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Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

In this final newsletter of 2016 I want to wish all our families the best for the Christmas season and for the New Year.

This newsletter also goes to our new families whose children will attend for the first time in 2017. Welcome to the Hutt Valley High School community if you are new to us. You will find us a place that works hard to ensure that there are strong links between home and school, and where we provide an education that includes participation in a range of sports and activities to underpin the academic work that is the centre of the year. We aim to help students succeed and to encourage them to have fun along the way. My own firm belief is that I want for my three children that they are happy and positive, and if they can add successes along the way then that's even better. We take the same approach with the students who are here. It is small comfort if a teenager gathers all the accolades of a busy and successful student life if they do not enjoy what they do and feel affirmed by the process that is learning. So it is that in 2017 one of our four major goal areas is wellness, both for staff and students, and – led by our student leaders who are very keen to be at the forefront of this work - we will be focusing very much on aspects of a healthy and balanced lifestyle. That will be fun, and it will help to develop the kind of positive citizens who contribute to their world.

Next year, we will also be in building mode. Our Campus of the Future Plan, developed using funds from the Infrastructure Donations made by many of our families, is an absolute asset at present. People will be aware that we had a major fire less than a week out from the end of school, with the result that we lost two technology rooms. While discussions are continuing with the Ministry of Education and insurers, we have strong indications of likely next steps. These include the probable demolition of the affected classrooms and the creation of temporary facilities elsewhere ready for the start of Term 1 2017. A food technology room will be established in the two relocatable rooms P8 and P9. Other facilities replicating those lost from the seat of the fire will be added to existing rooms by the start of the year, so while it might be that delays affect the first few days of school, all should be up and running in a timeframe to make programmes work. Meanwhile we are talking to the Ministry about how to integrate the next steps with respect to replacement facilities and it is there that the Campus work counts. We are told that we are one of a very few schools to have a fully detailed plan to guide building developments over time, and in this situation we know exactly what we would like to do and why. That needs

Ministry buy-in of course, and because they have been part of the process during the Campus work, they know already what our goals are and how they came about. Ultimately, decisions will all come down to money and at a meeting to be held tomorrow we will talk through what is possible and within what time frame.

Meanwhile, design work continues on developing new facilities in D Block, the build for which is scheduled for Term 2. This work is in response to students' desire to have access to improved toilet facilities, a view endorsed by the Board of Trustees. My own take on this is that in the commercial world, teenagers are offered mall-quality toilet facilities because they are valued customers. Well, we value them too, and I fail to see why any lesser standard is acceptable in schools. Next year, we'll be able to match the rhetoric with the reality, and I thank the Board for supporting this less than glamorous but absolutely fundamental improvement in the school. To all those who contributed to the Infrastructure Donation in the last two years on the basis of faith that there is a process and that there will be a pay-off, thank you for your support. As we launch on the Campus of the Future Plan, there will be challenges, no doubt, but they will be those that lead to a gradual improvement in how well our site provides for the human dimension of those using it. Increasingly, we will have a school where the design encompasses elements that enliven and energise. That's important for the wellbeing of everyone here.

To everyone who has contributed to 2016, whether by word or deed, by encouraging others or supporting them financially, or by coaching or mentoring, or by acting as reader-writers or volunteers on a sausage sizzle, or by managing teams, or driving students to events or by standing on sidelines cheering or by applauding in theatres and halls, or by being those participants at the centre of all that activity, thank you for a lovely year. Best wishes for a safe and restful holiday period spent with those who know and love you.

And next year will be even better.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

★ Congratulations to **Elizabeth Cotton** 9HLYN who passed her Taekwondo black belt grading after a gruelling two day assessment last

Stationery Lists

Stationery lists are on the website for Years 9 to 13 and the Learning Support Unit. Please follow this link: <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/joining-hvhs/course-booklets1/>

Students will find out their options when they receive their timetable on their first day. Just a refill and pen is enough to bring along on the first day.

Resource Centre Hours (uniform shop)

2017

Tuesday 24 January - Wednesday 1 February
10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 2 February - Friday 10 February
8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Monday 13 February - back to normal hours
Monday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Tuesday 10.30 am – 4.00 pm
Wednesday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Thursday 8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Friday 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Close at 2.00 pm on the last day of term

Uniform prices can be found on our school website www.hvhs.school.nz.

