



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last week we had the great news that Leah Mafua 13KE was awarded one of eleven inaugural Tania Dalton Foundation Scholarships. Leah is a basketballer who last year made the NZ Under 18 Women's Team and whose immediate goal is to make the Junior Tall Ferns, with her long term aspirations including playing professionally overseas.

The scholarship is a national award, made in the name of the memorial foundation set up to honour Tania Dalton's memory and involves practical, mentoring, and development opportunities, plus financial support over the next three years. The scholarships seek to help highly talented young sportswomen realise their dreams. It is lovely to see Leah recognised in this way and even better to see the practical help the scholarship will provide over a period that covers the transition from school to tertiary education. It's a brilliant award, named for one of New Zealand's most inspiring recent sportswomen, and it will offer an incredible step up for Leah. It is an honour for her to be marked out as a nationally prominent young sportswoman.

Last week I mentioned several sports and their activities, and such an exercise always fills me with dread for the one I might omit. That list was sound, but what I did omit to do was congratulate our HVHS Mixed Team for their overall win in the Dragon Boating Festival held the previous weekend. Both our teams "left it all on the water" and did a great job of representing the school.

Similarly, last weekend our Mixed Touch team acquitted themselves very well. They competed in the Regional Zone Tournament in Palmerston North and finished top of their pool. They could not quite keep that form going and lost narrowly in the final 9-8 to Cullinane College. Their second placing was a great result and means they will represent Hutt Valley High School in the Mixed Touch Nationals in Auckland later in the year.

Last weekend was particularly busy for many students. In addition to the last weeks of summer sport, many of

our students also took part in the Cancer Society Relay for Life. Over 200 participants were organised by our Service Captains Bhaavya Mylavarpu and Sid Dhaliwal to take part in the fund-raiser, which took the form of a relay around Frank Kitts Park in central Wellington, with the event beginning in the afternoon and going through the night until 8-30am on Sunday. There was a lovely bubbling of community energy amongst our students and I congratulate them on their attitude and style. Although it is not a race, the students were pleased to come in sixth in terms of laps run and because laps are sponsored, that was all good for the Cancer Society. We can't declare a total yet, as there is another fund-raiser to come before we send off the proceeds to the Cancer Society. Meanwhile, thank you to friends and family who sponsored runners, to the runners who clocked up many laps of the 500m circuit, to staff who ensured all was well during what is a long nocturnal haul and a special vote of thanks to Mr Fox, who was there for the entire event.

Finally this week, a word of thanks to the liaison students and the Y13 student leaders who have run the Year 9 Dance on Wednesday night. Dances are tricky things; increasingly difficult to staff over the years as they create another evening when teachers are not at home with their families. They are certainly enjoyed by the students, who I'm sure are grateful for all the work that goes into organising and supervising the evening. The liaisons treat this as one of their major highlights of the year and they do a great job of organising, decorating the hall, and leading the energy and activity. Thank you all for making the evening such fun.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Looking Ahead

March

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| 21-28 | Suginami High School Visit |
| 23 | Year 12 and 13 Japanese Trip |
| 27-28 | Gateway Health and Safety Course |
| 27 | Year 12 Leadership Trip |
| 28 | Wanderer's Cricket Match |
| 28 | Year 11 English Language Trip |
| 28 | Maori Leadership Day |
| 28 | Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm |
| 30 | Good Friday Holiday |

April

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| 2 | Easter Monday Holiday |
| 3 | Easter Tuesday Holiday |
| 4 | University of Otago Junior Mathematics Competition |
| 5 | Summer Sports Photos |
| 5-6 | Health and Safety Courses |
| 9 | Civil Defence Student Training Day |
| 11 | PPFA AGM, 7.30 pm |
| 12 | Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations |
| 12 | Senior Independent Study Day |
| 13 | Last Day of Term 1 |
| 30 | First Day of Term 2 |

May

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| 2 | Senior Parent Teacher Interviews |
| 8 | Senior Parent Teacher Interviews |

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property at the moment. Please name items - it makes it easier to return.

If your student has lost an item of uniform, please get them to come to the student office and get a lost property form. Even if the item is not named, we may be able to identify it and return it.

Hutt Valley High School
Past Pupils and Friends Association Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 7.30pm in the
 HVHS Staffroom

All past students welcome.

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to our **Dragon boating** teams: Team 1 won the A Grade Final for mixed teams and Team 2 came 4th. Team 1 didn't lose a race all day.
- ★ Congratulations to **Emily Jones** 9TADN who completed at the Horse of the Year Show last week. She was Reserve Champion in both the Under 14s Pairs Championship and the Under 17s Team Championship. Her team also won the Irish Piper Trophy for the highest placed Under 14s riders within the Under 17s competition.

2017 Yearbook Update

The printing of the yearbook changed last year in order to include all 2017 results.

We await the publication of final NZQA results for 2017 which occurs on 31 March. The Yearbook will then go to print which takes 10 working days so it will be available at the beginning of Term 2 each year from now on.

Thursday 12 April 2018

On Thursday 12 April the school will be holding Year 9 and Year 10 learning conversations. All Year 9 and 10 students and their mentors will be involved in learning conversations with students', parents and caregivers. Students in Years 9 and 10 will come into school for their learning conversation, but will not be required for the rest of the day. The day is very much part of the students' programme and school uniform should be worn as usual.

Details on how to book your learning conversation have been emailed home and were in last week's newsletter.

Students in Year 11, 12 and 13 will opt for workshops running here at school or for independent study at home, working on NCEA internal assignments.

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.