA film evening is a fundraiser for three $1000 Scholarships for Year 13 students in 2017 leaving school and going on to University.

" Zoo Keeper's Wife" - Tickets are $20 per person which includes nibbles and juice from 7.00 pm. Movie starts at 7.30 pm.

For tickets please contact:
Graeme on 3813202 or marsdeb@gmail.com,
Christine on 5701422 or christinebarnett@xtra.co.nz
or Shona Reisima in the main school office.