Please feel free to call on 570 3551 or email resource.centre@hvhs.school.nz.

Student Contact Details

Are your contact details changing over the holidays?

Its easy to forget to advise the school when you move house, change cell phones etc, but parents/caregivers are asked to contact the school and advise us of any changes to caregivers/address/phone/emergency contact details. As we move to more use of email, it is important we have your correct email address. Please update us either by phone or on the email address below:

Phone: 566 4584 or

Email: to principal@hvhs.school.nz

Looking Ahead

Holidays

January

31 Course Confirmation Day
Year 12 11.00 am
Year 13 1.00 pm

February 2017

1 **Liaison Training Day**
2 Year 9 Only Day - buses resume
3 **Full School Timetable**
Year 9 - 8.45 am start
Years 10-13 - 12.00 pm start
6 Waitangi Day Holiday
8 **Sports and Societies Exposé**
10 Year 9 Meet and Compete
13 **Year 9 Meet and Greet, 7.00 pm**
17 Full School Assembly

Term dates - 2017

Term 1 Monday 2 February - Thursday 13 April
Term 2 Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July
Term 3 Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September
Term 4 Monday 16 October - Tuesday 12 December

School Office Holiday Hours

The final week the office will be open in 2016, will be Monday 19 to Wednesday 21 December with reduced hours of 9.00 am - 3.00 pm.

We will reopen on Tuesday 24 January and resume normal office hours of 8.00 am - 4.30 pm.

OPENING HOURS

HVHS APP

HVHS now have a Mobile App for notices, events and other important School messages. To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://onelink.to/w5btdp>



Congratulations

Hutt Valley High School congratulates the following students on their success at the senior prizegiving held on Monday evening:



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Sera Rawson



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Tama Austin

3rd in Year 13 - Adam Xiong

4th in Year 13 - Henry Broadbent

5th in Year 13 - Matthew Nocete

Head Students 2017

We congratulate the following students selected as Year 13 leaders for 2017

Head Boy:	Patrick Langley
Head Girl:	Jacqueline Valentine-Ramsden
Deputy Head Boy:	Tom Walsh
Deputy Head Girl:	Paris Nicholson
Cultural Captains:	William Rua and Grace Tafili
Sports Captains:	Tane Rolfe and Mikayla Lewin
Service Captains:	Jack Wellwood and Michaela Judson
Junior School Captains:	Robin Sejwal and Sade Putu

New positions for 2017

House Captains:
Paige Hansen, Bryn Yates, Kyra Tombs, James Hazeldine, Honestly Morete and Jonathan Fox.

Senior Course Confirmation Day 2017

Tuesday 31 January

Current Year 11 and 12 returning students who receive an email from the school in January 2017, or want to make changes to their course, must come to the hall to meet with Deans during the times below. Please bring your results slip from the NCEA examinations. Students do not need to be in uniform.

If you are happy with your courses and do not need to make any changes, you do not need to come in for course confirmation.

Times are as follows:

Year 12 2017 - 11.00 am in the school hall

Year 13 2017 - 1.00 pm in the school hall

NCEA Results Publication January 2017

- Results notices show NCEA results from previous years.
- Students can order their own results documents from their Learner Login by the end of December 2016 to receive in mid January 2017.
- NCEA results notices will only be sent to those who order one.
- Students who will not have computer access at the time results are released in January and require one, can order a printed result notice (for NCEAs) from their Learner Login.
- Scholarship result notices will be sent to all students.

Reconsideration and review applications for 2016 NCEA and Scholarship external examination results

- Candidates will be able to apply online for NCEA and Scholarship re considerations using their Learner Login. Students who do not have access to a computer should contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 for a copy of the reconsideration application form.
- There are no changes to the review application process. Students should go online and print off a copy of the NCEA or Scholarship review form from their Learner Login.
- Access to the reconsideration and review forms will become available shortly after the return of examination booklets.

Change of address and return of examination booklets

Students who have a permanent change of address after 6 December need to contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 before 31 December to update their details, to ensure their booklets are sent to the correct address. Students need to also inform the school so details are up to date.

HVHS Facebook Page

Here is the link to our new school facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/hvhs.school.nz/> or go to the school website and click on the FB link <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/about-us/student-online-services/>