



# Hutt Valley High School News

## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you will see from the panels elsewhere in this newsletter, we are having a series of notifications of our students doing well across a range of activities at present. Some I referred to last week in respect of university scholarships for undergraduate study. These now total 22, which is a new record for the school and a strong endorsement of the academic quality of our current Year 13 students.

Last night the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) awards were held, results for which are in the newsletter. The Business Studies course here has an excellent recent track record in YES, including two national finalists last year. The project involves setting up a company to design, package and market a product, and so develops core business skills and an appreciation of the factors that go into an entrepreneurial event. Congratulations both to the students and to their teachers. Consistent national-level performance does not happen by accident; it takes a strong programme with energised and dedicated students who are being taught and mentored by teachers with a passion for the subject. Thanks, too, to the business mentors who volunteer their time to help students work through the challenges of a first foray into the commercial world.

We rely increasingly on volunteers across a wide range of school endeavour, and the business connections – often with ex students of the school – are hugely valuable in broadening the experiences of our students. At last night's Gateway presentations that was very, very clear. Gateway, for those who do not know it, is a senior subject choice which leads students into work placements with companies who agree to be mentors assisting with training in and appreciation of a range of industry types. Some students quickly find their niche while others might try three or four placements before they settle on a vocational direction they wish to follow. The students also do academic work in association with their courses and the programme as a whole has a high credit achievement rate. The core of the whole programme is the willingness of businesses to host our students. The generosity of our wider community in supporting students is brilliant, and to those who offer us help whether in YES or Gateway I want to offer the school's thanks. Both

programmes are very much about the opportunities that are beyond but linked to school and without the business connections they simply could not run.

Last night also saw the Art Department's display and awards evening. There was a good turn-out to see the really strong folios on display. An interesting side line to the folios is the theme of those from Year 11, with a focus on the Petone foreshore and the meeting of Maori and European. Implicit in the imagery is the students' growing understanding of the history of our area and the works reveal an exploration of identity that is as much about place as it is about what lies within us. To me as an observer, this work speaks as much about the community and the school as it does about art. I think it's incredibly invaluable. The wider work on display shows aspects of art's special challenge to explore knowledge through visual means and last night's awards celebrated terrific talent and considerable personal insights.

Currently, we have many of our students either engaged in or about to engage in road shows to our contributing schools, where students of dance, drama and music offer visits to promote the arts and to foster connections between us and the schools from which our students have come. These visits are part of what is a conscious attempt by the school to increase the connections across our community. They are also a chance to promote the arts in general, and the opportunity to perform is a real bonus for our students.

One other such performance night was the recent film evening, the HOSCARS. Those who attended contributed to a collection which saw \$1,311 raised for Wellington Free Ambulance. Thank you to those who provided that help to such a great cause.

Ross Sinclair  
Principal

## Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to the following students who have gained an Alumni Appeal Entrance Scholarship worth \$6,000:  
**Thushayini Paraneetharan** 13SI  
**Suvee Sathiyaseelan** 13DD  
**Maggie Li** 13EL
- ★ Congratulations to **Alexander Calder** 13FX who has been selected for an Otago University Performance Scholarship and a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship both worth at least \$16,000.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who have gained University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships worth \$6,000:  
**Thulacksha Thayarooban** 13TV  
**Eleanor Kelly** 13SI  
**Taylah King** 13SI
- ★ Congratulations to **Sera Rawson** 13DM who has gained an Otago University Academic Excellence Scholarship worth up to \$45,000.
- ★ Congratulations to **Hazel Sisson** 13FX who has gained a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship and a Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship worth \$6,000.

## End of Year details for Senior Students

**Wednesday 19 October to Wednesday 2 November**  
 Normal classes for all senior students

### Thursday 3 November

Year 11 and 12 students - normal classes  
 Year 13 students - final day with a student led assembly in Spell 3 and Principal's BBQ

### Friday 4 November

Year 12 Prizegiving - 9.00 am, school hall  
 Year 11 Prizegiving - 11.45 am, school hall

### Monday 5 December

Year 13 Graduation Ceremony - 7.00 pm, Hutt City Church

Students are expected to wear correct school uniform and parents are welcome to attend. The Year 13 Prizegiving is followed by a supper to which students are asked to bring a plate. These are special occasions and we look forward to sharing them with you.

