

Hutt Valley High School News

Te Kura Tuarua O Te Awakairangi

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Last term we saw one of those moments that are all about why people teach. In the Year 12 Assembly, time was given over to farewelling Jenna Owen, the dean, who has returned to the UK for family reasons. Jenna has loved working here and she is one of those people whose heart is large enough to encompass a year group. In the assembly, students sang a beautiful song to her in Samoan, the kapa haka students gave her a very moving haka, and then when she went to leave another group sang Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah to her. Once the assembly ended a large line of students formed to give her a hug and wish her well. It was a time of warmth and fellow-feeling that was rather special. Schools are about many, many things, and the sense of a shared community of positive spirit that day is very much central to what we do.

That community sense is not just here at school. Last week we were the recipients of the generosity of the Petone Rotary Club. Members of the club had heard of the fundraiser organised by the Whanau Group to help provide Chromebooks for families where such an expensive item is an unrealistic purchase at present. The Petone Rotary took action and have donated 14 Chromebooks for us to offer to students in Year 9 and 10. That is an incredibly generous step, and we are grateful to both them and other donors who have helped us earlier this year. It's vastly encouraging to see the community's willingness to share in order to ensure that all our students can access the digital side of a modern education.

Another support project occurs next week. Last term I outlined the project of 9BAPR to run a can donations event to seek cans and imperishables that they will collect and then pass on to the Hutt City Food Bank. The daily notices tell students where to drop off any donations, and 9BAPR students would be grateful for our community's support. Donations can be dropped off any day next week.

I've been asked this week to publicise an event happening this Saturday from 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm. It is STEM Talks (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). The event is organised by Alex Calder our Head Boy, and Lucy Chen of Chilton. It is a chance to hear innovators, leaders, and experts working in the Technology sector. It is aimed at students in Years 11 to 13 in the greater Wellington region as they are in the midst of choosing their academic pathways. The speakers will each speak for 15 to 20 minutes about their work and the importance and experience of studying technology at a tertiary and occupational level.

Details:
 Date: Saturday 30 of July
 Time: 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
 Where: Little Theatre in Lower Hutt
 Cost: Gold Coin Donation at the door appreciated (covering costs)
 Description and tickets link: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/tech-talks-2016-tickets-26400675130>
 There is also a Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/220293468364343/>
 They would appreciate attendees registering through the link. It's an excellent initiative and well worth the time of students considering careers in the STEM field.

Next week the options and pathways process for 2017 begins with Careers Week here at school. There will be a series of assemblies for students where careers and subject options will be covered. There is also an NCEA Information Evening here at school on Wednesday, details of which are elsewhere in the newsletter. There is a wealth of information available to students to support their choices, and the careers staff are more than happy to help with conversations and information sourcing.

Ross Sinclair
 Principal



Congratulations and well done to the following students who have competed or umpired in a range of sporting tournaments over the holidays

- ★ **Nicholas Henderson** 13KN who competed at the Australian Cadet Fencing Championships Mens Foil, final position was 25/77. He was the 2nd placed NZ fencer.
Nick also just fenced in the Central Open held in Upper Hutt over the weekend. He placed 2nd. This tournament was an open tournament for anyone in the country to take part in.
- ★ **Moss Grenfell** 12HF represented NZ in the Underwater Hockey U18 Trans Tasman series in Australia. His NZ Team placed 2nd in the tournament and he featured many times on the score sheets!
- ★ **Mikayla Lewin** 12CV was in Hawaii representing NZ in the Junior White Sox Softball team.
- ★ **Maya Hahn** 11MA played Football for the NZ Secondary School U15 team in a tour against different Australian academy's. They won all four of their games.
- ★ **Elizabeth Cotton** 9HLYN attended the Taekwondo Nationals tournament and achieved bronze in patterns and gold in team patterns.
- ★ Some of our Basketball Girls are over in USA currently representing the NZ Basketball Academy.
Leah Mafua 11KE and **Grace Vaofusi** 12OC are playing U16 varsity team who won (in silver bracket champions) in their 1st tournament. In their second tournament they won two games now they cross over in the pools finals playing now.
Jenna-Rose Mafua 9MXTM is the captain of the U13 Girls Team who lost 1 won 1 and now playing their 3rd game.
- ★ Congrats to **Tomairangi Weston** 11LO who played for the Wellington U15 Netball team in the National U15 Tournament in New Plymouth. The team placed 4th overall and Tomai was named in the A Grade Championship Team for the tournament.

