



## Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

# Easter Break this weekend - school reopens on Wednesday 4 April

### Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week we hosted 21 Japanese students and two teachers from our Sister School, Sugunami High School, which is located near the centre of Tokyo. 13 of our Hutt Valley High School students visited Sugunami last year and have been eagerly awaiting their guests' arrival in New Zealand. Despite several days of wet weather the Japanese students enjoyed every minute of their trip. They quickly established strong friendships with their host buddies and enjoyed spending time experiencing school in NZ. The Sugunami students were surprised to see students using digital technology in class, as their school in Japan has no WiFi! It was also a great opportunity to learn about Maori culture, making pois and learning a waiata with some of our Senior Maori students. Thanks to Nanaia Himona 11TS for her work leading the performance of the waiata at the farewell party. Another highlight for these students was spending time with their host families around Wellington. It was clear to see the strong bond that had formed over such a short period as they tearfully said goodbye on Wednesday morning. This exchange has been a great opportunity to embrace a new culture and establish global friendships and connections. I would like to thank all the host families who willingly opened their



homes and gave up their time to host a student. The photograph below shows the size of such an event, with the students from both schools and members of their host families present. We are now looking forward to our next trip to visit Sugunami in April, 2019.

This week we also need to congratulate our newest national champions in sport, as the girls' team won the National Secondary Schools Ultimate Championship held in Taupo, defeating Gisborne's Lytton High School 10-6. The boys' team also did well, finishing in second place after going down to Auckland Grammar 12-10. Congratulations to both teams. A point to note is not just the strength of our teams in this sport but their spirit. Hutt Valley High School also won the tournament's Spirit of the Game Award, and the kind of spirit that coaches Mike Sheridan (parent) and Audrey Siple (teacher) have generated was evidenced by the fact that three of last year's squads, Tane Rolfe, Emma Doile and Beth Thompson - all New Zealand representatives while at school and now all at their tertiary studies - accompanied the teams as coaches. Seven current New Zealand representatives were within our teams competing at the tournament.

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As we move into the Easter holidays, it is worth noting that both staff and students are tired as the first major round of NCEA assessment bites at Years 11-13. The last two weeks of school are what we call "black out" weeks where we try to avoid scheduling school events so that classes are free to focus purely on the core academic business with minimal disruption of the type that can put additional pressure on students. We cannot always control out of school timing, of course, as some is determined by others, not us. However, most students will be able to focus on ensuring that their studies truly dominate the next two weeks. I hope the Easter break offers a chance to catch up on missed sleep and the family and friends connections that are needed for balance in life. Please register that the break is from Friday to Tuesday inclusive and that we resume school on Wednesday 4 April.

Ross Sinclair  
Principal

## 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.

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.

## Looking Ahead

### March

30 Good Friday Holiday

### April

**2 Easter Monday Holiday**  
**3 Easter Tuesday Holiday**  
**4 University of Otago Junior Mathematics Competition**  
 5 Summer Sports Photos  
**5 Māori Whānau Potluck Hui, 6.00 pm**  
 5-6 Health and Safety Courses  
**5 Year 13 Media Trip**  
 6 Mufti Day - Cancer Society  
**8-13 International Student Trip**  
 9 Civil Defence Student Training Day  
**10 CSW Golf Championship**  
 10-11 Health and Safety Courses  
**11 PE Biomechanics 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

**2 Senior Parent Teacher Interviews**  
 8 Senior Parent Teacher Interviews

## School Cross Country

Week 11 - Monday 9 April

Spell 3, 11.30 am

2km run

Compulsory for Year 9 and 10SPORT students  
 All other entries need to come through the PE Office

## Big Bike Fix Up

On Saturday 7 April the Remakery at 310 Waiwhetu Road will be transformed into a big bike workshop open to all! We're going for a world record attempt - to fix up the most bikes in a day and get them to kids and families who need them!

All bike donations gratefully received. Please contact [recycledrides@cupa.org.nz](mailto:recycledrides@cupa.org.nz)

## Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Maya Hahn** 13FX who competed as a guest player for winners Waimakariri United in the Youth Football Development Trust U17 tournament in Auckland on 18 March.
- ★ Congratulations to our 3 athletes who have qualified for the North Island Secondary School Athletics Championships - **Reuben Goldingham Newsom** 13KN, **Tolelau Siu** 9GAKS and **Kaleb Sola** 10CVC.
- ★ Tournament Week results:  
**Ultimate Girls Team** - National Champions 2018  
**Ultimate Boys A Team** - Runners Up  
**Ultimate Boys B Team** - 11th  
**Softball Boys** - 8th  
**Cricket - Girls 1st XI** - 4th  
**Cricket - Boys 1st XI** - 4th in Pool 1  
**Futsal Girls** - 5th out of 24 teams  
**Futsal Senior Boys** - 30st  
**Futsal Junior Boys** - 23rd
- ★ Congratulations to the following students who competed in the College Sport Wellington Orienteering (Junior Girls) event on Sunday:  
 2nd **Sophie Waters** 9DBMO  
 3rd **Lily Trompeter** 9KGOV  
 4th **May Harmer** 9AVIN
- ★ Congratulations to **Ariana Gray** 10WSWG has been invited to attend the NZ U15 Girls Football Squad Camp over the April holidays.
- ★ Congratulations to **Poppy Newall** 13NI who has been invited to trial for the NZ Junior U18 Girls Rowing Team over the holidays

## Māori Whānau Potluck Hui

To all new and returning Māori whānau at HVHS, come along to our Māori Whānau Potluck Hui at 6.00 pm on Thursday 5 April 2018 at HVHS's Hotuwaipara marae.

Cyclone Gita may have scuttled our original BBQ plans but we're not giving up!

Let's still get together to:

- Meet HVHS's new (and not so new!) Māori parents and family members
- Meet some of the key HVHS staff
- Hear about the activities that are planned for Māori students and whanau this year
- Learn about the HVHS strategies and plans that relate to Māori.

But mostly, let's enjoy some yummy kai together. It's potluck, so please bring along a plate of kai to share.

Nau mai, haere mai!

Meegan Hall

Whanau Group Chairperson

## Attitude to Learning Reports

Reports will be emailed home today, 29 March, for all students. They will also be available on the Kamar Parent Portal next week.

If you do not have an email contact, a printed copy will be posted next week.

## Kamar Parent Portal Logon

This is a website that provides a window into our Student Management System. By accessing the KAMAR portal you will be able to view the daily notices, student contact details, student timetables and attendance, results, etc.

An email with your username and password was sent out earlier this term. If you have not received this, please email [principal@hvhs.school.nz](mailto:principal@hvhs.school.nz).

We will check your email is one we have on our system and then send your logon and password through.

The best way to access the portal is to go to our website: [www.hvhs.school.nz](http://www.hvhs.school.nz) and use the Kamar Parent Portal link on the quick links drop down menu on the top right hand corner.

## Kamar Parent Portal Payments

This is also an easy way to pay for fees and donations using a credit card. You can select exactly how much you want to pay against each charge.