## Looking Ahead

### October

31-1 Nov Level 3 Health and Safety Course

### November

**2-3 Level 2 Health and Safety Course**  
 3 Last day for Year 13 students  
**4 Year 12 Prizegiving, 9.00 am**  
 4 Year 11 Prizegiving, 11.45 am  
**7-11 International Student Camp**  
 8 Year 9-10 Maori and Pasifika Science Trip  
**10 NCEA Exams begin**  
 11 Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations  
**14-22 Year 9 Camps**  
 24-29 Year 10 Exams  
**28, 30 Year 9 Water Safety Days**  
 30 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

### December

1 Year 9 Water Safety Day  
**5 Year 13 Prizegiving**  
 6-7 Year 12 Student Leaders Camp  
**6 Year 10 Sports Tournament**  
 6 LSU End of Year Show  
**7-8 Year 11 Leadership Course**  
 7-9 Year 10 Production  
**8-13 Contributing school music tour**  
 14 Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.00 am  
**14 Year 9 Prizegiving, 10.30 am**  
 14 Last day of the year

## Parents Learning Difficulty Support Group

Does your child have dyslexia? Or any other Specific Learning Difficulty that makes learning a challenge for them?

You are welcome to come along to the next Parents Learning Difficulty Support Group meeting, Tuesday 1 November at 7.00 pm in the HVHS Staffroom.

For any further information please contact  
[kirsten.edie@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:kirsten.edie@hvhs.school.nz)

## 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

## Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations

These will take place on Friday 11 November. The online booking system is now open for parents and caregivers to book their appointments.

To book your Learning Conversation online go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>, enter the event code q3zrc and follow the instructions. Alternatively please contact Jill Wheeler who will book the appointment for you - [jill.wheeler@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:jill.wheeler@hvhs.school.nz) or phone 566 4584 ext 8819.

Please note that there will be no regular subject classes run on this day. Students in Year 9 and 10 will come in for their Learning Conversation, but will not be required for the rest of the day.

## Young Enterprise Regional Awards

At the Young Enterprise Hutt Valley & Wairarapa Regional Awards, HVHS came 1st over-all, as well as winning 2 out of the 6 regional awards:

1st overall was EASE (**Eireanne Millikin** 13BA, **Megan Rea** 13AE, **Ella Steele** 13LY and **Zara Badrick** 13BR). EASE produced a Coconut Milk Belgium Chocolate drink which they have been selling at Markets and cafes within Wellington region. EASE will now represent the region at the Nationals Finals on 6 December, against 19 other regional winners and compete for the Best YES company in NZ. They are pictured below with Chris Bishop.

In the Regional Awards categories: EASE won Enterprising Innovation and Social Impact was won by Happy Feet (**Micah Rillstone** 13HO, **Caleb Williams** 13LA, **Dylan Pringle** 13EL and **Alexander Butler** 13AE). Happy Feet collected and then donated second hand shoes around the Lower Hutt region.

Congratulations to all the Year 13 students involved in YES this year, including the other 4 teams that also qualified for a regional award.



## College Sport Wellington 2016 Sportsperson of the Year

### 17 finalist nominations

<b>Lucy Bird</b> 13PF	Rowing
<b>Lik De Chun</b> 12EE	Badminton
<b>Amber-Marea Crawford Lamb Platt</b> LSU	Athlete with a disability
<b>Reupera Elliott-Harrison</b> LSU	Athlete with a Disability
<b>Charlotte Galloway</b> 10GEKL	Squash
<b>Moss Grenfell</b> 12HF	Underwater Hockey
<b>Emma Hanson</b> 9HSHR	Table Tennis
<b>Mikayla Lewin</b> 12CV	Softball
<b>Jayme Maxwell</b> 11CR	Cross Country and Road Racing
<b>Phoebe McKnight</b> 10BEPA	Athletics
<b>Paris Nicholson</b> 12DN	Touch Rugby
<b>Tane Rolfe</b> 12WL	Ultimate Frisbee
<b>Annabelle Sik</b> 12RO	Underwater Hockey
<b>Nicholas Smith</b> 12RO	Athletics
<b>Hannah Taylor</b> 13DD	Ultimate Frisbee
<b>Grace Simi Vaofusi</b> 12OC	Basketball
<b>Adam Xiong</b> 13HO	Table Tennis

