



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The school is in the last stages of the set-up for the year, with the roll now settling, and final changes - we hope - now complete. I said in the first newsletter that we were fully staffed and was slightly precipitate in that, but we are very close. We've had to make some changes due to the roll pressure we are experiencing and in order to ensure that the wider staff resourcing reflects the increased numbers on the school. We are still being approached by would-be students who live out of our zone but we are taking none. We are full.

Over about a week or more, we have a series of events that mark the start-up phase of the year. Last week it was the Year 9 "Meet'n'Compete", a fun day's activities designed to allow students to mix and mingle and start to form the class bonds that become crucial to team spirit as the year goes on. Last night we focused on parents and whanau with their part of the exercise, "Meet'n'Greet". This is an evening intended to allow families to meet teachers and vice versa. There is an outline of what comes next and an exchange of broad information on how the transition into high school is going. It's a positive evening, working to extend the first warmth created back at the Year 8 student interviews, the welcome to the year processes, the Year 9 Only Day, the sports and clubs registration process and the first days of full classes.

On Friday we have our only full school assembly. We have no building large enough to house our school, and we assemble once a year to launch the year with academic awards to our senior students, recognising those who have done well in NCEA and the New Zealand Scholarship examinations. It's core business, and despite the inconvenience of an outdoor ceremony with its weather risks ever-present, the day does allow the celebration of some spectacular academic performances. A list of New Zealand Scholarship winners appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

On Monday, weather permitting, the full school Athletics Day will be held. This is our major event for the new house model and students and staff are invited/urged to dress up in their house colours. The day begins at school with mentor time and a roll check then we move over to the Hutt Rec for the activities. Entries can be made on the day, and the day is both a "serious" athletics day and a novelty relationship-building day. House points are awarded for participation and for success, and it should be a fun day.

These school events and others are publicised on our website, on the school Facebook page and on the school app. If you don't have the school app it is a free download to any smart phone and has very quickly become a highly convenient way of communicating information (including the daily notices). During the start-up phase of the year, we always have need of help. The Sports Department are in need of volunteer help beyond the 200-plus who already make our programme function. Last year we passed 1000 students in regular inter-college sports and those numbers continue to increase. Futsal, for example, has 18 teams registered against 9 last year. We are very keen to see students involved in sports and activities because we think it's essential to a balanced and interesting life, but we do need help as the entire enterprise relies on people willing to make it happen.

Another start-up request involves surplus good clean uniform clothing. The deans would be grateful for any offers of such items so they can help out in circumstances where families are struggling to deal with sometimes substantial costs as the year gets under way. If you can help, simply contact any of the deans or the Deans' Secretary, Mrs Wheeler.

Finally, I need to signal a rather serious issue of recent days. One of our younger female students heading to school was followed onto her bus by a young man - perhaps early 20s - whose manner caused her real concern. She had, previously, discussed with her parent what she would do in such a situation, and she implemented their plan, heading for the most people and making clear that she was concerned. For her, this meant getting off at the mall and heading for their security staff. They acted promptly and, with police also involved, a scary situation was dealt with. The incident is a reminder that there are people out there even in daytime - let alone night - whose agendas are not straightforward, and if some pre-thinking has occurred that can really help. Simple strategies like the one mentioned, and like walking in pairs and making sure parents/whanau know where you are and with whom can all contribute to making sure that everyone is safe. I hope that families take the opportunity to have conversations such as the one our student had had with her family; it kept her safe.

Ross Sinclair, Principal



Looking Ahead

February

15-16	Year 13 PE Trip
14	Year 9 Meet and Greet, 7.00 pm
16	Full School Assembly
19	HVHS Athletics Day
20-21	Gateway Health and Safety Course
20	Whanau Hui, 6.00 pm
27	ID Photo Catch Up Day
27	Year 11 Geography Trip
27	Year 11 PE Activity Day
28-1 Mar	Gateway Health and Safety Course
28	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

March

1	Year 11 PE Activity Day
4-7	Year 12 Tongariro Trip
5	Civil Defence Training Day
6	Gateway Site Safe Course
7	Wanderers Cricket Match
8	Hutt Zone Athletics
13-16	Gateway First Aid Courses
15	School Cross Country
18-23	Year 12 PE Catchpool Camps
19-23	Summer Sports Tournament Week

Whanau Hui

The date for the first Whanau Hui this year is Tuesday 20 February at 6.00 pm in Hotuwaipara.

We welcome all whanau to a shared BBQ and mix and mingle. More information will be emailed out shortly.

Resource Centre Hours (uniform shop)

Opening Hours - 2017

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

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.

