



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last night we held our Open Evening for Year 8 students potentially enrolling next year. Despite the very bleak weather - ten degrees and rain - we had a packed to overflowing hall and a busy evening. One feature was the number of students who are at other schools mooting a change, interested in both the school culture and the huge range of opportunities both in and outside the classroom. If they are in-zone, they will be able to make such a change, but it is unlikely we will have room otherwise. At Year 9 for next year we anticipate continuing strong demand for places and projections suggest that we will have only thirty out of zone spaces to offer. It's a good place to be, in terms of building demand for the school, but tough on families who would like their children to come here but are reliant on the ballot system producing that outcome. Thank you to the staff and well over one hundred volunteer student guides who were here last night to show visitors around.

I have mentioned many times our gratitude for the practical support we receive from our community and that number of references is because that support is so extensive. I want to acknowledge this week the very substantial pro bono work done by Front-End Solar Technologies in the feasibility study they have just done for the school. The school is proceeding to implement the reports recommendations and we are in discussion with the Ministry of Education, the Transpower Community Trust, Meridian Energy, Genesis Energy, and several Sustainable Energy Association of New Zealand (SEANZ) Wellington-based suppliers. The plan has some exciting options for the energy future of the school.

I also want to thank Hutt Intermediate School for allowing us to use their site as an extreme event evacuation and reunification site, as outlined in material sent out yesterday. It's a generous step on their part to allow us to merge our plans with theirs for extreme event forward-planning.

I mentioned last week the incredible run of performing arts events occurring in the school, and I need to say more on that. It's not just the case of a lot of events, it's the level at which they are happening that is very rewarding. Last week the "We'll Meet Again" troupe took their show to perform to the National Women's Institute, an audience of 400 plus. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings "Talking to a Stranger", teacher Bernard Beckett's new two hour three cast members - one each from Years 11, 12 and 13 - debuted. On Friday the four cast members of "Two Nights" performed two performances for teachers from across the region at the Wellington High School-hosted Loop Day. Then on Saturday

the students who won the regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Competition with their witches scene from "Macbeth" went to the Nationals at the Michael Fowler Centre where they received a standing ovation and where, among the country's performing elite, they won Best Elizabethan Performance and Tom Blair 13YU won Best Actor. Meanwhile our two groups in the 48 Film Competition, where teams have two days to devise and film a tale, have been told the regional decision that their entries have both been nominated for Best School Film and will go forward to the finals. HVHS Pandas have also been nominated for the Best Puddle Shot, which is literally a shot of a puddle that all films had as a compulsory element. That nomination is a competition-wide category which includes all entrants, not just schools. And if that isn't enough, four of our dance teams performed in the Hutt Valley Performing Arts Competition at the Little Theatre, and against independent dance schools and other companies came away with two first place awards. A Hutt Valley High School group also did a demonstration performance to open the New Zealand One Dance Competition at the Te Rauparaha Arena in front of hundreds of dance people. There is a chance for members of the school community to see them perform at the Dance Benefit, advertised elsewhere in the newsletter.

What a week! This is a hugely successful period in the life of the school's performing arts. In part, this momentum is coming from a conscious choice to get out into the community and project who we are. Mix in drama's decision to pitch their material at social awareness and life-affirming works, and to operate a touring philosophy where shows have the "legs" to be taken to other schools and venues. Add the strength of dance in the school and the eagerness to accept performance challenge. Pour in the musicians' current and pending work - Jazz Festival today and Big Sing coming up, as well as the Chamber music competition. Add 11RI student William Berry's selection as one of 16 national finalists in the Wallace National Junior Piano Competition in July and it is really clear that the school has a huge talent pool and it is flowering. That doesn't happen by chance and I'm sure I speak on behalf of our community when I say thanks to the seriously gifted teachers who are pouring hours and hours into this work and creating the environment when talent can soar.

A quick thank you: today we have a mufti day organised by the Service Captains, where students were asked to donate a can or cans of food to go to the Lower Hutt Food PTO

Bank. They will be thrilled by the small mountain of cans they are about to get. Thank you to students and whanau for getting behind the day and the very good cause it aims to help.

