



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the 2017 school year.

To those new to us, welcome. The school newsletter is a weekly event – with occasional gaps – which lets you know of school life, successes, events etc.

First up, welcome to our new students and staff. Year 9 students' transition into high school has included the Year 9 only phase, including setting up BYOD access to the school system, and work on school patterns of interaction focused on positive behaviour. On Wednesday the Sports and Societies Exposé showed students some of the many activities or sports they could opt to try and many signed up on the spot.

As usual, our Sports Department have a huge job fitting in all the teams and any volunteers from our parents and caregivers would be most welcome. If you are willing to help, please contact Jacinta Keenan, who would love to hear from you. Do bear in mind that all volunteers to any activity with students require completion of a police vetting process so that we can make the necessary health and safety guarantees required by legislation.

Today is Year 9 Meet 'n' Compete, a day of fun activities at Sladden Park. The day is mainly about building relationships, but is also fiercely competitive, and also launches the new house system with a points contest through the day. The PE staff will also be on the watch for new and emerging talent, with their thoughts on the full school athletics day and regional athletics later in the term. On Monday evening next week the early phase of transition into high school is rounded off with the Meet 'n' Greet Evening for parents and caregivers of Year 9 students. This is not an evening for students, but for parents/caregivers. It's a chance to meet staff, get a quick outline of courses/events and to swap notes on how the year has begun. It's a chance to establish connections between home and school that set up easy pathways for communication, so we build strong working relationships to support students in the school.

The next Friday is a major moment in our academic year. We will be holding the full school Academic Prizegiving on the lower field. It's the only time we meet together

as a full school, and it's to celebrate the successes from senior work in NCEA and Scholarship. The ceremony will take some time, as we are seeing growing success in the school. As an example, the first year we held this ceremony 22 students at Level 1 were recognised. Next week that number will be 76 using the same criteria. That's exciting to see.

In provisional results released this week by NZQA we have new school bests in Level 1 Literacy, Level 1 Numeracy, Level 1 pass rate, Level 1 Excellence and Level 3 Excellence. Pass rates at Level 2 and 3, and Level 2 Excellence are close to our best and may yet improve once confirmed data is available. In Scholarship results, we had our second highest ever result and the total of 33 scholarships and 3 outstanding scholarships for a total of 36 was very encouraging. It will be fun to celebrate next week. We'll also be celebrating 8 Year 12 students winning a scholarship, including one who gained three scholarships as a Year 12 student, as well as the award of both Level 1 and Level 2 Excellence to a student in last year's Year 11. These are unusual accomplishments and signal strongly that there is real talent here.

One student who features in more than one area of the school demands to be noted, too. Mikayla Lewin 13KN is one of our Sports Captains in 2017, won a scholarship in PE as a Year 12 student last year, and is off this week to Australia to represent New Zealand as a member of the (full) New Zealand White Sox Women's Softball Team. Mikayla has been a previous age grade New Zealand representative and will be in Florida with the Under 19 White Sox in July, and to see her make the adult team is brilliant. She's impressive: a school leader, a strong academic and an outstanding sportswoman. We congratulate her in her absence.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Looking Ahead

February

13	Year 9 Meet and Greet, 7.00 pm
14-15	Year 13 Evening Tramp
17	Full School Assembly
20	Student ID Photos taken
21	Year 13 Business Studies YES day
22	Full School Athletics Day
22	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
27-28	Year 11 Geography Trip
27-3 Mar	Year 9 Amazing Race Week
28	Cricket Match vs Wanderers

March

3	Athletes with Disabilities Athletics Day
6	Civil Defence Training Day
6-7	Level 3 Health and Safety Course
10	Hutt Zone Athletics
10	Year 13 Canterbury University Visit
12-15	Year 12 Tongariro Trip
14	Year 13 Otago University Visit
16	Year 9 Social
18-19	Relay For Life
19-22	Year 13 History Trip
20-21	Level 3 Health and Safety Course
22	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
23	Wellington Regional Athletics
24	Year 13 Auckland University Visit
26-31	Summer Sports Tournament Week

Holidays in 2017

Good Friday	Friday 14 April (in holidays)
Easter Monday	Monday 17 April (in holidays)
ANZAC Day	Tuesday 25 April (in holidays)
Teacher Only Day	Friday 2 June
Queens Birthday	Monday 5 June
Mid Term Break	Monday 4 September
Labour Day	Monday 23 October

Term dates - 2017

Term 1	Monday 30 January - 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

Return of external exam papers, reconsideration and review applications for 2016 NCEA and Scholarship external examination results

All NCEA material should be returned to candidates by mid February. DVC and Technology portfolios might be returned to schools (contact your Technology teacher for these)

Scholarship booklets will be returned after the release of results in February.

