



Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have this week had one of those weeks that is of real significance for the school. Firstly, a new Board of Trustees has been elected – see elsewhere in the newsletter for details – and that means we have a new group to lead us, combining both experienced members and new. The Tomorrow's Schools model is highly unusual in asking parents/caregivers to volunteer their service in such a way, while placing upon them legislative expectations that are not inconsiderable. On behalf of the school, I want to thank all those who stood for election, and wish the new Board well in their tasks to come. We are incredibly fortunate in having Board members with high personal and professional skills, who together offer a strong capacity to lead us to new levels of performance. Thank you all for offering to serve the school.

The second major event is Open Evening. This year we were packed, with the crowd spilling out into the area outside the hall. It's a healthy sign of interest in the school; we're grateful for that; it's something that we can never take for granted. Next year's Year 9 present a challenge for us, as do our existing students, to work hard to make the school a place that shapes itself to fit the students' needs rather than making students fit us. That's all about increasing student agency through choices within their programmes and through providing classroom experiences that energise and excite them, while providing alongside the academic programme a wide range of co-curricular offerings to both engage and extend student talents and attributes.

That wider process was seen at several levels in the last week. Yesterday we had students out of the school at Big Sing, presenting three choral pieces in an event that is both a competition and a festival, and which allows student works to be included, such as yesterday's lovely song by Grace Tafili 12PL, which won Best Performance of a Student Composition. On Friday we had a large number of students dancing in Stage Challenge, which

was a brilliant example of exuberance and talent. Also out yesterday at the Hutt Valley STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) competition were a group of our students who won the junior completion and placed third in the senior. Year 11 drama students meanwhile are flat out rehearsing for their forthcoming production pieces linked to their assessment. Earlier this week our kapa haka group responded to a request for assistance from a major local company who were hosting a number of Australian visitors and asked whether we could offer them a welcome to show them that they were stepping into a country with a cultural richness that they needed to see if they were to see the real New Zealand. Our students took on the task – thank you all - and impressed not just the visitors but the locals from the company concerned, who tell us that "it was an absolutely amazing experience that our group were in awe of." And all of that in a week where the Sports Department tell me there are 112 teams out representing us in a variety of sports events around the greater Wellington area. The whole week is such an emblem of the kind of busyness that is a daily occurrence.

Rounding off a lovely week was a message that is worth sharing:

I just wanted to email you nice story! My husband was waiting at the crossing by Eastern Hutt School. An elderly man was struggling and hobbling across the crossing when a student in a HVHS school uniform rushed to his aid. My husband watched as this patient and polite student helped this man and made sure he was okay once they were over the road.

Whoever that student was, well done and thank you.

Ross Sinclair
Principal



Congratulations to:

- ★ Congratulations to **Lucy Bird** 13PF who was nominated for Young Sportswoman of the Year in the recent Hutt Valley Sports Awards. Lucy won a prestigious 'Red Coat' as coxswain of the Petone Women's Premier Eight - the New Zealand National Club Champions. This is the first time in nearly 40 years, an athlete from Petone Rowing Club has won a Red Coat and only the second time a female athlete has won this award for the club. 
- ★ Congratulations to **Tomairangi Weston** 11LO for her selection in the Wellington Black U15 Representative Netball Team. Her team won the Marjorie Jenden Netball Representative Tournament in the weekend. Tomairangi was named in the U15 Tournament Selection Team and was also named the U15 Player of the tournament..
- ★ Congratulations to **Lik De Chun** 12EE for winning the U19 Wellington Regional Badminton Championship Singles in the weekend. Lik De also won the U19 Mixed Doubles and U19 Boys Doubles.
- ★ Congratulations also to **Samuel Zhang** 12HF who reached the semi finals in the U19 Wellington Regional Badminton Championship Singles. Samuel Zhang/Veron Li and Martin Lai/Jeffrey Tong also reached the semi finals in the Boys U19 Doubles.
- ★ Big Sing - Winners of Best Performance of a Student Composition written by **Grace Tafil** 12PL.

Discovery For Teens

Scholarship applications are now open for 13 – 18 years old to attend the Discovery Foundation Programme in Auckland from Sunday 2 October – Saturday 8 October (during the school holidays).