## Sports Awards Evening

Official of the Year: **Safari Hynes** 11SR

Volunteer of the Year: **Jay Bauman** (parent)

Team of the Year: **Girls First XI Football Team**

Sportsperson of the Year: **Hannah Taylor** 13DD (pictured)





**Sports Awards Evening - Individual Player Awards**

<b>Phoebe McKnight</b> 10BEPA	Female of the Year Athletics
<b>Nicholas Smith</b> 12RO	Male of the Year Athletics
<b>Reupera Elliott-Harrison</b> LSU	Athlete with a Disability Athlete of the Year
<b>Dreamy Yang</b> 12RO	Badminton Female Player of the Year
<b>Lik De Chun</b> 12EE	Badminton Male Player of the Year
<b>Leah Mafua</b> 11KE	Basketball Female Player of the Year
<b>Cambell Stephen</b> 13KN	Basketball Male Player of the Year
<b>Sarah Codyre</b> 10SKTJ	Cricket Female Player of the Year
<b>Liam O'Brien</b> 13KN	Cricket Male Player of the Year
<b>Jayme Maxwell</b> 11CR	Female Cross Country Runner of the Year
<b>Jonathon Roberts</b> 9HABL	Male Cross Country Runner of the Year
<b>Maya Hahn</b> 11MA	Football Female Player of the Year
<b>Jherson Heredia Santamaria</b> 13GU	Football Male Player of the Year
<b>Sian Feeney</b> 13HO	Futsal Player of the Year
<b>Harry Allardyce</b> 9HLYN	Golfer of the Year
<b>Jessie Manning</b> 12PL	Hockey Female Player of the Year
<b>Patrick Langley</b> 12CV	Hockey Male Player of the Year
<b>Madison Hemson</b> 13FX	Lawn Bowls Female Player of the Year
<b>Jemima Jansen</b> 11LO	Netball Player of the Year
<b>Lucy Bird</b> 13PF	Rower of the Year
<b>Caitlyn Lewin</b> 10GEKL	Rugby Female Player of the Year
<b>Zayed Studd</b> 13CK	Rugby Male Player of the Year
<b>Mikayla Lewin</b> 12CV	Softball Female Player of the Year
<b>Taina Te Aonui</b> 10WDST	Softball Male Player of the Year
<b>Charlotte Galloway</b> 10GEKL	Squash Female Player of the Year
<b>James Isberg</b> 13YN	Squash Male Player of the Year
<b>Patrick Langley</b> 12CV	Male Swimmer of the Year
<b>Adam Xiong</b> 13HO	Table Tennis Player of the Year
<b>Jennifer Chuah</b> 12WG	Tennis Female Player of the Year
<b>Alexander Calder</b> 13FX	Tennis Male Player of the Year
<b>Paris Nicholson</b> 12DN	Touch Rugby Female Player of the Year
<b>Israel Price-Vaaitoa</b> 12RI	Touch Rugby Male Player of the Year
<b>Hannah Taylor</b> 13DD	Ultimate Frisbee Female Player of the Year
<b>Tane Rolfe</b> 12WL	Ultimate Frisbee Male Player of the Year
<b>Annabelle Sik</b> 12RO	Underwater Hockey Female Player of the Year
<b>Moss Grenfell</b> 12HF	Underwater Hockey Male Player of the Year
<b>Annie Pula</b> 13RS	Volleyball Player of the Year
<b>Ellen Pye</b> 13MX	Water Polo Female Player of the Year
<b>Hayden Gill</b> 10BEPA	Water Polo Male Player of the Year