Looking Ahead

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
- 3 NCEA and Subject Choice Evening for Parents, 7.00 pm
- 5** Year 13 Sport Mud Run
- 8-12 Year 12 Drama Production
- 8-12** Level 1 Science Internal
- 9 Level 3 PE Cultural Sites Trip
- 9** Refugee Careers Evening
- 10 First XI Football vs Francis Douglas
- 10** Young Enterprise Exam
- 13 Acoustic Concert at St James Church
- 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
- 17-21** Level 3 PE/Sport Tramp
- 17-18 Dance Benefit at Little Theatre
- 22-26** Year 13 Drama Production
- 22-23 Year 12 South Coast Camp 1
- 23** Year 12 Geography Trip
- 24 Winter Sports Photos
- 25-26** Year 12 South Coast Camp 2
- 28-2 Sept Winter Sports Tournament Week

More congratulations:

- ★ Congratulations to **Safari Hynes** 11SR who umpired in the National U15 Netball tournament. He umpired both the semi-final and final matches. Safari has been busy also umpiring the Marjorie Jenden U15/U17 Tournament in Wellington and the Wellington Regional U17/U19 Invitational Tournament.
- ★ **Jayne Maxwell** 11CR placed 3rd in the U18 Womens Wellington Club Cross Country race.
- ★ **Peter Allot** 12EE, **Tai Misa-Bryce** 11KE and **Oliver Wrigley** 11KE attended a week long training camp for selected U16 Rugby Boys. Players in this camp are up for selection into the Wellington U16 A and B sides.

Year 9 Enrolments for 2017

The closing date for out of zone applications for students in Year 9 in 2017 is Monday 1 August at 4.00 pm.

If you currently live out of zone and wish to enrol a student for next year, you must apply in the out of zone ballot (even if you have older siblings currently attending).

We would appreciate any in zone applications being made by this date also.

Careers Information

NCEA and Subject Choice Evening Wednesday 3 August at 7.00 pm in the Hall

Students are currently starting the process of selecting their subjects for next year. At this parents evening, information on careers programmes, subject choice and NCEA will be given.

Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to meet head of departments to discuss possible option choices for their sons and daughters in 2017.

Vegan Host Family Wanted

In 2017 we have a Year 12 female student arriving from Canada. We are looking for a vegan host family or vegetarian family with understanding of a Vegan diet.

If you would like more information please contact Jacqui Serepisos, International Manager on 570 3557 or jacqui.serepisos@hvhs.school.nz.

Uniform

The cold weather has struck. Please note that the only warm layers that students may wear are the following:

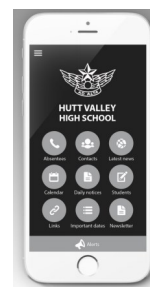
- Plain black tailored straight-legged trousers
- Long-sleeved blouse or shirt
- HVHS beanie
- HVHS black and white scarf
- White thermal undershirts

Black jeans, black ankle boots, black chinos, black hoodys, coloured hoodys, HVHS sports hoodys and coloured jackets are not part of our daily school uniform and we ask that you ensure your child does not wear these items to school. They may tell you that 'everyone' wears them, but we assure you they do not.

We encourage students to wear a school blazer or plain black jacket as their warm outer layer. Blazers have a high resale at the Resource Centre - so you will be able to recoup some of the purchase costs, especially if the blazer is in excellent condition.

HVHS APP

HVHS now have a Mobile App for notices, events and other important School messages. To download the app for free on iPhone or Android click this link. <http://onelink.to/w5btdp>



Fair Go Ad Competition

This year the theme is to make something out of empty plastic bottles and then make a 30 second advertisement to sell it.

Please don't toss or recycle...send in your used plastic fizzy bottles (rinsed) to P7 for the students who are going to participate in this competition!

Winter Sports Photos

Winter sports photos are scheduled for Wednesday 20 August (Week 5 Term 3).

Photo times will be released closer to the day.

We CAN Make A Difference

9BAPR Food Bank Appeal

All donations are accepted, particularly soup, veges, baked beans, and spaghetti.

Each tin is an entry into the raffle!

Will be collecting during Week 2 of Term 3 during Form Time.

Or drop off your tins at G2 and C13.