



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Malo ni, Bula Vinaka, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Malo le soifua maua

We are delighted that our Poly Club is back up and running. Huge thanks must go to Grace Tafili, Mary Tanuvasa-Tutogi, Selina Alefosio, Moe Tafili, Manutala'aho Siale-Fine and especially teacher Sheena Anglesey. The HVHS Poly Club have been working hard to prepare a performance bracket for the annual Hutt Festival on Friday 7 July. They will be showcasing their performance on Monday 3 July at 6.30 pm in the School Hall for family and friends. This evening is an important part of the group's preparation for the Festival - students will receive feedback and advice about their performance bracket, from their own families at the end of the evening. If you are planning to come to this special evening, we ask that families also bring along a plate of food to share at the end of the performance. Tickets for the Festival on the 7 July are available from Walter Nash Stadium.

"SHIFT IT" - Shift is a wonderful programme being offered to our young women at HVHS. Over 55 girls attended a Zumba session on the first Friday and 35 girls attended a yoga session on the following Monday. 10 students attended an Empowerment Conference on Friday 23 July. There is a 20 week Leadership Programme planned that involves Year 11 and 12 girls. The aim of the programme is to: Increase awareness of wellbeing; reduce barriers to participation by providing fun, social low cost physical activity opportunities and financial support; empower young women to make change by growing leaders and social entrepreneurs through programmes and mentoring. See link below for more details - [Shift](#). The programme is open to all girls.



There are several exciting trips heading away these coming holidays:

The LA DANCE TOUR

On Saturday 8 July a team of 24 young dancers from HVHS are departing for a 12 days action packed dance experience in Los Angeles, USA. In LA, they will take classes with some of the worlds best choreographers, perform in front of an international audience in Disneyland and on Hollywood Blvd, enjoy seminars with industry experts on how to make a successful career in dance, and immerse themselves in all things Hollywood from theme parks to behind the scenes of movies and TV.



The troupe have been fundraising since February last year and have trained incredibly hard over the last 3 months learning the choreography for their 30 minute showcase. Under the direction and coaching of Catherine Lambert the dancers are thrilled to be performing their showcase on Wednesday 5 July at 6.00 pm in the school hall. The team would like to thank their parents, family, friends, teachers and the wider community all of their support and best wishes.

Rock Quest Regionals

Simon Buxton's band Ampathy came 2nd at Regional Finals last night. Simon now has three weeks to submit a 15 min video of their songs to proceed into the next round of judging.

Dillon Nickel has had a great few weeks. First an award for best student accompanist at Big Sing (piano accordion), then Best Performance of a NZ Composition AND a Highly Commended at Wellington Chamber Music (piano), he also performed at Rockquest Regional Finals last week in Wellington (drums) and at Lower North Island Chamber Music last weekend in Napier.



School Docs

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our Board of Trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <http://hvhs.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www"!). Our username is hvhs and password Adalta; or follow this link for our website: <http://www.hvhs.school.nz/about-us/governance/policies-and-procedures/>

Denise Johnson
Acting Principal

Year 9 Enrolments for 2017

The closing date for out of zone applications for students in Year 9 in 2017 is Monday 31 July 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.

Derived Grade Process for Students Selected for National Representation

Students who have been selected for National Representation in a sport or approved activity can apply for a derived grade for the end of year exams that they will miss. The application must be approved in advance by NZQA using a specific application form.

Please see Mr Larkin for this process. The derived grade, if accepted, will be the grade that you achieve in the school exams.

The information that you need to provide is

- documentation of national selection
- the dates of the event
- a copy of travel arrangements
- evidence of actual participation (provided after the event).

Applications need to be in ASAP and by 1 November at the latest. Please note that applications will not be considered by NZQA after the event.

Absence Line

All absences should be reported to the **HVHS APP**, 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.



Free Legal Advice for Students

Mr Eugene Collins, Partner of Collins and May Law firm will be available to give free legal advice to Year 12 and 13 students each Thursday during lunch time (1.30 pm – 2.15 pm).

Please book an appointment with the HVHS Office.

Kamar Parent Portal Logon

If you have lost or forgotten your username and password for the parent portal, 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.

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Simon (11BT) Buxton's** band *Ampathy* who came 2nd at the Regional Rockquest Finals last weekend.
- ★ Congratulations to **Phoebe McKnight** 11BE and **Jayme Maxwell** 12CR who have been selected in the NZSSAA Cross Country Team to travel to Hobart in August.

Year 12 and 13 Students

University of Auckland will be holding an information evening in the Members Gallery, Westpac Stadium, Wellington on Monday 3 July and Wednesday 9 August.

Please arrive from 6.30 pm with the presentation starting at 7.00 pm. This is to help parents and students to find out more about studying at Auckland. Please register now by email www.auckland.ac.nz/parents

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.

HVHS APP

HVHS have a Mobile App for notices, events, important school messages and to send in absence information. To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://onelink.to/w5btbdp>

NCEA Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) Information Evening

Special Assessment Conditions are provided for students who have good subject knowledge but for whom there is a barrier which prevents them from demonstrating their knowledge.

An information evening on NZQA Special Assessment Conditions will be held on Tuesday 25 July, 6.00-7.30 pm. The evening will be presented by Robyn Deverall Head of Special Programmes at HVHS, and person in charge of making SAC applications.

Please RSVP if you are interested in coming along to Jane Knight: jane.knight@hvhs.school.nz

Looking Ahead

July

- 5 LA Dance Tour Showcase, 6.00 pm
- 5 **Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm**
- 6 Shave for a Cure event
- 6 **Scholarship Chemistry Trip**
- 7 Polyfest Performance
- 7 **Last day of Term 2**
- 8-23 School Holidays
- 24 **First day of Term 3**
- 25 NCEA Special Assessment Conditions Information Evening, 6.00 pm
- 27 **Australian Mathematics Competition**
- 27 Year 13 Media Trip
- 31 **Closing date for Year 9 Out of Zone Applications**

August

- 1 Whanau Steering Group, 6.00 pm
- 2 **Year 12 Economics Trip**
- 2 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

Shave for a Cure

We are getting closer and closer to our goal of \$5,000 for our Shave for a Cure, Blood and Leukaemia Cancer fundraiser this term. We have several amazing students who have agreed to go completely bald and we would love our school and wider community to get behind us. Please follow the link below to donate and support this fantastic cause. If we reach \$5,000 our Deputy Principal Mr Fox has agreed to wax his legs!

[Shave for A Cure donation link](#)

Thank you for taking the time to help us out.

Michaela Judson and Jack Wellwood
Service Captains 2017

Office and Resource Centre Closure

The Office and Resource Centre will be closed on Wednesday 5 July between 8.30 and 9.30 am due to whole school professional development.

Uniform Donations

Any donations of no longer used uniform items would be appreciated. We use these to lend to students throughout the year. Please drop to the main office.