



# Hutt Valley High School News

## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

I need to start this week's newsletter with a major thank you to those who responded for my appeal last week for help with donations. It's incredible to see the support that has come in to the school in the last few days. Donations remain the lifeblood of the state system, regardless of the spin various authorities might put on the concept of "free" education. How lovely it would be if it were so. Thank you to all who have helped us, who are helping us, and who plan to help us with ensuring that we can afford to offer the range of educational event that we do.

We have had lovely messages in to the school yesterday following the First XV's win in the local final of the Co-Ed Cup Rugby at the Hutt Rec on Wednesday night. This is a knock-out format competition that was begun in 2008, and neither we nor Wainuiomata had ever been in the final. We won in a 24-12 game that was hard and exciting, and also played in a terrific spirit. One message from Wainuiomata said, "*We wish to congratulate HVHS. Tonight they represented their school with a lot of mana, but were also very humble after their win. Your school should be very proud of your team not only for your win but your sportsmanship displayed after the game.*" That's a brilliant testimonial for the team, and for the large group of our students who watched the game. I have also sent a message to Martin Isberg, Principal of Wainuiomata High School, thanking his students for their sportsmanship and the manner in which their students supported their team.

There are a couple of things that I thought were special, beyond the result with which the team and coaches were thrilled. One is that the boys were able to use the school haka and so were able to give voice in an appropriate manner where just a couple of years ago we didn't have a "language" to express the complex mix of challenge, pride and spirit that is represented in the haka. It's an important new plus in our sporting mix, and it was fitting that Will Rua, who was one of the

core group of students who choreographed the new haka, was able to lead it. The second was moments after the game and before the presentations, when the Wainuiomata players and ours formed an arm-in-arm single large circle. I don't know what was said in that circle and I didn't ask, but the image of fellowship it presented was for me a very powerful visual moment of the true spirit of sportsmanship. It was great to see.

We now host the next round, where the First XV will play the winners of the Manawatu/ Wanganui region knock-out competition.

As we move towards the end of the term, there will be assemblies next week where we recognise some of the good things from this term. Among those is the fact that attendance for every year group in the school is running ahead of last year at this point. No doubt some of that is the weather and the fewer colds etc, but it also reflects a lot of work where families, students and school work together to get the basics right: that students are in classes and learning.

Equally important is the social impact of students who realise that theirs is a privileged upbringing in a country which is so much safer than many others in the world, and where they are in a position to do good for others. In respect of that, last Friday's Mufti Day in support of the Student Council's chosen charity raised \$1,578.20 for World Vision. I look forward to other projects, such as some being planned in response to the Year 9 Deans' challenge to their mentor classes to develop a service to the community project. There are already a couple of such projects under way and they'll make a difference. That kind of work is fundamental to an education that seeks to look after hauora; the wider wellness of a person. It's very much what we are working hard to achieve here.

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This week we have hosted a meeting at HVHS of eight local schools' principals and guidance staff, plus Ministry of Education personnel, to work on setting up a Wellness Cluster for our area. This is a Ministry of Education response to a meeting of the Principals' Reference Group (an MOE group with Greater Wellington area principals representing a variety of schools and of which I am a member) where we expressed concern about the increasing pressures created by social needs within our schools. Guidance staff are under increasing pressure in all schools, as was evidenced by Auckland University's study Survey 2012, the most recent step in an ongoing survey of students' needs around the country. While that report is a little old (and a new one cannot be far away) the tenor of its findings was that stress and anxiety levels in students continue to increase, and the situation has not improved since 2012. The reality for schools is of the need to provide increasing services, all against a background of decreasing accessibility of agency support services. The cluster meeting is an attempt to ensure that our local schools are working closely together so guidance staff are supporting each other irrespective of what their home school is, that they are talking to the various agency support services to increase the level of mutual action, and are working with the MOE both to provide coordination as well as workshops on topical issues in schools. My own hope is that we can also work with the MOE to develop a strong tracking model that lets us monitor the level of the challenge and the shifting nature of its demands, so that national funding models are responsive to the realities experienced by schools and are providing the level of support needed to keep the country's students safe. There is clear enthusiasm for this work, and it can only be good for students' wellbeing in Hutt Valley High School, the wider city and beyond.

Ross Sinclair  
Principal

### Year 9 Enrolments for 2017

The closing date for out of zone applications for students in Year 9 in 2017 is Monday 1 August at 4.00 pm.

If you currently live out of zone and wish to enrol a student for next year, you must apply in the out of zone ballot (even if you have older siblings currently attending).

We would appreciate any in zone applications being made by this date also.

### Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to *City Talk* who came 2nd at Rockquest Regional Finals on Friday night at the Opera House - **Ben Hubmann** 11SR, **Harrison Pratt** 11SR and **Alex Scott-Billing** 11HK (pictured below).