Finally, I need to mention that next week we will have the Education Review Office in the school. They will be doing their regular exercise of looking at how well we are advancing students' success. I hope they see the school I see; a place where a really diverse and inclusive community - I counted 54 ethnicities yesterday - enjoys enormous success.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Looking Ahead

June

- 8 Jazz Festival
- 9-10 **Chamber Music Festival**
- 12 Year 11 Maori Pasifika Day at Victoria University
- 13-14 **Dance Benefit, 7.00 pm**
- 18-22 Year 11 Production
- 18 **Big Sing**
- 19 Wanganui Sports Exchange
- 20 **Year 12 and 13 Geography Trip**
- 21 CSW Swimming Championships
- 22 **Maori Leadership Day 2**
- 22 Rockquest Regional Finals
- 22 **Japanese Schools Trivia Quiz**
- 23 Chamber Music Centrals
- 25-29 **Year 11 Production**
- 25-29 Year 13 PE Camps
- 27 **St Marks Lunchtime Concert**
- 29 House Kahoot Competition

July

- 2-6 Year 11 Production
- 4 **Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm**
- 5 Polyfest
- 6 **Last Day of Term 2**
- 7-22 School Holidays
- 23 **First Day of Term 3**

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **William Berry** who has been selected from a DVD audition of a 20 minute recital programme to be in the top 16 of the 'Wallace National Junior Piano Competition'. It is then a gruelling 4 day competition for these 16 in July.
- ★ Last week we took 29 students to the CSW Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs. Congratulations to all the competitors who were there representing HVHS.
Jayme Maxwell 13LB came 3rd and **Nina Simmons** 11PF came 8th in the Senior Girls 4km race.
Good luck to **Jayme, Nina and Reuben Goldingham Newsom** 13KN who are all competing in the Cross Country and Cross Country Relay Championships in Taupo, June 16/17.

2017 Yearbook has arrived

If you ordered one it can be collected from Tuesday 5 June at the Resource Centre between the hours of
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 8.00 am - 1.00 pm
Tuesday and Friday - 10.30 am - 4.00 pm



Health Notices

Tummy Bug, Vomitting or Diarrhoea?

If your child has had a bout of vomitting or diarrhoea please keep them home from school for 48 hours after the last episode. This is to ensure we limit the spread of infectious tummy bugs within the school. This is a Ministry of Health recommendation for schools.

Recent NZ Blood Drive at HVHS

Thank you everyone for your contribution to the latest blood drive at Hutt Valley High School. We had a fantastic turnout!

Here is how we did:

Total number of people attended: 71
Deferred (unable to donate after nurse interview): 22
New donors: 36
Total donations collected: 49
Lives helped/saved = 147

Well done team - 36 new donors is especially awesome.

Gateway Placements Needed

The HVHS Gateway programme is looking for work placement providers one day or a morning or afternoon a week to provide a learning environment for Gateway students while they are still studying at school.

Students work as volunteers looking to gain work skills and experience. Our students need an adult mentor to provide a learning environment in the following careers pathways. Placements required for students are -

- Electrician
- Game Designer
- Digital Artist
- Builders
- Drone photography
- Architect
- Beauty
- Tourism
- Costume design
- Chef
- Acting
- Animal Care
- Outdoor Recreation
- Personal training
- Event Management
- Land Surveying
- Youth worker
- Film
- Interior design
- Radio
- Flight Attending
- Diesel mechanic
- Paramedics

If you have any contacts with business or anyone that may help, please contact Meghan McKeefry on meghan.mckeefry@hvhs.school.nz.

Entertainment Books

Support HVHS Dance Academy by purchasing your new 218/19 Membership today - <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9g21313>

Take advantage of the new Entertainment Books and Digital memberships and all of the fabulous deals on offer!

Free Hearing and Vision Clinics for Students

These will be held at Hutt Hospital, High Street, Lower Hutt (2.00 to 3.00 pm) and Whai Oranga O Te Iwi Health Centre, 7 The Strand, Wainuiomata (morning) on the following days:

7 May, 2 July, 6 August, 3 October, 5 November and 3 December.

Class Photographs are now live

Class photographs may be downloaded for electronic record keeping at inphotography.nz/store. The passcode has been emailed out to all families. If you wish to order printed copies you may 'add to cart' and they will be delivered to you directly.

Individual portraits remain available online as electronic downloads or printed packages also. To preview yours go to inphotography.nz/store and find the HVHS portrait category. Your passcode for these is your unique ID number as found on your ID card including the alpha characters at the end. Eg 12345ab.

All photographs are subject to the INphotography privacy policy as found at www.inphotography.nz. If you have any queries regarding the photos, please contact inphotography direct on 570 1913 or orders@inphotography.co.nz.

Uniform Price Increase

Due to an increase in cost from our suppliers, the prices on all uniform items will be increasing from 1 June 2018.

There may be limited amounts of stock available at current prices until the end of Term 3.

Office and Resource Centre closure

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 20 June and 4 July between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to whole school professional development.

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