The programme is designed to promote self-esteem and to encourage young people to reach their full potential. For further information please see the Deans' Secretary.

Looking Ahead

June

- 12 Chamber Music Districts
- 12 **Rockquest**
- 13-17 Year 11 Drama Production
- 17 **Year 12 Careers Expo**
- 19 Pacifica Beats Finals
- 19 **Coffee, Commerce and Culture at the Dowse**
- 22 St Marks lunchtime music concert
- 22 **Year 13 Chemistry Trip**
- 22 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
- 23 **Wanganui Sports Exchange - away**
- 24 Business Studies Market Day
- 24 **Rockquest Finals**
- 27-29 Year 13 Sport Trip 1
- 29-1 July **Year 13 Sport Trip 2**

July

- 8 Last Day of Term 2
- 9-24 **School Holidays**
- 25 First Day of Term 3
- 28 **Australian Mathematics Competition**

August

- 1 Closing date for Year 9 2017 out of zone enrolment applications
- 1-5 **Careers Week**
- 3 Board of Trustees Meeting, 5.30 pm
- 4 **Winter Sports Photos**
- 5 Year 13 Sport Mud Run
- 8-12 **Year 12 Drama Production**

Visit from the Southern Steel

Our Prem 1 and 2 Netball teams experienced a training session this week with 3 of the 'Southern Steel' players; Te Paea Selby-Rickit, Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickett and Gina Crampton.

It was a great opportunity for our girls to be put through their paces by some of the best players in New Zealand.



Success in Young Enterprise Dragons Den for *Ease*

Congratulations to *Ease*, a Year 13 Business Studies company run by **Megan Rea** 13AE, **Eireanne Millikin** 13BA, **Zara Badrick** 13BR and **Ella Steele** 13LY who gained 88/100 in their recent Dragons Den presentation for the Young Enterprise Competition. They have reached the Wellington Regional Finals when they will be pitching for up to \$2000.

Ease are producing a Vegan Coconut Milk Belgium Chocolate drink which is sold in 300ml bottles, which the judges said was delicious.

Smokefree Rockquest Heats

The Annual Smokefree Rockquest youth music competition is almost upon us.

This year heats are being held in our very own HVHS hall this Sunday 12 June from 1.00 pm.

HVHS bands *City Talk*, *Jet Fuel*, *the Value*, *Amisam*, *Dissimilar* and *Muesli Bar* are amongst 24 other secondary student bands around the region.

Come along and support our rising talent. Tickets are \$10.00 at the door.

Kamar Parent Portal Logon

If you have lost or forgotten your username and password for the parent portal, please email principal@hvhs.school.nz.

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



Hutt Central School Reunion

Hutt Central School will be celebrating its 150 Year Reunion on 21 - 22 October 2016. We warmly invite all past and present pupils, staff, Board Members, Home and School Committee members and parents to join us for our 150 Years celebrations. For more information and registration please visit <http://www.huttcentralschoolreunion.com>

or email huttcentralschoolreunion@gmail.com

or ph 04 566 0059

Coffee, Commerce and Culture at the Dowse

Fancy spending a Sunday morning enjoying coffee and culture, as well as supporting the Year 12 Business Studies students?

On Sunday 19 June, twelve Year 12 Business Studies companies will be selling their products at The Dowse. Products this year include: bath bombs, candles, Chinese lanterns, clocks, watches, jewellery dishes, soap, phone accessories and chalk boards. In addition, the companies will be donating some of their profits to charity, including SPCA, Wellington Free Ambulance, Breast Cancer, Te Omanga Hospice.



Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent representatives votes:

Bowen, Hamish	327
Buckland, Sheri	346
Foese, Peter-Clinton	126
Foster, Janine	349
Nicholls, Chris	371
Warren, John	84
Invalid Votes	19

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Chris Nicholls
Janine Foster
Sheri Buckland
Hamish Bowen
Peter-Clinton Foese

Declaration of Staff Election Results

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare:

Knights, Hayley duly elected

Term dates - 2017

- Term 1** Monday 30 January - Thursday 14 April
- Term 2** Monday 1 May - Friday 7 July
- Term 3** Monday 24 July - Friday 29 September
- Term 4** Monday 16 October - Tuesday 12 December