



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It might be the penultimate week of school, but we remain as busy as ever. This week we have had the Year 13 Graduation Prizegiving on Monday, the Year 11 and 12 Prizegiving (combined) on Tuesday, the second round of the Year 10 Drama productions (others were in week seven), Year 10 Key Competencies Day run as a sports education day yesterday, and today in Hotuwaipara is Maori Student Leadership Day. There's a lot happening.

I think it worth passing on Bernard Beckett's comments to me yesterday about Year 10 Drama. He says, "Just to let you know about what I consider to be the highlight of our Drama year. We're currently in the last phase of our Year 10 productions....Last night was another spectacular evening, both because of the joyous, inclusive quality of the performances and the high level of support from the actors' peers. We've had just under 120 Year 10s involved directly in these shows, our largest ever cohort, and the special success of this programme has been the large number of kids for whom school has been a real struggle who have got up and performed. With such a large number of students involved, the support across the whole year level has been spectacular. We'll have a total audience of well over 400 for these shows (overall bigger than the musical in this regard) and watching the completely generous support the students have offered one another's work has been a special treat. We almost had to turn audience away last night, and may well yet need to. This is my eleventh year here...(working to build)...a community steeped in the arts. To have finally cracked it in the Hutt feels like a fantastic point for the team to have reached. The perfect end to a delightful performance year."

While all of that has been happening, we've also been farewelling staff who are leaving us this year. Emily Blyth (Literacy Specialist) and Sarah Marchant (English and Y9 Dean) take maternity leave. Matt Barclay (Social Science/Transition); Susan McCallum (Literacy); Angela Whitehead (PE/Science) and Michael Draper (Mathematics) all complete fixed term contracts. From our permanent staff Shane Beverley (Mathematics) leaves us for the MOE, Jasmine Novak (English) heads overseas and Georgia Young (English) leave us to go back north closer to family. Elaine Kelly (Assistant Head of Languages and Head of French) leaves us to return to

her home in Dunedin, where she will teach at Otago Boys' High School. James Hurring (Mathematics, former Head of Maths, and staff member of 17 years' standing) leaves us for what he describes as a change, and will teach next year at Wellington College. We thank all these teachers for the committed work they have done with our students and wish them the best for the next phase of their lives.

In addition to our staff, there are many other people whose efforts make this place what it is. We have a range of people offering their help to the school (and you might have noticed our advertisement seeking contact with pro bono services that can benefit our students). On Monday we had a small morning tea for our reader-writer volunteers who help students with their examinations. In other areas individuals help us in their specialist areas. One such is Eugene Collins, a school parent and a lawyer, who has this year come in to HVHS each Thursday lunchtime to offer free legal advice to students. He's dealt with several circumstances where students' treatment in their starting part-time work positions is not all that it should be, and he says he's really enjoyed helping. He also says he's back next year to continue the service. Eugene - and we thank him for his work - is one of over 200 volunteers who help us across the school's activities and let us offer the range of activities and support we do. Thank you to all the parents, caregivers, wider whanau, students and staff who give so many hours and such energy and skill to our students.

There is an opportunity for others to help, too. One element this week and next is a new tradition for our staff. The term "new tradition" seems an oxymoron, but I'm pretty sure this is one thing that will continue. I'm talking about a shift from giving gifts from teachers to each other, to offering gifts to be forwarded to Women's Refuge to provide Christmas cheer to families who are having a really hard time. Many of our staff now buy presents, mark them as is appropriate (boy aged 10; adult; girl aged 5 etc) and the gifts collect under a Christmas tree in the staffroom. The Bake Club also does a special morning tea, with donations going to the Refuge. I'm sure members of our wider community have their own patterns of observing this time of year,

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but if you want to help with ours, do feel free to drop into the school office a gift as outlined and we'll make sure it gets to Women's Refuge along with our presents.

Guidance tell me that we also have several families in our immediate community that they and the deans are working with. We have three families that are really struggling at present as they have lost jobs and their family income just as we hit the Christmas season. They, too, need help and if you are able to offer cans of food (there's a collection box in Te Korowai - guidance) or a small donation, please get in touch with Claire Ross, who can ensure that help is given. Thank you in advance to any of you who are able to help.

Next week we will publish a list of key awards from the school's prizegivings. To those we have recognised this week, congratulations. More generally, I also want to note that the supervisor for the just-concluded NCEA and Scholarship external examinations has told me that student behaviour was excellent and there were no instances of student malpractice. It's great to hear confirmation that our students act as we expect them to: with integrity and appropriate exam practice. Well done to you all.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Looking Ahead

December

- 4 Year 13 Graduation Prizegiving, 7.00 pm
- 5 **Year 11 and 12 Combined Prizegiving, 10.30 am**
- 7 Maori Student Leadership Day
- 8 **Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations**
- 12 Year 10 Prizegiving, 9.00 am
- 12 **Year 9 Prizegiving, 10.30 am**
- 12 Last day for 2017

Holidays

2018 Start Dates

- 1 February - Year 9 Only
- 2 February - Whole School

Term dates - 2018

- Term 1** Thursday 1 February - Friday 13 April
- Term 2** Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July
- Term 3** Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
- Term 4** Monday 15 October - Thursday 13 December

2017 Yearbook

The 2017 Yearbook will be available in Term 1 2018.

It has been decided to include all details from prizegivings and scholarship examinations so will go to print next year when these have been received.

Pay now before the price goes up next year - resource.centre@hvhs.school.nz

Finishing Times for 2017 Tuesday 12 December

Year 10 Prizegiving - 9.00 am
Students finish approximately 10.15 am

Year 9 Prizegiving - 10.30 am
Students finish approximately 12.00 pm

Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend the prizegivings which will be held in the School Hall.

