



# Hutt Valley High School News

## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week's big event is the Past Pupils and Friends' Association Celebration of the 90th. Tomorrow we will welcome ex students to a celebration, including the annual Music Department Concert, moved to the day (2.00 pm at St James' Church) so that all can enjoy the artistic talent of today's students. We have – through the work of archives – assembled memorabilia of the school's previous days, and the historical items will be off-set against some of the other elements of today, such as the "big picture" we took earlier in the year in anticipation of tomorrow. There are quite a few people involved in the day's events, not least the current students who will act as guides in tours of the school, those rehearsing drama in the hall and those performing in the concert. It should be a lovely fusion of memory and the present. Thank you to all those involved in the day.

Congratulations to Tuauri Reriti Fata-Meafou 11MO who has this week returned from attending an international student event in Hawaii. The Partnership for Youth: Shaping Vision 2030 Leadership Forum brought together students from around the Pacific rim, was organised by the East-West Centre's AsiaPacificEd Programme and was sponsored by the Hiroshima Prefectural Board of Education. Tuauri, who is one of the school's significant group of young Maori leaders, met other students from the wider region and took part in forum activities discussing issues facing our part of the world.

Congratulations, too, to Year 11 students who have taken first and third places in this week's Maatangi Whenua Inter-School Geography Competition. This is a region-wide competition, and the students have done us proud. They are Lydia Smith 11LO, Adam Kitchen 11VY, Joel Haste 11VY, Alice Ihaka 11LO, Jayme

Maxwell 11CR and Andrew Ross 11MA. Well done to you all.

While I am on the subject of things academic, it's good to see a solid entry for this year's scholarship examinations. The scholarship exam is quite different from Level 3 NCEA and tests other skills. It is unashamedly pitched at a demanding level, and 73 of our senior students have entered one or more of these examinations. We remain third overall in the greater Wellington region for the last five years in terms of scholarships won and there is every indication that this year's students will do well.

As we look forward to next year, one of the processes is the annual ballot for out of zone places in Year 9. This year we will have a substantial; wait list, as there is strong demand for places in the school. While that is an encouraging sign of support, such demand can never be taken for granted, and we will not fall into that trap. In fact, currently there is a good deal of work going in to survey our students about how they perceive their experience at school and what we can do to make their learning more effective. The responses will be fed back to the Board of Trustees for their input as we develop our strategic steps to ensure that we offer the best possible pathway for each individual student. By this means, we ensure that the big school that we are is an asset to our students, offering both breadth of choice and a fully focused and individualised attention to each person. That's the goal, and there's plenty of work happening to make sure that we keep developing what we do.

Ross Sinclair  
Principal



## Congratulations to:

- ★ **Charlotte Galloway** 10GEKL who won the Girls Division in the College Sport Wellington Squash Championships.
- ★ **Paris Nicholson** 12DN who won the Girls Senior Division in the College Sport Wellington Table Tennis Individual Squash Championships.
- ★ **Oliver Pickering** 9HAML has been selected for the Callaghan Innovation and NZQA STEM award inspiring Maori students into Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. He will attend a boot camp in San Francisco run by a Stanford University graduate in the second week of the next school holidays.
- ★ **Oliver Wrigley** 11KE and **Peter Allot** 12EE who made the U16 Wellington Rugby team.
- ★ **William Rua** 12HF, **Mitchell Stringer** 12MM, **Zachary Vaughan** 12OV, **Piri Bradshaw** 12KS, **Xavier Mason** 12 RI and **Alex Starbuck** 13LY who have been called into the Wellington U18 rugby training camp.
- ★ Congratulate to the following students: **Adam Kitchen** 11VY, **Joel Haste** 11VY, **Lydia Smith** 11CR, **Andrew Ross** 11MA, **Jayne Maxwell** 11CR and **Alice Ihaka** 11LO who competed at the Maarangi Whenua Geography competition last night. Our teams came first and third - narrowly missing out on second place by 1 point!

## 2016 NZQA Fees

NCEA Fees, including Scholarship fees are due by 31 August.

Level 1, 2 and 3 - \$76.50 per student (the money covers internal and external standards). Scholarship - \$30.00 per exam .

Students have August to pay their NCEA fees at the Resource Centre. From September students can make NCEA fee payments online to NZQA.

Late fee: The late fee of \$50.00 will be applied from 1 December 2016.

If there are financial barriers that stop you from paying the entry fee please see Mr Larkin ASAP for assistance. Financial Assistance forms are also available at the Resource Centre.

## Looking Ahead

### August

- 13 Acoustic Concert at St James Church, 2.00 pm
- 13 **Celebrating 90 years of HVHS - hosted by the PPFA**
- 15 Whanau Hui, 6.00 pm
- 16 **Year 13 Business YES Conference**
- 17 First XI Football vs PNBHS
- 17-18 **Dance Benefit at Little Theatre**
- 22-26 Year 13 Drama Production
- 22-23 **Year 12 Sport and Outdoor Ed Trip**
- 23 Year 12 Geography Trip
- 24 **Winter Sports Photos**
- 28-2 Sept Winter Sports Tournament Week
- 30 **Mathswell Competition Year 9**
- 31 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

### September

- 1 Mathswell Competition Year 11

## School Office and Resource Centre Closure

Wednesday 17 August - 8.30 - 9.30 am


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## TRIATHLON & DUATHLON

**Run 4.2km**  
**Bike 13km**  
**Swim 300m**



**Run 4.2km**  
**Bike 13km**  
**Run 2.5km**

**WHEN:** THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – 1PM START

**WHERE:** STARTS ON STOPBANK ST. ALBANS GROVE  
FINISHES AT HUIA POOL

**WHO:** FREE FOR ALL CURRENT STUDENTS  
\$10 ON THE DAY FOR EVERYONE ELSE

**WHY:** BECAUSE IT'S A FUN NON-COMPETITIVE EVENT

**REGISTER NOW:**  
<https://goo.gl/forms/v3slbyNlnHdM4XL52>





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