Review and Reconsideration applications for 2016 external examination results

Reviews and re considerations are done through learner logins. It is advisable for students to talk to their teachers prior to applying for a review or reconsideration.

The original answer booklet must accompany any application for a review or reconsideration except for eMCAT and digitally submitted Technology standards (91371 and 91636).

Review application process:

In a review all sections of a booklet or portfolio are checked to make sure they have been marked and results correctly recorded and transferred. A review does not involve re-marking and there is no charge. Students should go on line and print off a copy of the personalised review form from their Learner Login.

Applications for reviews of NCEA externally assessed standards close on **Friday 17 February and for Scholarship on Friday 3 March.**

Reconsideration application process:

A reconsideration involves re-marking all answers in the answer booklet. It also involves checking mechanical processes, like transferring grades. NCEA reconsiderations cost \$20.40 for each standard. The fee for Design and Visual Communication (DVC) and Technology portfolios is \$20.40 for each external achievement standard, not each portfolio. The fee for Scholarship reconsiderations is \$30.70 per standard (subject).

Students must apply for reconsideration through their Learner Login. Payment may also be made online. **Where the reconsideration leads to a change of final grade the fee is refunded.**

Applications for reconsideration of Level 3 and Scholarship Visual Arts can also be made online. For Level 3, three high-quality A4 coloured photographs, one for each panel of the portfolio, are to be sent. Scholarship applications must include both photographs and workbook. In addition, an authenticity declaration must be completed by a candidate's school and sent with any application. No portfolios are to be sent to NZQA.

Applications for reconsiderations for NCEA externally assessed standards close on Friday 17 February and for Scholarship on Friday 3 March.

Welcome new staff

We welcome the following new and returning staff:

New Teachers:

Olivia Copeman - Business Studies
 Amy McMullan - Science
 Rob King - Head of Learning Pathways
 Sheena Anglesey - Science
 Jim Woodland - Business Studies
 Esther Cardwell - English
 Kasper Griffith - Mathematics
 Alexia George - Technology
 Angela Whitehead - PE and Technology
 Bryan Gillies - Technology
 Simon Hodge - International Director
 Brook Marsom - English
 Leandro Gomez Curbelo - Guidance
 Michael Draper - Mathematics
 Madeleine Dean - Languages
 Susan McCallum - English

Returning Teachers:

John Mitchell - Mathematics

Support Staff:

Donna Keenan - Resource Centre Assistant
 Stacey Piper - Resource Centre Assistant
 Suzanne Broughton - Resource Centre Manager

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: Grace Taffili
Sports Captains: Tane Rolfe and Mikayla Lewin
Service Captains: Jack Wellwood and Michaela Judson
Junior School Captains: Robin Sejwal and Sade Putu

House Captains:

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

Liaison Students:

Hollie Ung	Saajan Damania
Mary Tanuvasa Tutogi	Brooke Taylor
Hamish Horan	Gus Reece
Anjuli Langdale	Alex Ingham
Tim Hay	Jess Pritchard
Emma Doile	Alliyah Samson
Hamish McArthur	Shania Warren
Dhanajay Rathore	Petra Sele
Anita Manickavasagar	Aini Fayaz Mansoor
Riley Allen	James Hazeldine
Beth Thompson	Kayleigh Fraser
Will Foster	Sarah Parish
Jahnvi Ghandi	Natasha Porter
Jayden Symes	Dion Grace

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Patrick Langley** 13SI, who has been selected to swim in the Swim Wellington All Stars squad at the Swimming NZ 2017 Zonal Championships. This event takes place on 11 February in Auckland and is live on Sky Sport from 5.00 pm.
- ★ Congratulations to **Geena Burns** 11OA who, in the Petone Women's Novice 8 Team, finished 3rd at the North Island Club Championships at Karapiro in January.
- ★ Well done to **Hadley Beech** 11VE who competed in the Nationals track Speed Skating competition over summer. He ended the 6 day competition with 2 Gold, 3 Silvers and 2 Bronze medals. He has also been selected for the national team traveling to Australia in April to compete in an international event.

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.

School Timetable -

Please ensure that your child is attending ALL classes **ON TIME**—including form spell.

