



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we approach the end of the year, it seems the pace of school life is unrelenting. We've had the Year 9 Camps, with some wonderful moments for students who went to the Sounds, as well as those who took part in the local activity cycles at Percy's Reserve and Day's Bay. Thank you to the Year 9 Deans Sarah Marchant and Matt Harrison, and to Ria Edmonds and Bernard Beckett, all of whom were central to the organisation and supervision of the activities. Thanks, too, to staff who made time at a very busy time of year and in some instances despite personal family pressures to supervise, encourage, exhort and applaud as the students enjoyed a whole range of new experiences.

For Year 9 the next major sequence is Water Safety Day, where all students are taught core survival skills linked to our island existence. These skills are part of our effort to ensure the wellness of all our students, especially in the light of the quickly approaching summer holidays and the water-associated activities so common in our Kiwi lifestyle. Again, thanks to the staff who are organising these key safety sessions.

Last week we saw the wellness theme being picked up in our wider area in the form of our hosting a session run by the New Zealand Psychological Society. They presented two evening seminars in the staffroom on youth wellbeing. The two sessions were:

- The Emotional Life of Young People
- Growing Great Adults: An Introduction to Values-Based Parenting
- and
- The sessions were well-received, with a packed room of interested parents/caregivers and staff from around the Hutt area.

Next year we will continue to work to highlight the broader issue of wellness within our school community, so that we work consciously to address the "health" part of Health and Safety. Already, the Board has approved additional staffing to support an increase in counselling support hours for our guidance team so they can deal with the increased levels of anxiety and outside-school issues that are reported right across the country and which we, too, are experiencing. Without wanting to get too far into the politics of the matter, we now provide support levels for guidance that are now in the region of an additional \$65,000 beyond what the funding system thinks is needed. Our students need to be safe and we will provide the support they need to have the help they require as they deal with the pressures of the teenage experience.

On a completely different note, I want to let our community know that one of our staff, English Head Fiona Pearson, was recently awarded a Woolf Fisher Scholarship which will fund her to travel overseas for a three week educational study next year. These are highly prestigious awards for which one cannot apply; awardees are selected as being outstanding members of their profession. While I and the staff have congratulated Fiona, I'm sure I speak for our wider community when I offer her our best wishes as she takes up this exciting professional opportunity.

Ross Sinclair
Principal

Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations **Chenchen Huang** 13CV who has won an Auckland University Top Achiever Scholarship valued at \$20,000.
- ★ Congratulations to **Dylan Sukha** 13WL who has received a Hutt Mana Charitable Trust Energy Scholarship worth \$1,500.
- ★ For the second consecutive year, **Caitlin Thomas-Riley** 12SU, has retained the Junior Women's Archery Championship Shield .
- ★ The following students have been awarded scholarships for the University of Canterbury valued at \$5,000:
Conor Cussins 13OV
Paige Hansen 13JD
Ashley McBride 13PL
Branden Mogg 13RS
Samuel Pennington 13OV
- ★ Our Junior Boys 3x3 Basketball Team came 2nd in the College Sport Wellington Junior Competition yesterday. (out of 17 teams... but you don't need to write that!!!)
Thijs Turner 10BLM
Caleb Taylor 10BLM
Jack Giddens 10BLM
Lachlan Connell 10TAN

Looking Ahead

November

- 23-28 Year 10 School Exams
- 29-30 Year 9 Water Safety Days**
- 29 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

December

- 1 NCEA Exams end
- 4 Year 9 Water Safety Day**
- 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

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.

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/w5btdp>



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 Philippsen
- Sports Captains:** Matariki Kapea and Maya Hahn
- Service Captains:** Sidamjit Dhaliwal and Bhaavya Mylavarpu
- Junior School:** Russell Syder and Emma Kelly

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.

Resource Centre Hours

Normal hours till Monday 27 November

Mon/Wed/Thurs 8.00 am - 1.00 pm

Tues/Fri 10.30 am - 4.00 pm

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 holidays

2018

Tuesday 23 January - Wednesday 31 January

10.00 am - 4.00 pm

Thursday 1 February onwards

To be advised

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.

Uniform Donations

Donations of used uniform items gratefully accepted to give to students. Especially needed are boys pants, boys white shirts, girls skirts and girls white shirts.

Items needing minor mending welcomed.

BUS SERVICE, Wednesday 29 November

On Wednesday 29 November 2017, Go Wellington and Valley Flyer buses will stop running public services from 9.30 am and recommence again at 2.00 pm.

The purpose for this stoppage is to enable our drivers to attend a union stop work meeting

NZ Bus apologises for the inconvenience this make cause your students.

Year 9 and 10 Learning Conversations

These will take place on 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.

NCEA Results Publication January 2018

- Results notices show NCEA results from previous years.
- Students can order their own results documents from their Learner Login by the end of December 2017 to receive in mid January 2018.
- NCEA results notices will only be sent to those who order one.
- Students who will not have computer access at the time results are released in January and require one, can order a printed result notice (for NCEAs) from their Learner Login.
- Scholarship result notices will be sent to all students.

Reconsideration and review applications for 2017 NCEA and Scholarship external examination results

- Candidates will be able to apply online for NCEA and Scholarship re considerations using their Learner Login. Students who do not have access to a computer should contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 for a copy of the reconsideration application form.
- There are no changes to the review application process. Students should go online and print off a copy of the NCEA or Scholarship review form from their Learner Login.
- Access to the reconsideration and review forms will become available shortly after the return of examination booklets.

Change of address and return of examination booklets

Student who have a permanent change of address after 1 December need to contact NZQA on 0800 697 296 before 31 December to ensure booklets are sent to the correct address.

Term dates - 2018

- Term 1** Monday 29 January (TOD) - 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