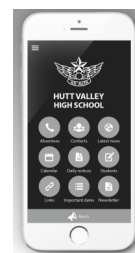
Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to the following students who competed at the Maori Basketball Tournament in Rotorua a couple of weeks ago; **Jordan Rangitawa** 12NE (U17 Morehu Team) won Bronze
Shobai Lio-Taukamo 10ZIFY, **Joshua Crowley-Nepia** 10MZAN (U15 Tama Team) won Silver and
Matariki Kapea 13FX, **Raniera Pattison** 10WORB (U17 Tama Team) won gold!
- ★ The following students have made the 2018 Las Vegas Touring Teams for the New Zealand Basketball Academy:
Raniera Pattison 10 WORB, **Jordan Rangitawa** 12 NE, **Matariki Kapea** 13FX and **Joshua Crowley-Nepia** 10MZAN (non travelling reserve).

HVHS APP

HVHS have a Mobile App for notices, events and other important school messages. You must update the Year level you wish to receive notifications for each year.

To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://onelink.to/w5btdp>



Office and Resource Centre closure

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 21 February, 21 March and 11 April between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to whole school professional development.

There will be three closures at this time during each term.

Ultimate Frisbee

"Have-a-Go" session - Wednesday 14 February.

Over the stopbank (top field) immediately after school. Open to anyone who may be interested in playing.

Ultimate Frisbee Nationals Trials (Boys and Girls):
Thu 15 February 3.30-5.00 pm over the stopbank (top field). Open to players interested in trialling for National Tournament (19/20 March in Taupo)

2017 Scholarship Exam Results

Hutt Valley High School congratulates 22 students who gained 39 scholarships in 12 subjects. The scholarships included 10 at Outstanding level.

New Zealand Scholarship Award

A New Zealand Scholarship Award is made to students who gain three or more scholarships in one year.

Winners of these awards for 2017 were:

Timothy Hay
Chenchen Huang
Nisal Jayaneththi
Jasmine Walker

Outstanding Scholarships

An Outstanding Scholarship is in the top 0.3 to 0.5% of the country.

Andrea Clark	English
Timothy Hay	English
James Hazeldine	Physical Education
Chenchen Huang	English
Nisal Jayaneththi	Chemistry
Jayme Maxwell	English (Year 12)
Arie Scott	English
Elizabeth Thompson	Physical Education
Jasmine Walker	English
Jack Wellwood	English

Scholarships

Andrea Clark	Physical Education
Finn Connell	English
Rishabh Gandhi	English (Year 12)
Timothy Hay	Biology, Classical Studies
James Hazeldine	English
Saskia Hazlewood	English
Thomas Holster	English (Year 12)
Chenchen Huang	Chemistry, Physics, Calculus , Economics
Victoria Hunt	Design
Safari Hynes	Te Reo Maori (Year 12)
Ronia Ibrahim	English (Year 12)
Nisal Jayaneththi	Physics, Calculus, Economics
Jayme Maxwell	Geography (Year 12)
Tristan Phease	Physics (Year 12)
Jessica Rees-Malloch	Painting
Nydia Salmon	English (Year 12)
Arie Scott	Biology, English, Chemistry
Ella Simmons	English (Year 12)
Elizabeth Thompson	English
Jasmine Walker	Geography
Jasmine Walker	Physical Education, English

Basketball Player Development Days

These sessions are an opportunity for students to come along and develop some of the basic key skills needed in Basketball prior to the HVHS trials.

Basketball Trial dates:

All in Main Gym

Junior Boys A + B Trials: Sunday 18 February 8.30-11.30 am

Senior Boys A + B Trials: Sunday 18 February 12.00-3.00 pm

Junior Boys C + D Trials: Sunday 25 February and 4 March 8.30-11.30 am

Senior Boys A + B Trials: Sunday 25 February and 4 March 12.00-3.00 pm

Junior Girls: Saturday 17 February 12.00-2.00 pm

Senior Girls: Saturday 17 February 9.00-11.00 am

Basketball Coach Needed

A Coach is needed for our Senior B Boys Basketball Team. If you are interested, please contact Michelle via email michelle.mckay@hvhs.school.nz or call the school

Girls Football trials

Petone Memorial Park starting at 4.00 pm:
13, 14, 20 and 21 February - 4.00-5.30 pm

Boys Football pre-season will start on 22 February and trial dates will be in next week's newsletter.

Boys Football Notices

Boys Football pre-season sessions for HVHS will be held at Petone Memorial Park on the following days:
22, 27 February, 5 and 7 March - 4.00-5.30 pm

Boys Football Trials for HVHS will be held at Petone Memorial Park on the following days:
12, 14 and 19 March - 4.00-5.00 pm

All registered Football Boys are welcome at pre-season and trials. The teams will be selected after the trials and will start practicing after that.

Sports Registrations 2018

Don't miss out on trial information! Please make sure you are registered for HVHS Sports including Winter Sports! There are a number of trials coming up and details are sent directly to those who are registered to play. Sign up at <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/contact/sports-home-page/online-registrations/>