- ★ **Hamish Horan** 12HF who won 4 titles at the Provincial District Archery Association Indoor Champs in Palmerston North in the weekend. This adds to his Champion of Champions Junior Men's Title at the NZ Archery Nationals earlier this year. Well done!
- ★ **Caitlin Thomas-Riley** 11SU also competing in the Wellington Archery Association Indoor Champs in the weekend placed second in the Junior Women's. A great achievement as she was shooting in her first regional tournament,
- ★ **Safari Hynes** 11SR who has been selected in the WMMNA Wellington U23 Men's National Netball Team.
- ★ **Nathan Hartley** 12OV who recently took out the National Junior Drag Sprint Title for the third year running.
- ★ **HVHS 1st XV Rugby Team** who won the Co-ed Cup Final against Wainuiomata College on Wednesday night.
- ★ Also good luck to **Nick Henderson** 13KN who will compete in the Australian State Fencing Championships in Sydney next week as part of the NZ U17 team.

## Enterprise thriving at HVHS

Two recent Market Days have resulted in high sales and profit for Business Studies groups.

A steady stream of customers bought a wide range of products from the Year 12 businesses that sold at The Dowse on Sunday 19 June. Over \$1,310 was taken in sales revenue and around \$150 was raised for local charities.

The annual HVHS Market Day was again packed on Friday 24 June, as hundreds of students visited the 27 stands run by Year 11 and 13 businesses. Products sold included stress balls, cookery books, lip balm, mobile phone accessories, chocolate, candle holders and colouring in books. In total \$1,831 was taken in sales revenue, and with companies taxed 25% on their profits, with the proceeds going to charity, a lot of money was also raised for good causes.

## Hockey Fundraisers

**QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 29 July - School Hall**  
Come and join us for a fun quiz night to help raise funds for our Hockey teams. 7.00-10.00 pm. Teams of up to 10 players, \$10 per ticket, baking, barista coffee available and raffle prizes.

**VIVID PHOTOGRAPHY** are offering a \$250 value photoshoot and 5x7 print for \$20! This is a fantastic offer, of which will contribute to the fundraising efforts for HVHS Hockey teams travelling to Auckland.

Please contact [amanda.wilson@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:amanda.wilson@hvhs.school.nz) if you would like to purchase quiz tickets, a photoshoot or for more information.

## Uniform

The cold weather has struck. Please note that the only warm layers that students may wear are the following:

- Plain black tailored straight-legged trousers
- Long-sleeved blouse or shirt
- HVHS beanie
- HVHS black and white scarf
- White thermal undershirts

Black jeans, black ankle boots, black chinos, black hoodys, coloured hoodys, HVHS sports hoodys and coloured jackets are not part of our daily school uniform and we ask that you ensure your child does not wear these items to school. They may tell you that 'everyone' wears them, but we assure you they do not.

We encourage students to wear a school blazer or plain black jacket as their warm outer layer. Blazers have a high resale at the Resource Centre - so you will be able to recoup some of the purchase costs, especially if the blazer is in excellent condition.

## Looking Ahead

### July

4-8	Year 9 Eye Testing
<b>8</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b>
9-24	School Holidays
<b>25</b>	<b>First Day of Term 3</b>
25-29	Year 11 Eye Testing
<b>28</b>	<b>Australian Mathematics Competition</b>
29	Year 9 Sailing Experience

### August

1	Closing date for Year 9 2017 out of zone enrolment applications
<b>1-5</b>	<b>Careers Week</b>
3	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
<b>3</b>	<b>NCEA and Subject Choice Evening for Parents</b>
4	Careers Expo
<b>5</b>	<b>Year 13 Sport Mud Run</b>
8-12	Year 12 Drama Production
<b>9</b>	<b>Level 3 PE Cultural Sites Trip</b>
9	Refugee Careers Evening
<b>10</b>	<b>Young Enterprise Exam</b>
13	Acoustic Concert at St James Church
<b>13</b>	<b>Celebrating 90 years of HVHS - hosted by the PPFA</b>
15	Whanau Hui, 6.00 pm
<b>16</b>	<b>Year 13 Business YES Conference</b>
17-21	Level 3 PE/Sport Tramp
<b>17</b>	<b>Dance Benefit at Little Theatre</b>
22-26	Year 13 Drama Production
<b>22-23</b>	<b>Year 12 South Coast Camp 1</b>
23	Year 12 Geography Trip
<b>24</b>	<b>Winter Sports Photos</b>

**School Office and Resource Centre closed from 8.30 am to 9.30 am Wednesday 6 July for Professional Development.**

## Scholarship Exam Fees

If there are financial barriers that stop you from paying the entry fee please see Mr Larkin ASAP for assistance.

If you are sitting more than 3 scholarship exams the school will pay for these additional exams e.g HVHS will pay for the 4th, and/or 5th and/or 6th scholarship exam.