Monday, Thursday, Friday

Spell 1	8.45 am - 9.45 am
Mentor Spell	9.45 am - 10.00 am
Spell 2	10.00 am - 11.00 am
Interval	11.00 am - 11.30 am
Spell 3	11.30 am - 12.30 pm
Spell 4	12.30 pm - 1.30 pm
Lunchtime	1.30 pm - 2.15 pm
Spell 5	2.15 pm - 3.15 pm

Tuesday

Spell A	8.45 am - 9.35 am
Mentor Spell	9.35 am - 9.50 am
Spell 1	9.50 am - 10.40 am
Spell 2	10.40 am - 11.30 am
Interval	11.30 am - 12 noon
Spell 3	12 noon - 12.50 pm
Spell 4	12.50 pm - 1.40 pm
Lunchtime	1.40 pm - 2.25 pm
Spell 5	2.25 pm - 3.15 pm

Please note:

Spell A on Tuesdays is an NCEA callback for Years 11, 12 and 13. Friday Spell 1 is an NCEA callback spell for Years 12 and 13.

Wednesday

Spell 1	9.50 am - 10.40 am
Spell 2	10.40 am - 11.30 am
Interval	11.30 am - 12 noon
Spell 3	12 noon - 12.50 pm
Spell 4	12.50 pm - 1.40 pm
Lunchtime	1.40 pm - 2.25 pm
Spell 5	2.25 pm - 3.15 pm

Cars on School Grounds

There is no parking on school grounds for students and only a small amount for visitors.

We ask that you do not drive into the school to drop off or pick up students. It is a very busy site with many people. Access before and after school is only for those students in the LSU requiring taxi collection.

Thank you for your help in keeping the site safe for our students.

Whanau Hui

The date for the first Whanau Hui this year is Tuesday 21 February at 6.00 pm in Hotuwaipara.

We welcome all whanau to a shared BBQ and mix and mingle. More information is attached to this newsletter.

Student ID Cards

ID cards assist us in the safe and efficient running of the school. Students will need to have their cards with them at school every day. They are used by the school library and Resource Centre to issue books.

We have a new ID card provider and system this year. ID photos have been taken and the new cards will be distributed when they are delivered.

ID cards are valid until the student leaves school. If you would like to order a Snapper version, they can be ordered at the Resource Centre for \$25.00.

The first basic card will be issued for free. Replacement cards will cost \$10.00.

Uniform Donations

We are looking for donations of uniform items.

As our community knows, this is a very expensive time for families. We like to try and help families straddle this time of year with loan uniform items.

We would welcome any donations, including shoes.

Student Contact Details

Did your contact details change 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

Kamar Parent Portal Logon

This is a website that provides a window into our Student Management System. By accessing the KAMAR portal you will be able to view the daily notices, student contact details, student timetables and attendance, results, etc.

If you did not receive the email this week with your username and password, please email principal@hvhs.school.nz.

We will check your email is one we have on our system and then send your logon and password through.

The best way to access the portal is to go to our website: www.hvhs.school.nz and use the Kamar Parent Portal link on the quick links drop down menu on the top right hand corner.

Kamar Parent Portal Payments

This is also an easy way to pay for fees and donations using a credit card. You can select exactly how much you want to pay against each charge.

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/>

Careers NZ's new NCEA page

The page helps parents understand NCEA and how to interpret their kids' results. Teens and parents can find practical advice and information on next steps they can take no matter what their teen's results.

Visit the page at careers.govt.nz/ncea

Uniform Costs - help available

Ministry of Social Development clients can now use MyMSD to apply online quickly and easily for help with school uniform and stationery costs.

A quote from the supplier needs to be uploaded and if the cost is approved text or email notification will be received. MSD will arrange a repayment plan.

Office and Resource Centre closure

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 15 February, 8 March and 12 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.

HVHS APP

HVHS 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>



Absence Line

All absences should be reported to **the HVHS APP (details above)**, Absence Line on 560 1568 or emailed to

absences.notification@hvhs.school.nz. Phone calls should then be followed up with a note to the form teacher on the students return. Please state clearly their name, form, date/s absent and the reason why.



Year 9 Meet & Greet Evening Monday 13 February 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm

Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to our Year 9 Meet and Greet to be held on Monday 13 February from 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm. The purpose of the evening is for staff, parents and caregivers to meet each other, put names to faces and establish an important connection between home and school. Working together will be important in ensuring your son/daughters success at HVHS.

Mentor teachers will introduce some of the processes and systems important in the school. You will meet most of your child's core subject teachers, as some are Year 9 mentors and will be hosting their own mentor class on this evening.

This parents evening begins with a welcome from the Principal in the school hall at 7.00 pm. From there you will go with your child's mentor teacher to the room that your child's form class meets in.

Please note this is not an event for students.

Denise Johnson
Associate Principal