Resource Centre Hours

Tuesday 28 November - Monday 11 December 2017

Mon/Wed/Thurs 8.00 am - 4.00 pm
Tues/Fri 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

Resource Centre closes at midday on **Tuesday 12 December** for the holidays

2018

Tuesday 23 January - Wednesday 31 January
10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 1 February - Friday 16 February
8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Monday 19 February onwards - back to normal hours
Mon/Wed/Thurs 8.00 am - 1.00 pm
Tues/Fri 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

Payment can be made using cash, cheque, Eftpos and credit cards. Bring your student in now and layby uniform items for next year.

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

Sports Coaching Positions for 2018

The Sports Office is busy getting ready for next year's sports.

We currently still have vacancies for coaching in netball, football, basketball and hockey. If you are willing to help with coaching a team, please contact the Sports Office at sport@hvhs.school.nz and let us know which sport you are interested in helping coach.

NCEA Notices 2017

Change of address and return of examination booklets

Students who have a permanent change of address after 5 December 2017 need to contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 before 31 December in order to update their details, to ensure their booklets get sent to the correct address.

Students will also need to contact the school so we can update our systems as well.

New Zealand Record of Achievement (NZRoA)

The NZRoA for students will not be updated with 2017 results until mid-January 2018. It will then be available in electronic format through the Learner login. Students are entitled to one hard copy free of charge, with further copies costing \$15.30 each.

Reviews and Reconsiderations

Applications for a review or a reconsideration of the 2017 external examination results close on 16 February 2018.

Further details are available [here](#), or search reviews and re considerations on the NZQA site.

Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations

These will take place this Friday 8 December. 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 **cw4pu** and follow the instructions. Alternatively please contact Jill Wheeler who will book the appointment for you - 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.

Pro Bono Design

We are keen to make contact with local businesses who may be able to offer professional services on a pro bono basis for the following design areas;

- Student amenities, landscaping, efficient student flow and school block signage integration
- Whole-of-school electronic student information infrastructure
- Solar energy management feasibility study (cost-benefit, utilization) including analysis of efficient lighting management.

The criteria for this work is a finite project-base with total design values under \$20,000.

Expressions of interest are sought by 20 December 2017. In the first instance, please contact Craig Braun, Executive Officer craig.braun@hvhs.school.nz or phone (04) 570 3556.

2018 Important Basketball dates:

Player Development Session - Senior Boys	Wednesday 7 February, 7.30-9.00 am	Main Gyn
Player Development Session - Junior Boys	Thursday 8 February, 6.45-8.15 am	Main Gym
Player Development Session - All Girls outside of Premier A Team	Friday 9 February, 6.45-8.15 am	Main Gym
Junior A & B Trials	Sunday 11 and 18 February, 8.30-11.30 am	Main Gym
Senior A & B Trials	Sunday 11 and 19 February, 12.00-3.00 pm	Main Gym
Junior & Senior A and B Call Back Trials	Scheduled for Wednesday 21 February if needed	Those students would be notified
Junior C+ Trials	Sunday 25 February and Sunday 4 March, 8.30-11.30 am	Main Gym
Senior C+ Trials	Sunday 25 February and Sunday 4 March, 12.00-3.00 pm	Main Gym
All Girls Trials	These will be advertised in Term 1	

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Jessica Kincaid** 11TJ and **Genevieve Berry** 11VE who made the final squad for the Capital Football FTC 2001/02 Girls which will be competing at the National Age Group U17 Tournament (NAGT) on 13-17 December in Wellington.
- ★ Also **Abby Nicholson** 10DPDY, **Ariana Gray** 9WSML, **Lea Pummer** 9KIPA and **Nea Blackham** are in the Capital Football FTC final 2003 U14 squad playing in the same tournament.
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Track & Field Championships this weekend:
Nick Smith 13KN, **Richard Evans** 11VE, **Jack Hammond** 13RS, **Kaleb Sola** 9CLAE, and **Finn Neely** 13CK.
Nick Smith won the Senior Boys 100m in a quick 10.61, just 0.01 outside the championship record. He also won the 200m final in 21.65.
- ★ Congratulations to **Saskia Hazelwood** 13CV, **Maia Nelson** 13SI, **Moss Grenfell** 13SI and **Charlotte Wilson** 11RG who just came back from the U18 NZ age group underwater hockey tournament.
Moss was in the U18 mens team which placed 2nd.
Maia was in the U18 A Womens team placed 4th.
Saskia and **Charlotte** were in the U18 B team which placed 5th.
Charlotte also received a place in the NZ U18 Training squad.

Book Return 2017

All students need to return all school books borrowed from the Resource Centre and Library during the year.

Years 11-12 can also collect certificates if applicable from the Resource Centre.

Year 13 students can collect their Year 13 pack at the Resource Centre.

The last day for the Resource Centre is Tuesday 12 December 2017 until midday.

Bus Service - 12 December

Please note that due to the staggered finish of junior students on Tuesday 12 December, there will be no buses after final prizegivings.

Normal bus services will run from the Library and Queensgate Mall.

Congratulations

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



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Annabelle Sik

3rd in Year 13 - Chenchen Huang

4th in Year 13 - Andrea Clark

5th in Year 13 - Jack Wellwood

Head Students 2018

We congratulate the following students selected as Year 13 leaders for 2018

- Head Boy:** Safari Hynes
- Head Girl:** Jemima Jansen
- Deputy Head Boy:** Emerik Wallace
- Deputy Head Girl:** Samantha Chapman
- Cultural Captains:** Ben Hubmann and Lisa Philipsen
- Sports Captains:** Matariki Kapea and Maya Hahn
- Service Captains:** Sidamjit Dhaliwal and Bhaavya Mylavarpu
- Junior School:** Russell Syder and Emma Kelly