



# Hutt Valley High School News

## Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

The school is moving rapidly towards the phase of the year when seniors are heavily in examination mode. The derived grade exams are done and most of the marking, too. It's an exhausting time for staff as they work to provide feedback on what students have done well and on the gaps to be addressed before the final examinations. There are still moments focused on other aspects, however.

Congratulations to those whose work featured in the week's HOSCARS, the Media Studies grand night where short film talent is showcased. The students decided that any proceeds from the night would go to the Mental Health Foundation, so the evening combined fun and energy with practical support for community wellbeing.

On Tuesday, we held the fourth Hotuwaipara Awards night, a time to recognise outstanding achievement by Maori students and to celebrate the strength of our community. Guest speaker Sir Mark Solomon (Ngai Tahu) spoke of his wide experience of the Treaty settlement process and argued a strong case that the demographic trends whereby in the future New Zealand the majority will not be Pakeha means there is an absolute need for Maori and Pacific students to excel and so take their place leading our society. It's great to see that process occurring here in the school, and for the future of our country we absolutely have to do a great job in the education we offer here.

Meanwhile, another group of students went with Ms Clarke to the "Got a Trade, Got it Made" event on Wednesday. Feedback from the organisers about our students was excellent. They were really impressed with the 12 students we took; their presentation, attitude and their interview strength. As we approach the year's end, Penny Clarke is working flat out to help students to explore the many possibilities open to them and in several cases connect them with employers who are signing them up for apprenticeships or paid employment. We are keen that as our senior year moves towards graduation from the school, each has a pathway that is meaningful, viable and offers the next step towards becoming a successful, happy and engaged adult making a positive contribution to New Zealand society. The students know that Penny will go to extraordinary lengths to make that happen for them.

For those who want to see the fruits of our students' artistic creativity - and a great deal of hard work - the Art Department invites you all to attend the Senior Art Show. They will be setting up in the Student Centre during the day on Monday 30th and the display will remain up

until Spell 5 on Tuesday. They have an open time for viewing after school on Monday from 5.00 to 6.30 pm and all are welcome.

256 Year 9 and 10 students had parental/caregiver consent to take part in the University of Victoria Wellness Survey on Wednesday of this week. This is part of the survey process that Victoria has been undertaking across the region's high schools to identify and track the factors contributing to the well-being of teenagers. The surveys for Years 9 and 10 are slightly modified compared to those for the older year groups to reflect the different phase of teenage life they are within. The ability to run such surveys is important to our work as a school, and through Victoria, to our links with other schools. We are all well aware of the high negative statistics around teenage mental health in New Zealand and we want to ensure we are completely proactive in that space. Youth self harm is a major issue for all schools and the work to identify the factors that contribute to health is vital to our ability as a society to create structures and systems that keep young people safe. I've mentioned before that we are part of the local wellbeing cluster that meets to discuss ways we can help our students. I've also argued at MOE meetings that national funding for guidance counsellor support needs to increase; it's been static for years. I hope that the incoming government will act on the need for expanded support for New Zealand's teenagers. My calculation suggests that around \$30-33 million would increase by one third the staffing for guidance support for secondary schools. That would actually save lives. Let's hope that those who make the funding decisions see that high level of national statistics has to mean a corresponding increase in demand for counselling and support. As a school, we provide significantly more time than the MOE allocates to us, in order to ensure we are doing the right thing for our students and are keeping them safe. My argument is that, nationally, resourcing needs to be reviewed with an intention to increase support. Then the kind of work that Victoria University is doing, and others elsewhere in the country, can be assured of the ongoing follow through that is required.

And finally, congratulations to Phoebe McKnight 11BE for her selection in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Cross Country Team to France next year. Brilliant.

Ross Sinclair, Principal



## Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to the following students who attended the New Zealand National Age Group Short Course Swimming Championships in the school holidays:

**Alexander Unstead-Joss** 10MXTM ,15 years  
 100m Breaststroke 13th  
 200m Individual Medley 24th  
 50M Breaststroke 18th  
 200m Breaststroke 9th  
 200m Breaststroke Open Mens Final 36th

**Patrick Langley** 13SI (17 - 18 years)  
 50m Butterfly 12th  
 50m Freestyle 11th  
 100m Butterfly 25th  
 100m Freestyle 20th  
 50m Butterfly Open Mens Final 40th  
 50m Freestyle Open Mens Final 28th

- ★ Congratulations to students who have won the following scholarships to Otago University:

*Leaders of Tomorrow* - \$6,000  
**Tim Hay** 13LY

**Alexandra Hanaray** 13CV  
**Dhananjay Rathore** 13GU  
**Saskia Hazlewood** 13CV  
**Jack Wellwood** 13LN  
**Robin Sejwal** 13FX

*Maori and Pacific Peoples' Entrance Scholarship* - \$10,000

**Tashi Hogan** 13RS  
**Brandon Mamea-Crawford** 13WG

*Alumni Entrance Scholarship* - \$6,000  
**Anita Manickavasagar** 13KI

*Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship* - amount varies  
**Shikhar Sharma** 13DE

*Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship* - up to \$45,000

**Chenchen Huang** 13CV  
**Annabelle Sik** 13SI

- ★ **Phoebe McKnight** 11BE has been selected in the NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country Team to compete in the ISF World Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships in Paris, France in March/April 2018.

- ★ **Genevieve Berry** 11VE, **Jessica Kincaid** 11TJ and **Macey Caughley** 10HLYN played in the Wellington U19 Team at the U19 Youth Football Tournament and placed second.

## Looking Ahead

### October

**28-29 Duke of Ed Tramp**  
 30-3/11 In school senior tutorials  
**30 Senior Art Show**  
 31 Sports Awards Ceremony, 6.00 pm

### November

1 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm  
 2 **Drama Performances - Sudoku**  
 3 Last day for Year 11 and 12 students  
**9-1/12 NCEA Exams**  
 12-19 Year 9 Camps  
**15 Supporting Youth Wellbeing Evening**  
 23-28 Year 10 School Exams  
**29-30 Year 9 Water Safety Days**  
 29 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm

**Hutt Valley High School Senior Art Show**

Monday 30th October  
 5-6.30 pm  
 Student Center

Year 11, 12, 13  
 Painting, Photography and Design

## Football Coaching Positions for 2018

We are seeking applications for Football coaches for our 1st XI Boys, 2nd XI Boys, 3rd XI Boys and Junior 1st XI Boys teams for the 2018 season.

More information visit is one our website. Applications close on Friday 3 November 2017 and can be sent to the Director of Sport, Private Bag 31 909, Lower Hutt or [sport@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:sport@hvhs.school.nz)